



BOOK RESUME: STARGIRL

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Stargirl. From the day she arrives at quiet Mica High in a burst of color and sound, the hallways hum with the murmur of “Stargirl, Stargirl.” She captures Leo Borlock’s heart with just one smile. She sparks a school-spirit revolution with just one cheer. The students of Mica High are enchanted. At first.

Then they turn on her. Stargirl is suddenly shunned for everything that makes her different, and Leo, panicked and desperate with love, urges her to become the very thing that can destroy her: normal. In this celebration of nonconformity, Newbery Medalist Jerry Spinelli weaves a tense, emotional tale about the perils of popularity and the thrill and inspiration of first love.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Spinelli has produced a poetic allegorical tale about the magnificence and rarity of true nonconformity." —*The New York Times*

★“A magical and heartbreaking tale.” —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★"Part fairy godmother, part outcast, part dream-come-true, [Stargirl] possesses many of the mythical qualities of Maniac Magee." —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"Stargirl tells us the captivating story of a magical, mysterious girl. . . . A wonderful tribute to nonconformity." —*Chicago Tribune*

"Throughout his career, Newbery Medalist Jerry Spinelli has shown he’s a master of evoking the particular pangs felt in adolescence." —*Time Magazine*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Winner ALA Best Books for Young Adults
- Winner Arizona Young Readers Award
- Winner New Jersey Garden State Teen Book Award
- Selection Texas Lone Star Reading List
- Nominee Illinois Rebecca Caudill Young Readers Award
- Winner Iowa Teen Book Award
- Winner Kentucky Bluegrass Master List
- Winner Maine Student Book Master List
- Nominee Maryland Black-Eyed Susan Award
- Finalist Massachusetts Children's Book Master List
- Nominee Book Sense Book of the Year
- Winner Indiana Young Hoosier Award
- Selection CBC Choices

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