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The Curious World Of Calpurnia Tate



Synopsis

Callie Vee, Travis, Granddaddy, and the whole Tate clan are back in this charming follow-up to Newbery Honor-winner *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*. Travis keeps bringing home strays. And Callie has her hands full keeping the wild animals—her brother included—away from her mother's critical eye. Whether it's wrangling a rogue armadillo or stray dog, a guileless younger brother or standoffish cousin, the trials and tribulations of Callie Vee will have readers laughing and crying and cheering for this most endearing heroine. This title has Common Core connections.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. I enjoyed reading *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* a couple of years ago, so when I received an opportunity to read *The Curious World of Calpurnia Tate*, I was very excited. *The Curious World of Calpurnia Tate* is a middle grade novel written by Jacqueline Kelly. The story begins in the spring of 1900, only a couple of months after the end of *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*. Callie is still determined to become a scientist, and she spends as much time as possible with her grandfather. When Callie is not working with her grandfather, she is playing with her younger brother Travis. Travis is gentler than the other boys,

and cannot help but take pity on the foundling animals he finds. Callie knows that it cannot possibly be a good idea to bring home an armadillo or a baby raccoon, but she has trouble saying no to her kind brother. Travis is heartbroken when their attempts at domesticating the animals don't work out, but Callie approaches things from a scientific perspective and tries to remain impartial. This was a wonderful book. I loved it just as much, if not more than the first book in the series. Callie is a delightful protagonist. She is clever, and witty. I loved her observations about her life on the farm. I loved her interactions with Travis, and his earnest efforts to have a pet of his very own, no matter how unsuitable the animal might be about the arrangement. Once again, my heart broke for Callie when she was treated unfairly just because of her gender. She wants nothing more than validation; she receives it from her grandfather, who appreciates that one of his grandchildren has a natural aptitude for the sciences.

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