

Good Different-Meg Eden Kuyatt



"Good Different" by Meg Eden Kuyatt is written in verse, in which there are multiple settings. The primary, or most important setting is the school in which she studies, Pebblecreek Academy. The school is also where the major incident happens, where she unleashes her anger out on a fellow schoolmate. That event leads to the turn of events in the story. The school is crowded, with mean teachers, nice teachers, mean friends, nice friends. Selah feels uncomfortable in that setting and then has to bring some personal tools into the classroom. The secondary location is her home, where she also feels disturbed because of recently moved in neighbors. The neighbors are rowdy, loud, and host big parties where they get drunk. She lives with her mom and her grandfather.

The main character in "Good Different" is named Selah Godfrey. She is a dynamic character. In the beginning of the story she tries to hide everything she likes from her friends, because she doesn't feel like her friends would give her the time of day she usually gets from them. She wants to act "normal", which means she has to hide her love for dragons, fidget toys, and her autism from her fellow peers. In the end she decides to change. She focuses on what makes her special, and forgets about the "normal" she tries to be.

The problem of my story is that the main character, Selah Godfrey, is experiencing changes in her life. She tries to act "normal", which means following a set of complex rules, not behaving like herself just to fit in, and keeping her autistic symptoms a secret from everybody. Another problem is that She hits her annoying friend, Addie, during free period, and gives her a bloody nose. This was also led on by her cooped up feelings, and her angry feelings toward herself, her friends, and her teachers. In the end, Selah apologizes to Addie and Addie forgives her, and Selah starts to act more like herself and finds out about her real autism. She uses fidget toys, gummies, and writing poems to help her.

I really liked "Good Different. There were many ups and downs of the main characters. Being used to Young adult fiction novels, I was getting back into the swing of reading middle grade books while I was reading this novel. Another surprise was that this book was written in free verse. I really love poetry, so that was one thing I liked

about the book. Another thing I liked is the main plot of discovering who you are, and dealing with big changes and mood swings. To wrap it up, my dislikes. I was very confused about how Addie forgave Selah so quickly. Selah, although being my favorite character , gave her a bloody nose! I don't have any dislikes other than that. I would rate this book 4.5 out of 5.