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Summer Reading

Book Response for Faith, Hope and Ivy June

Section 1:

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Faith, Hope, and Ivy June



Section 2:

Ivy June lives down south in Thunder Creek, Kentucky. She lives with her grandfather, grandmother, and great grandmother in a small little house with no telephone. Ivy June and her family don't have much but it doesn't seem to bother Ivy June at all, until she applies for this exchange program with this girl, Catherine, from Lexington, Kentucky, who has four bathrooms in her house! Will Ivy June ever be happy again with the things she has? Or will Catherine's matching curtains and bedspread get the best of her?

Section 3:

I would most likely want to be friends with Catherine, because she seems to keep secrets really well, like when Ivy June told Catherine her deepest darkest secret, and she didn't tell anyone. Also I would want to be friends with her because you can tell from the book that she really cares about her friend's feelings, for example when Ivy June was really worried about her grandfather, she just stayed with her, and listened to her for days! I think those qualities are great in a friendship, and that's why I would want to be friends with Catherine.

Section 4:

I mostly liked this book because the two main characters in the book were about my age, and going through a lot of the same things I'm going through right now, so it was a good way to connect. I also liked it because there were parts in the book where I couldn't put it down, and the author left you hanging at the end of the chapter. This was good because it is really not fun to read a book, and just be waiting for it to end. For example at the end of chapter 33, Ivy June wrote in her journal, "Money can't buy happiness, but it sure can make life a lot easier." That made me wonder if Ivy June was really becoming jealous of Catherine's world, and/or if Ivy June was starting to like Thunder Creek less and less. The reason why it didn't get all 5 stars was because at parts it could be very slow, especially at the beginning. At the beginning the author spent a couple of chapters just explaining everything, like how Ivy June lived, and how she had signed up for this exchange program, and the author just seemed to be going on and on.

Section 5:

Challenging in a good way

The book had some words that I didn't know, and the plot was complicated, so I had to pay attention. None of this got in the way of me wanting to read, though.