



***Apartment House on Poppy Hill* by Nina LaCour, illustrated by Sònia Albert**

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*Age Range: 7-10 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: Gr 1-3 (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

A charming new chapter book by bestselling author Nina LaCour.

Welcome to 1106 Wildflower Place: It is no ordinary apartment house, but you, reader, are no ordinary visitor. So, please, come in!

Two new tenants have just arrived, and nine-year-old Ella is determined to help them settle in. Who better to teach them about the glitchy lights and the nighttime noises? After all, Ella knows all the neighbors. Well, almost all. No one has met the mysterious Robinsons who live on the top floor. Will a special neighborly celebration change all that? This bighearted chapter book by bestselling author Nina LaCour, highlighted by lively illustrations throughout, celebrates community, friendship, family, and home. It is a place of walking dogs that aren't yours, keeping surprises secret, and making everyone feel welcome.

Here, the eccentric joy of Armistead Maupin's *Tales of The City* merges seamlessly with the antic fun of *Ivy + Bean*, the family tenderness of *The Penderwicks*, and the madcap adventure of *Eloise* in an irresistible story that will leave you eager for the next one!

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"LaCour's new transitional chapter-book series is cozy and classic-feeling...Ella's curiosity and gregariousness are infectious, and she'll easily sweep readers into her charming world." —[Booklist](#)

"Through Ella's infectious narration and the stories' loosely defined plots, LaCour sketches distinctive, endearing characters and offers a gentle celebration of intergenerational friendship and community." —[Publishers Weekly](#)

"The author's foray into chapter books takes on lighter themes of time and its passing, family, community, inclusion, and the mindfulness of noticing things... a pleasant, inclusive story." —[School Library Journal](#)

"[T]hose who enjoy stories about warm, quirky interpersonal relationships will appreciate this one." —[Kirkus Reviews](#)

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Winner of the 2024 Lambda Literary Award for LGBTQ+ Children's Literature

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

[The Reading Culture Podcast: Interview with Nina LaCour](#)

[Lit Hub: Nina LaCour on Finding a Story in Her Own Backyard](#)

[Children's Institute 2023: PW Talks with Nina LaCour](#)

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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