

# Umbrella Summer Lisa Graff

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Far Away Lisa Graff 2020 Twelve-year-old CJ believes her mom is dead and that she can only communicate with her through her aunt, who is a medium, but when CJ finds out that her mother is actually alive, she goes on a journey to find her.

Lost in the Sun Lisa Colleen Graff 2015 From the author of *A Tangle of Knots* and *Absolutely Almost*, a touching story about a boy who won't let one tragic accident define him. Everyone says that middle school is awful, but Trent knows nothing could be worse than the year he had in fifth grade, when a freak accident on Cedar Lake left one kid dead, and Trent with a brain full of terrible thoughts he can't get rid of. Trent's pretty positive the entire disaster was his fault, so for him middle school feels like a fresh start, a chance to prove to everyone that he's not the horrible screw-up they seem to think he is. If only Trent could make that fresh start happen. It isn't until Trent gets caught up in the whirlwind that is Fallon Little?the girl with the mysterious scar across her face?that things begin to change. Because fresh starts aren't always easy. Even in baseball, when a fly ball gets lost in the sun, you have to remember to shift your position to find it. Lisa Graff's Awards and Reviews: Lisa Graff's books have been named to 30 state award lists, and *A Tangle of Knots* was long-listed for the National Book Award. Praise for *Absolutely Almost*: \* "Albie comes through

significant emotional hardship to a genuine sense of self-worth."--School Library Journal \*STARRED\* \* "A perfect book to share with struggling readers."--Booklist \*STARRED\* \* "Achingly superb, Albie's story shines."--Kirkus Reviews \*STARRED\* \* "Graff's...gentle story invokes evergreen themes of coming to appreciate one's strengths (and weaknesses), and stands out for its thoughtful, moving portrait of a boy who learns to keep moving forward, taking on the world at his own speed."--Publishers Weekly \*STARRED\* Praise for A Tangle of Knots: "[A] blithe magical puzzle."--Meghan Cox Gurdon, The Wall Street Journal "Lisa Graff has created a beautiful world of deliciously interconnected stories that draw you in."--Abby West, Entertainment Weekly [A-] \* "Subtle and intricate, rich with humor and insight, this quietly magical adventure delights."--Kirkus Reviews \*STARRED\* \* "Combining the literary sensibility of E. B. White with the insouciance of Louis Sachar, Graff has written a tangle that should satisfy readers for years to come."--Booklist \*STARRED\*

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A Clatter of Jars Lisa Graff 2016-05-24 One of the finest novelists of her generation, National Book Award nominee Lisa Graff returns readers to the world of A Tangle of Knots, where a camp for Talented kids just might be a recipe for disaster. In this magical companion to the National Book Award nominee A Tangle of Knots, it's summertime and everyone is heading off to camp. For Talented kids, the place to be is Camp Atropos, where they can sing songs by the campfire, practice for the Talent show, and take some nice long dips in the lake. But what the kids don't know is that they've been gathered for a reason—one that the camp's director wants to keep hidden at all costs. Meanwhile, a Talent jar that has been dropped to the bottom of the lake has sprung a leak, and strange things have begun to happen. Dozens of seemingly empty jars have been washing up on the shoreline, Talents have been swapped, and memories have been ripped from one camper's head and placed into another. And no one knows why. With a camp full of kids, a lake full of magic, and a grown-up full of a secrets, A Clatter of Jars is story of summer, family, and the lengths we go to win back the people we love. Perfect for readers who loved Katherine Paterson's The Great Gilly Hopkins or Louis Sachar's Holes. Praise for Lisa Graff's novels: A Clatter of Jars: "Graff is a master of the magical realism genre, and this offering is worthy of a spot in any middle grade collection."—School Library Journal "Graff's vivid character development

and world building makes for tight plotting and nicely negotiable complexity. A great fit for fans of Louis Sachar's Holes."—Booklist "Graff's prose and plot construction is as pleasing as ever, and A Clatter of Jars will appeal to a wide range of readers."—Bookpage A Tangle of Knots "Lisa Graff has created a beautiful world of deliciously interconnected stories that draw you in."—Abby West, Entertainment Weekly, A- \* "Subtle and intricate, rich with humor and insight, this quietly magical adventure delights."—Kirkus Reviews \*STARRED REVIEW\* \* "Combining the literary sensibility of E. B. White with the insouciance of Louis Sachar, Graff has written a tangle that should satisfy readers for years to come."—Booklist \*STARRED REVIEW\* Lost in the Sun \* "Graff writes with stunning insight [and] consistently demonstrates why character-driven novels can live from generation to generation."—Kirkus Reviews \*STARRED REVIEW\* \* "Graff creates layered, vulnerable characters that are worth getting to know."—Booklist \*STARRED REVIEW\* \* "[A]n ambitious and gracefully executed story."—Publishers Weekly \*STARRED REVIEW\* \* "Weighty matters deftly handled with humor and grace will give this book wide appeal."—School Library Journal \*STARRED REVIEW\* \* "Characterization is thoughtful."—BCCB \*STARRED REVIEW\* "This is a novel that speaks powerfully, honestly, almost shockingly about our human pain and our human redemption. This book will change you."—Gary Schmidt, author of The Wednesday Wars "Lisa Graff crafts a compelling story about a boy touched with tragedy and the world of people he cares about. And like all the best stories, it ends at a new beginning."—Richard Peck, author of A Year Down Yonder

It Is Not Time For Sleeping Lisa Graff 2016-11-01 A charming bedtime story about a child with very specific ideas on the appropriate time for sleeping, now available in a soft padded board book edition. As the day comes to an end, bedtime draws near. But the little boy in this book is quite sure it is not time for sleeping. As each piece of his evening routine is completed—helping with the dishes, playing with the dog, getting into pajamas, brushing teeth with Dad, being tucked in by Mom, and listening to a story—he becomes a little more certain: it is definitely not time for sleeping. The question is, when will it be time for sleeping? A rhythmic, cumulative text and lush twilit scenes come together to create a perfect bedtime book that will be treasured for generations to come.

Double Dog Dare Lisa Colleen Graff 2013 When Kansas Bloom moves to California and joins the Media Club at school, he soon finds himself trying to outdo one of the other fourth-grade students in a "dare war" while vying

for the job of on-air video homeroom announcer.

The Great Treehouse War Lisa Graff 2017-05-16 Kids vs. parents! An epic treehouse sleepover! An awesome group of friends! An exciting new book from National Book Award finalist Lisa Graff. Winnie's last day of fourth grade ended with a pretty life-changing surprise. That was the day Winnie's parents got divorced and decided that Winnie would live three days a week with each of them and spend Wednesdays by herself in a treehouse between their houses, to divide her time perfectly evenly. It was the day Winnie's seed of frustration with her parents was planted, a seed that grew until it felt like it was as big as a tree itself. By the end of fifth grade, Winnie decides that the only way to change things is to barricade herself in her treehouse until her parents come to their senses—and her friends decide to join. It's kids vs. grown-ups, and no one wants to back down first. But with ten kids in one treehouse, all with their own demands, things get pretty complicated! Even if they are having the most epic slumber party ever. In the newest novel by beloved National Book Award finalist Lisa Graff, kids turn the tables on their parents, and all the rules are tossed out the window. But does Winnie have what it takes to hold her ground and keep everyone happy? This story, with a pitch-perfect middle grade voice and a zany yet poignant situation, is perfect for fans of Sharon Creech, Louis Sachar, and Jack Gantos. Praise for Lisa Graff's novels: The Great Treehouse War "It's kids vs. parents in epic fashion...Graff's whimsical, original work is a breath of fresh air."—School Library Journal "Combining over-the-top storytelling with down-home wisdom, this [is] fun."—Booklist "[Graff creates] a vibrant patchwork of personalities that gives voice to the power of friendship."—Publishers Weekly "A good-natured satire of helicopter parenting and a celebration of child ingenuity."—Horn Book Lost in the Sun \* "Graff writes with stunning insight...consistently demonstrat[ing] why character-driven novels can live from generation to generation."—Kirkus Reviews, starred review \* "Weighty matters deftly handled with humor and grace."—School Library Journal, starred review "This [novel] speaks powerfully, honestly, almost shockingly about our human pain and...redemption. This book will change you."—Gary Schmidt, The Wednesday Wars "Graff crafts a compelling story about a boy touched with tragedy....And like all the best stories, it ends at a new beginning."—Richard Peck, A Year Down Yonder Absolutely Almost \* "A perfect book to share with struggling readers."—Booklist, starred review \* "Achingly superb."—Kirkus Reviews, starred review \* "Graff's...gentle story invokes evergreen themes of coming to appreciate one's strengths (and weaknesses), and stands out for its

thoughtful, moving portrait of a boy who learns to keep moving forward."—Publishers Weekly, starred review "The patrons of my school library have been asking, 'Do you have any books like Wonder by R.J. Palacio?' and now I have the perfect offering."—BookPage A Tangle of Knots "A beautiful world of deliciously interconnected stories."—Entertainment Weekly, A- \* "Subtle and intricate, rich with humor and insight, this quietly magical adventure delights."—Kirkus Reviews, starred review \* "Combining the literary sensibility of E. B. White with the insouciance of Louis Sachar, [this] should satisfy readers for years to come."—Booklist, starred review

**Bronx Masquerade** Nikki Grimes 2002 While studying the Harlem Renaissance, students at a Bronx high school read aloud poems they've written, revealing their innermost thoughts and fears to their formerly clueless classmates.

**The Life and Crimes of Bernetta Wallflower** Lisa Graff 2015-05-05 After her supposed best friend implicates her in a cheating and blackmail scam, twelve-year-old Bernie loses her private school scholarship but, with the help of a new friend, spends the summer using her knowledge of magic and sleight-of-hand both to earn the \$9,000 in tuition money and to get revenge.

**Umbrella Summer** Lisa Graff 2009-06-02 Annie Richards knows there are a million things to look out for—bicycle accidents, food poisoning, chicken pox, smallpox, typhoid fever, runaway zoo animals, and poison oak. That's why being careful is so important, even if it does mean giving up some of her favorite things, like bike races with her best friend, Rebecca, and hot dogs on the Fourth of July. Everyone keeps telling Annie not to worry so much, that she's just fine. But they thought her brother, Jared, was just fine too, and Jared died. It takes a new neighbor, who looks as plain as a box of toothpicks but has some surprising secrets of her own, to make Annie realize that her plans for being careful aren't working out as well as she had hoped. And with a lot of help from those around her—and a book about a pig, too—Annie just may find a way to close her umbrella of sadness and step back into the sunshine. With winsome humor and a dash of small-town charm, Lisa Graff's third novel is a touching look at rising above grief and the healing power of community.

**Cilla Lee-Jenkins: Future Author Extraordinaire** Susan Tan 2017-03-28 Introducing Cilla Lee-Jenkins: 50% Chinese, 50% Caucasian, and 100% destined to become a future author extraordinaire!

**Shakespeare's Secret** Elise Broach 2007-08-21 Named after a character in a Shakespeare play, misfit sixth-grader Hero becomes interested in

exploring this unusual connection because of a valuable diamond supposedly hidden in her new house, an intriguing neighbor, and the unexpected attention of the most popular boy in school. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

The Thing About Georgie Lisa Graff 2009-10-06 Fans of Kate DiCamillo and Linda Urban will love *The Thing About Georgie*, a warm and humorous story starring an unforgettable young boy with dwarfism, from acclaimed author Lisa Graff. As far as Georgie is concerned, everyone has a "thing." The thing about poodles is that Georgie Bishop hates to walk them. The thing about Jeanie the Meanie is that she would rather write on her shoe than help Georgie with their Abraham Lincoln project. The thing about Andy's nonna is that she kisses Georgie's cheeks and doesn't speak one word of English. The thing about Georgie's mom is that she's having a baby—a baby who will probably be taller than Georgie very, very soon. The thing about Georgie . . . well, what is the thing about Georgie?

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Best Babysitters Ever Caroline Cala 2019-02-05 Mayhem ensues in their sleepy California beach town when three best friends, motivated by unlimited snacks, no parents, and earning money for an epic seventh-grade party, find an old copy of "The Babysitters Club" and decide to start their own babysitting business.

A Tangle of Knots Lisa Colleen Graff 2013 "Destiny leads 11-year-old Cady to a peanut butter factory, a family of children searching for their own Talents, and a Talent Thief who will alter her life forever"--Provided by publisher. Includes cake recipes.

Right as Rain Lindsey Stoddard 2019-02-12 A Kirkus Best Book of 2019! From the critically acclaimed author of *Just Like Jackie* comes a strikingly tender novel about one family's heartbreak and the compassion that carries them through, perfect for fans of Sara Pennypacker, Lisa Graff, and Ann M. Martin. It's been almost a year since Rain's brother Guthrie died, and her parents still don't know it was all Rain's fault. In fact, no one does—Rain buried her secret deep, no matter how heavy it weighs on her heart. So when her mom suggests moving the family from Vermont to New

York City, Rain agrees. But life in the big city is different. She's never seen so many people in one place—or felt more like an outsider. With her parents fighting more than ever and the anniversary of Guthrie's death approaching, Rain is determined to keep her big secret close to her heart. But even she knows that when you bury things deep, they grow up twice as tall. Readers will fall in love with the pluck and warmth of Stoddard's latest heroine and the strength that even a small heart can lend.

Flora & Ulysses Kate DiCamillo 2013-09-24 Winner of the 2014 Newbery Medal Holy unanticipated occurrences! A cynic meets an unlikely superhero in a genre-breaking new novel by master storyteller Kate DiCamillo. It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences. The squirrel never saw the vacuum cleaner coming, but self-described cynic Flora Belle Buckman, who has read every issue of the comic book *Terrible Things Can Happen to You!*, is just the right person to step in and save him. What neither can predict is that Ulysses (the squirrel) has been born anew, with powers of strength, flight, and misspelled poetry — and that Flora will be changed too, as she discovers the possibility of hope and the promise of a capacious heart. From #1 New York Times best-selling author Kate DiCamillo comes a laugh-out-loud story filled with eccentric, endearing characters and featuring an exciting new format — a novel interspersed with comic-style graphic sequences and full-page illustrations, all rendered in black-and-white by up-and-coming artist K. G. Campbell.

Wonderful You Lisa Graff 2020 "All sorts of babies from all sorts of families are loved as their families wait for their arrival"--

A Crooked Kind Of Perfect Linda Urban 2009-04-06 Ten-year-old Zoe Elias has perfect piano dreams. She can practically feel the keys under her flying fingers; she can hear the audience's applause. All she needs is a baby grand so she can start her lessons, and then she'll be well on her way to Carnegie Hall. But when Dad ventures to the music store and ends up with a wheezy organ instead of a piano, Zoe's dreams hit a sour note. Learning the organ versions of old TV theme songs just isn't the same as mastering Beethoven on the piano. And the organ isn't the only part of Zoe's life in Michigan that's off-kilter, what with Mom constantly at work, Dad afraid to leave the house, and that odd boy, Wheeler Diggs, following her home from school every day. Yet when Zoe enters the annual Perform-O-Rama organ competition, she finds that life is full of surprises—and that perfection may be even better when it's just a little off center. This ebook includes a sample chapter of *Hound Dog True*.

The Thing I'm Most Afraid Of Kristin Levine 2021-06-15 A new middle-

grade tale from critically acclaimed, award-winning author Kristin Levine about facing your fears, set in Vienna during the Bosnian genocide. Most twelve-year-olds would be excited to fly to Austria to see their dad for the summer but then Becca is not most twelve-year-olds. Suffering from severe anxiety, she fears that the metal detectors at the airport will give her cancer and the long international flight will leave her with blood clots. Luckily, she's packed her Doomsday Journal, the one thing that always seems to help. By writing down her fears and what to do if the worst happens, Becca can get by without (many) panic attacks. Routines and plans help Becca cope but living in a new country is full of the unexpected--including Becca's companions for the summer. Like Felix, the short and bookish son of Becca's dad's new girlfriend. Or Sara, the nineteen-year-old Bosnian refugee tasked with watching the two of them for the summer. As Becca explores Vienna and becomes close to her new friends, she soon learns she is not alone in her fears. What matters most is what you do when faced with them.

Jealousy Jessica Burkhart 2013-02-19 Lauren's got to saddle up and sit tall if she's going to make it to Thanksgiving at Canterwood Crest.

Thanksgiving break is approaching at Canterwood, but no one's even close to relaxing—especially not Lauren. For one thing, her ex-boyfriend from Yates Prep is settling in, and he's got an issue with Lauren's new crush. And there's the new girl, whose worldly equestrian background catapults her into the stable's spotlight. To top things off, Lauren's working on testing for the advanced team, and she fights feeling jealous toward Khloe, who's already secured a seat. Looks like Lauren is in for a bumpy ride....

Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul Jack Canfield 2012-08-07 Written by and for preteens, this uplifting collection of stories touches on the emotions and situations they experience every day: making and losing friends, fitting in while keeping their personal identity, discovering the opposite sex, dealing with pressures at school including violence, and coping with family issues such as divorce.

A Swirl of Ocean Melissa Sarno 2019-08-06 A touching, timeless novel--perfect for fans of Lisa Graff and Lauren Wolk--about a girl who discovers that the ocean is holding secrets she never could have imagined. Twelve-year-old Summer loves the ocean. The smell, the immensity, the feeling she gets when she dives beneath the surface. She has lived in Barnes Bluff Bay since she was two years old, when Lindy found her on the beach. It's been the two of them ever since. But now, ten years later, Summer feels uncertainty about her place with Lindy and starts to wonder about

where she came from. One night, Summer goes for a swim and gets caught in a rip tide, swallowing mouthfuls of seawater. And that night, she dreams of a girl. A girl her age living in the same town, but not in the same time. Summer's not persuaded that this girl is real, but something about her feels familiar. Summer dreams again and again about this girl, Tink, and becomes convinced that she is connected to her past. As she sees Tink struggle with her sister growing away from her and her friends starting to pair off, Summer must come to terms with her own evolving home life and discover how the bonds that make us family can help heal the wounds of the past. From Melissa Sarno, the author of *Just Under the Clouds*, comes a new story of discovery, family, and finding where you belong.

Andrew's Loose Tooth Robert Munsch 2015-11-01 "Yeow!" shouts Andrew. "Do something about my loose tooth. It hurts!" Andrew's dad breaks his pliers trying to pull that tooth. Andrew's mother can't yank it out, either. Both Andrew's dentist and the Tooth Fairy herself are stumped! Finally Andrew's friend Louis comes up with a special tooth-removing remedy that requires plenty of pepper and a great big sneeze.

A Tangle of Knots Lisa Graff 2013-02-05 A National Book Award nominee! The magic of *Savvy* meets the complexity of *When You Reach Me* in this "blithe magical puzzle," --The Wall Street Journal Told in multiple viewpoints, *A Tangle of Knots* is a magnificent puzzle. In a slightly magical world where everyone has a Talent, eleven-year-old Cady is an orphan with a phenomenal Talent for cake baking. But little does she know that fate has set her on a journey from the moment she was born. And her destiny leads her to a mysterious address that houses a lost luggage emporium, an old recipe, a family of children searching for their own Talents, and a Talent Thief who will alter her life forever. However, these encounters hold the key to Cady's past and how she became an orphan. If she's lucky, fate may reunite her with her long-lost parent. Lisa Graff adds a pinch of magic to a sharply crafted plot to create a novel that will have readers wondering about fate and the way we're all connected.

Sophie Simon Solves Them All Lisa Graff 2010-09-28 For a third-grader, Sophie Simon is one smart cookie. She enjoys teaching herself advanced calculus and has performed successful heart surgery on an earthworm. She's also very clever when it comes to dealing with her clueless parents. But Sophie is no genius when it comes to calculating the high value of friendship--until, that is, she has to use her incredible IQ to help out some classmates with their own parental troubles.

Drive Me Crazy Terra Elan McVoy 2015-04-28 A tween rivalry-turned-friendship story bursting with humor and heart—perfect for fans of Lisa

Graff and Lynda Mullaly Hunt. Lana and Cassie have met only once before, at the wedding of Lana's Grandpa Howe and Cassie's Grandma Tess two months ago. The two girls couldn't be more different, and they didn't exactly hit it off—but they're about to spend an entire week together for their grandparents' honeymoon, road-tripping from California to Maine in the backseat of a Subaru. It's going to be a disaster. Told in alternating chapters between Cassie and Lana, *Drive Me Crazy* shows that even though friendship can be a bumpy road, it just might change your life for the better.

*The Afterlife* Gary Soto 2005-03-01 A senior at East Fresno High School lives on as a ghost after his brutal murder in the restroom of a club where he had gone to dance.

*Sally's Bones* MacKenzie Cadenhead 2011 Middle-schooler Sally Simplesmith, a lonely outcast who misses her deceased mother, must solve the mystery of the missing dog bones to save Bones, a dead dog come back to life as a skeleton, from puppy prison.

*The Great Treehouse War* Lisa Graff 2017 Fifth-grader Winnie, with notes from her friends, writes of turning her treehouse into an embassy after her newly-divorced parents become unreasonable, where she's joined by nine others with complaints.

*The Other Side Of Blue* Valerie O. Patterson 2009-10-19 Cyan was named after a shade of blue, her artist mother's favorite color. The color of the sea. Since her father's death last year, she's felt just as mercurial and dark as her namesake, and the distance between Cyan and her mother has grown as wide as an ocean. Now they're returning to the island of Curaçao in the Caribbean, where her father's mysterious accident occurred, and joining them will be Kammi—who may soon become a stepsister. Haunted by the secrets of the past, Cyan will explore all the depths of her blueness this summer, discovering the light, the darkness, and the many shades in between that are within her—and within us all.

*Double Dog Dare* Lisa Graff 2012-04-12 What would you do to win a dare war? In a humorous and insightful novel about dares, divorce and friendship, Lisa Graff tells the story of fourth-graders Kansas Bloom and Francine Halata, who start out as archenemies, until—in a battle of wits and willpower—they discover that they have a lot more in common than either would have guessed. This dual-perspective novel will appeal to girls and boys alike—and to anyone who has ever wanted anything so badly that they'd lick a lizard to get it. Praise for *DOUBLE DOG DARE* “[A] perceptive and funny book....the way [Graff] handles her characters is spot-on.” -- Booklist “Readers will be hooked by the first chapter....All in all, an

enjoyable, lighthearted read about a difficult topic.” --School Library Journal “Graff’s...story is lighthearted and humorous, but honestly addresses the emotions associated with divorce. Her characters' voices, interactions, and hangups are relatable, as they battle each other and adjust to their families' reconfigurations.” --Publishers Weekly

A Clatter of Jars Lisa Colleen Graff 2016 "Children with magical Talents attend a summer camp, where nothing is what it seems"--

Mr. Walker Steps Out Lisa Graff 2021-08-31 Mr. Walker, the human-shaped figure who lives in the traffic signal box and tells pedestrians when it is safe to cross the street, decides to leave his post and experience all that he has been missing, in this sweet and satisfying tale about finding one's place in the world. Mr. Walker works hard. Every day, he stands in the window of his boxy little house on the corner of Broadway and Main, letting people know when it's safe to cross the street. Usually that is enough. But after a while, watching the world go by without him makes him feel small and unimportant. So he decides to jump down from his box and experience for himself all the wonderful things he's seen from his post. With each new adventure, he feels bigger and more important. But after enjoying all the wonderful things that the city has to offer, he starts to wonder how his little corner is getting on without him. Then something happens . . . something big. And Mr. Walker wonders if it might be time to go home, to where he's needed most.

Lost in the Sun Lisa Graff 2016-04-26 Includes questions for discussion and an excerpt from: A clatter of jars.

The Great Hibernation Tara Dairman 2017 In the tiny northern town of St. Polonius, everyone over the age of 12 falls asleep after the traditional tasting of the Sacred Bear Liver at the Founders' Day Festival, leaving the children in charge, including Jean who tries to solve the mystery.

The Mostly True Story of Jack Kelly Barnhill 2011-08-02 Newbery Medal-winner Kelly Barnhill's debut novel is an eerie tale of magic, friendship, and sacrifice. Enter a world where magic bubbles just below the surface. . . . When Jack is sent to Hazelwood, Iowa, to live with his strange aunt and uncle, he expects a summer of boredom. Little does he know that the people of Hazelwood have been waiting for him for quite a long time. When he arrives, he begins to make actual friends for the first time in his life-but the town bully beats him up and the richest man in town begins to plot Jack's imminent, and hopefully painful, demise. It's up to Jack to figure out why suddenly everyone cares so much about him. Back home he was practically... invisible. The Mostly True Story of Jack is a stunning debut novel about things broken, things put back together, and finding a place to

belong. "There's a dry wit and playfulness to Barnhill's writing that recalls Lemony Snicket and Blue Balliett...a delightfully unusual gem." --Los Angeles Times

Absolutely Almost Lisa Graff 2015-05-05 Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, most athletic, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself. Simultaneous eBook.

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