



***Friends Forever* by Shannon Hale; illustrated by LeUyen Pham**

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*Age Range: 10-14

Grade Range: 6-9 (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Following up their mega-bestselling *Real Friends* and *Best Friends* graphic memoirs, Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham are back with *Friends Forever*, a story about learning to love yourself exactly as you are.

Shannon is in eighth grade, and life is more complicated than ever. Everything keeps changing, her classmates are starting to date each other (but nobody wants to date her!), and no matter how hard she tries, Shannon can never seem to just be happy.

As she works through her insecurities and undiagnosed depression, she worries about disappointing all the people who care about her. Is something wrong with her? Can she be the person everyone expects her to be? And who does she actually want to be?

With their signature humor, warmth, and insight, Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham have crafted another incredible love letter to their younger selves and to readers everywhere, a reminder to us all that we are enough.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Reading this book is like getting a hug from a friend who knows exactly what you're going through. An outstanding follow-up to the first two volumes, and a must for graphic novel collections." —[School Library Journal](#), **starred review**

"Capturing the visceral embarrassments of middle school in 1987 Salt Lake City, Shannon's emotions are vivid and often excruciating . . . [and] Pham's artwork is vibrant and appealing." —[Kirkus](#)

"With the combination of Hale's lucid writing and Pham's masterful portrayal of body and language and facial expression, this book homes in squarely and affirmingly on teen angst and worries." —*Booklist*, **starred review**

*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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