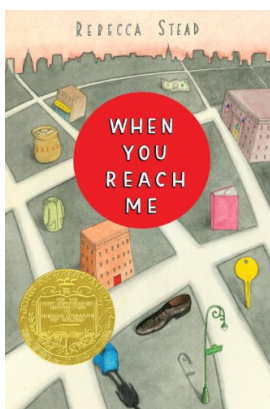


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# When You Reach Me

## by Rebecca Stead

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.



Read Aloud Video

### What's It About?

Shortly after a fall-out with her best friend, sixth grader Miranda starts receiving mysterious notes, and she doesn't know what to do. The notes tell her that she must write a letter—a true story, and that she can't share her mission with anyone. It would be easy to ignore the strange messages, except that whoever is leaving them has an uncanny ability to predict the future. If that is the case, then Miranda has a big problem—because the notes tell her that someone is going to die, and she might be too late to stop it.

- Newbery Award Winner
- Winner of the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award for Fiction
- A New York Times Bestseller
- Five Starred Reviews
- A Junior Library Guild Selection

AR Reading Level: 4.5

### Who Wrote It?

I grew up in New York City, where I was lucky enough to go to an elementary school where I could sit in a windowsill, or even under a table, and read a book. On those windowsills, under those tables, and in my two beds at night, I fell in love with books. (I had two beds because my parents were divorced.) Reading books made me think about writing. BUT, AS A KID, I DIDN'T WRITE A LOT. YOU COULD PROBABLY FIT EVERYTHING I WROTE BEFORE THE AGE OF 17 INTO ONE (SKINNY) NOTEBOOK. Much, much later, I became a lawyer (I believed that trying to be a writer was impractical), got married, and started working as a public defender. But I still wrote stories (for adults) when I could find the time. One day my 3 year old son pushed my laptop off the dining room table and my stories were gone. POOF! It was



time to write something new. Something joyful. I went to a bookstore and bought an armload of books that I remembered loving as a kid. I read them. And then I began to write again. This time, for kids.

Lexile Level: 750L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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