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## BOOK RESUME: DOODLEVILLE

### BOOK SYNOPSIS

Drew is just a regular artist. But there's nothing ordinary about her art. Her doodles are mischievous . . . and rarely do they stay in Doodleville, the world she's created in her sketchbook. Instead, Drew's doodles prefer to explore the world outside. But after an inspiring class trip to the Art Institute of Chicago—where the doodles cause a bit too much trouble—Drew decides it's time to take her artistic talents to the next level.

Enter the Leviathan—Levi, for short. He's bigger and better than anything Drew has ever created before. He's a monster, but a friendly one. That is, until Levi begins to wreak havoc on Drew's other doodles—and on the heroes her classmates have dreamt up.

Levi won't be easily tamed, and it seems there is a link between the monster's bad behavior and Drew's feelings. With the help of her loyal art club friends, will she be able to save Doodleville—and Levi—before it's too late?

### REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Readers will definitely respond to the idea of large emotions that are hard to control, as well as the therapeutic joy of art—likewise Sell's use of encroaching darkness and his luminous figures, warmly rounded but imbued with wonderfully emotive features." — *Booklist*

"[Sell] tells an engaging story that uses a fantastical idea to ponder real-world dilemmas: How do you cope when things feel out of control? How do you reduce harm, and how do you make amends for harm that you've caused?" — *Kirkus Reviews*

"Sell's caricatured illustrations provide strong action, and... highlight emotionally charged moments." — *Publishers Weekly*

"A tender yet action-packed tale of a young girl who uses her creativity as an outlet for her emotions.... Lovers of graphic novels, and anyone struggling with friendship will appreciate Sell's newest tale." — *School Library Journal*

"Readers will relate to—and root for—Drew as she learns to accept her difficult emotions, take responsibility for consequences, work collaboratively, and strengthen her friendships." — *The Horn Book*

### AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Nominee, Black-Eyed Susan Book Award
- Honor, VLA Graphic Novel Diversity Award
- Selection, Little Maverick Graphic Novel Reading List
- Selection, Chicago Public Library Best Books

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