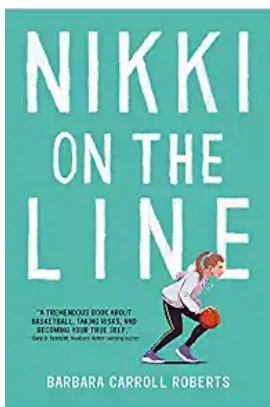


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Nikki on the Line

by Barbara Carroll Roberts



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?

Thirteen-year-old Nikki Doyle's dreams of becoming a basketball great feel within reach when she's selected to play on an elite-level club team. But in a league with taller, stronger, and faster girls, Nikki suddenly isn't the best point guard. In fact, she's no longer a point guard at all, which leaves her struggling to figure out who she is and how she fits in. The stress piles on as Nikki's best friend spends more and more time with another girl on the team, and when her science teacher assigns a family tree project that will be impossible to complete unless Nikki reveals her most embarrassing secret. As if that's not enough to deal with, to cover the costs of her new team, Nikki has agreed to take care of her annoying younger brother after school to save money on childcare. As the stakes rise on the basketball court, at school, and at home, Nikki's confidence plummets. Can she learn to compete at this new, higher level? And how hard is she willing to work to find out?

Who Wrote It?

As a kid, I was a SLOW reader. But when I was in high school, I had a wonderful English teacher who not only introduced our class to some truly great books, he taught us to see the craft techniques the authors used, showed us how to 'explore beyond the plot' to figure out what a book was 'about.' Suddenly, the world of literature opened up for me. And even though I hadn't yet gotten over my embarrassment at reading so slowly, I now realized that because of this 'weakness,' I discovered details in books, sparkling images, musical language, hidden themes



that my fast-reading classmates skimmed past without noticing. My weakness had become a strength. You can learn more about Barbara on her website: www.barbaracarrollroberts.com.

AR Reading Level: 5.0

Lexile Level: 840L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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