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**Grade Range:**

(Recommended by School Library Journal)

# BOOK RESUME: FLIGHT OF THE PUFFIN

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

One small act of kindness ripples out to connect four kids in this stirring novel by the author of the beloved *The Benefits of Being an Octopus*.

Libby comes from a long line of bullies. She wants to be different, but sometimes that doesn't work out. To bolster herself, she makes a card with the message *You are amazing*. That card sets off a chain reaction that ends up making a difference in the lives of some kids who could also use a boost—be it from dealing with bullies, unaccepting families, or the hole that grief leaves. Receiving an encouraging message helps each kid summon up the thing they need most, whether it's bravery, empathy, or understanding. Because it helps them realize they matter—and that they're not flying solo anymore.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★"A great read aloud for classrooms that are dealing with bullying in any form as well as an inspiration for sharing art. The balance between urban and rural as well as popular and uncool promotes the value of building a network in this striking entry."—*School Library Connection*, starred review

★"The narrative develops each individual's story, gradually providing clues about their homes, families, and schools. . . . Braden sensitively demonstrates how isolating it can be to live with people who, despite good intentions, force their children to fulfill expectations that run counter to their own senses of self. . . . All the characters find ways to encourage each other, be less alone, and connect."—*Booklist*, starred review

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- A Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year
- Winner of the M. Jerry Weiss Book Award for Middle School Novels
- A NCTE/CLA Notable Book
- A NCSS-CBC Notable Book
- A Nebraska Golden Sower Award selection
- A Vermont Golden Dome Award selection
- A Singapore Red Dot Award selection
- A Tennessee Volunteer State Book Award selection
- A Wisconsin One More Page selection

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- A Mississippi Magnolia Award selection
- A South Carolina Junior Book Award selection
- A Virginia Reader's Choice Award selection
- A Kansas William Allen White Book Award selection

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