

Librarian Booktalk Promotion Guide

MY INVENTED LIFE by Lauren Bjorkman
Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, 2009

Interest Level: YA Fiction, 14 and up

Genre: Contemporary, humor

Related topics:

sibling rivalry, theater; William Shakespeare; sexual identity; bisexuality; friendship; humor

Booktalk Synopsis:

Roz and Eva are sisters, close friends, and fierce rivals. Roz fantasizes about snagging the lead in the school play and landing sexy skate god Bryan as her boyfriend. Sadly, a few obstacles stand between her and her dream. For one, Eva is the more talented actress. And Bryan happens to be Eva's boyfriend. But is Eva having a secret love affair with a girl? Enquiring minds need to know.

Roz prides herself on random acts of insanity. In one such act, she invents a girlfriend of her own to encourage Eva to open up. The plan backfires, and Roz finds herself neck deep in her invented life. When Roz meets a mercurial boy with a big problem, she begins to understand the complex feelings beneath the labels. And she gets a second chance to earn Eva's trust.

MY INVENTED LIFE is set in small California high school during the rehearsals for a Shakespeare comedy.

Two line Hook:

Roz wants to be close with her sister, but her invented life keeps getting in the way. My Invented Life is a modern day quasi-Shakespearean comedy filled with ambition, rivalry, deceit, and characters of ambiguous sexuality.

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