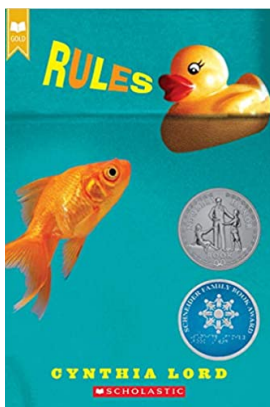


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by Cynthia Lord



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

What's It About?

Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life. Which is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. She's spent years trying to teach David the rules from "a peach is not a funny-looking apple" to "keep your pants on in public" -- in order to head off David's embarrassing behaviors. But the summer Catherine meets Jason, a surprising, new sort-of friend, and Kristi, the next-door friend she's always wished for, it's her own shocking behavior that turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal?

This book won the Newbery Honor Award in 2008.

You can write a letter to the author using this address:

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Who Wrote It?

"My life as a writer began at age four with a song collaboration with my sister. The song was called "Ding Dong the Cherries Sing," and we forced anyone within a 12-mile radius to listen to us sing it, over and over and over. I've come a long way from the girl backspacing over mistakes on the Royal typewriter, reusing the same piece of carbon paper until the letters were ghostly pale. Now I backspace on my computer, and nobody needs to know how many mistakes I make. Some things haven't changed. I still love watching



words jump onto the page and I still love making people laugh and cry and shiver with my writing. I still love to read a great story."
-Cynthia Lord

AR Reading Level: 3.9

Lexile Level: 780L

I want to read this book: YES / NO



WHAT I THINK





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