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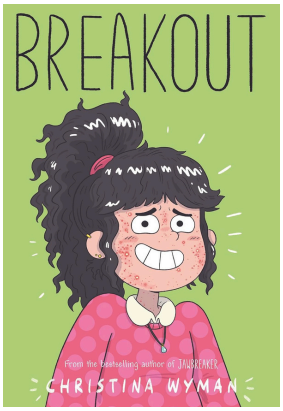

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Breakout

by Christina Wyman

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?

Ellis Starr likes learning about active volcanoes. She does not like having acne that resembles them. But it's not just cosplaying as a pepperoni pizza that has Ellis on the verge of erupting. Her mom's hot-and-cold moods have the two of them butting heads nonstop—especially now that her mom is dating for the first time since her parents' separation. Then there's Ellis's best friend, Aggy, whose own life—and skin—seems perfect. And who could forget that Ellis still needs to decide on a research topic for a big school project. With eighth grade proving to be every bit as pesky as a new pimple, Ellis's only bright spot is the time she spends with her aunt Lydia, whose adorable puppy, Rocco, is a natural stress reliever. (And perhaps the perfect subject for her project.) Maybe this season of breakouts can lead to a breakthrough about what Ellis needs to truly feel good in her own skin.

Who Wrote It?

Christina Wyman grew up in Brooklyn, NY in a tiny apartment and is now, as a grown up a middle grade author known for writing funny, heartfelt stories that tackle real-life challenges kids face today. A former teacher and lifelong book lover, she brings humor, honesty, and deep empathy to her work. Christina is the author of Jawbreaker, Slouch, and Breakout, novels that explore topics like bullying, self-confidence, body image, and finding your voice. In addition to writing middle grade books, Christina has also been published in newspapers and magazines. When she's not writing, she enjoys visiting schools, talking

with students about books, and encouraging them to embrace their unique stories. She lives in Michigan with her family and cats. You can learn more about her at www.christinawymanbooks.com.

AR Reading Level: 4.8

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