

Zinnia and the Bees, a middle grade novel by Danielle Davis



Zinnia's yarn bomb flops.

Her older brother (aka best friend and yarn bombing accomplice) leaves without a word.

And then the worst ever of worst evers:
BEES. IN. HER. HAIR.

Between a failed yarn bomb, a missing brother, a mother who doesn't get her, and a nosy new neighbor who seems to notice way too much—especially when it comes to her buzzzzzy new friends—Zinnia's last day of seventh grade is challenging, to say the least. But learning to trust herself might just be the toughest challenge of all, as Zinnia discovers in this irresistible story about discovering the true meaning of home.

Topics: BEES, YARBOMBING, KNITTING, SIBLINGS, FAMILY, FRIENDSHIP, TRUSTING OTHERS, DISCOVERING HOME IN YOURSELF AND OTHERS, NAVIGATING DIFFICULTIES

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“...decidedly offbeat and emotionally true.”

—Kirkus

“...Davis does an excellent job crafting human characters who are varied in their emotions and grow in awareness.”

—School Library Journal

Readers will empathize with Zinnia as she wonders about her missing brother, deals with her mother, and renews fractured friendships. As they follow the bees' activities, they'll learn apian facts and gain insight into what is happening to bees in the U.S. This [is a] fascinating and unusual look at family, friendships, and insects...”

—Booklist

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Danielle Davis grew up in Singapore and Hong Kong and currently lives in Los Angeles. She has an M.A. in literature and creative writing and has had the privilege of teaching English to middle school and community college students. Now, she reads and writes and enjoys volunteering with literacy organizations. She also blogs at



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