



MOXIE by Jennifer Mathieu

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*Age Range: 14-18

Grade Range: 8 and up (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

An unlikely teenager starts a feminist revolution at a small-town Texas high school in this novel from Jennifer Mathieu, author of *The Truth About Alice*.

MOXIE GIRLS FIGHT BACK!

Vivian Carter is fed up. Fed up with an administration at her high school that thinks the football team can do no wrong. Fed up with sexist dress codes, hallway harassment, and gross comments from guys during class. But most of all, Viv Carter is fed up with always following the rules.

Viv's mom was a tough-as-nails, punk rock Riot Grrrl in the '90s, and now Viv takes a page from her mother's past and creates a feminist zine that she distributes anonymously to her classmates. She's just blowing off steam, but other girls respond. As Viv forges friendships with other young women across the divides of cliques and popularity rankings, she realizes that what she has started is nothing short of a girl revolution.

Moxie is a book about high school life that will make you wanna riot!

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "An invaluable revelation." — [Booklist](#), **starred review**

★ "This novel is full of wit, insight, and moxie. . . . Highly recommended for all teens, but especially those who would enjoy realistic coming-of-age fiction with female empowerment." — [School Library Journal](#), **starred review**

"Satisfying and moving." — [Publishers Weekly](#)

"[An] approachable, empowering story of modern teen activism." — *The Horn Book*

"Jennifer Mathieu's 'Moxie' is a call to arms for young feminists everywhere." — [Bustle.com](#)

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“Genuine and satisfying....a winner.” – [NPR Books](#)

"Moxie is sweet, funny, and fierce. Read this and then join the fight." —Amy Poehler

“With a story that’s equal parts heart and instruction manual, Mathieu has captured the movement of a generation—warts and all—and shone a light forward for the next one.” —E. K. Johnston, #1 *New York Times* Bestselling author of *Exit Pursued By a Bear*

“Vivian Carter and *Moxie* are strong and smart and so, so inspiring. She is my new hero and this is my new favorite book. I’m proud to be a Moxie girl.” —Jennifer Niven, *New York Times*–bestselling author of *All the Bright Places* and *Holding Up the Universe*

“From its soul-deep girl friendships to its swoony love story to its smart, gutsy heroine, *Moxie* is a ferocious joy. I could feel my heart and my courage—getting bigger every time I turned the page.” —Katie Cotugno, *New York Times*–bestselling author of *99 Days* and *How to Love*

"*Moxie* is an anthem, a how-to guide, and that best friend who says, ‘You matter, too!’” —Sherri L. Smith, author of *Pasadena* and *Flygirl*

“Like the addictive riff of a punk rock song, *Moxie* will pull you in, inspire you, and kick you back out into the world with a burning desire to change it. Read this. Now.” —Jenny Torres Sanchez, author of *Because of the Sun*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Hudson Booksellers Best of the Year
- NPR Best Book of the Year
- *Time Magazine* Best Books of the Year
- Texas TAYSHAS High School Reading List
- 2018 YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers List
- 2018 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults List
- 2018 Amelia Bloomer List
- 2018 YALSA Teens' Top Ten Nominee

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Read an interview with Jennifer Mathieu](#)
- [Watch the trailer of *Moxie* Netflix movie](#)
- [SLJ Teen Librarian Toolbox Review](#)
- [NPR Books Review](#)
- [Smart Girls Interview with Jennifer Mathieu](#)
- [BookPage “How Riot Grrrl Saved My Life”](#)
- [Ravishly.com Interview](#)

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AUTHOR STATEMENT

"As an English teacher and a mom, I know how important it is to provide the opportunity for young people to read and connect with stories that both validate their experiences and give them insight into the experiences of others. When we censor books, we take those opportunities away, and I believe this results in a society that is less democratic and less empathetic. Censoring books doesn't serve us as a people, and we all need to work against it." – Jennifer Mathieu

***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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