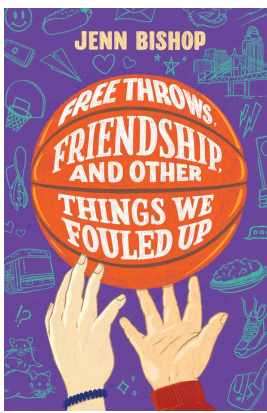


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Free Throws, Friendship, and Other Things We Fouled Up

by Jenn Bishop



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?

Cincinnati, Ohio, lives and dies by college basketball, with two elite Division I rivals separated by a mere three miles. Rory's dad just secured a new coaching gig at the University of Cincinnati, so it means yet another school and move for her, only this time to her dad's hometown. Rory's life revolves around basketball; she's never had a close friend outside of it. Could this be a chance for a fresh start? Abby has always lived in Cincinnati, where her dad grew up playing ball and now coaches at Xavier University. But Abby has recently retreated from basketball after a frustrating season that left her confidence in shambles. This year, she finds herself on the outside looking in when it comes to her former teammates, and she could seriously use a new friend. The coaches' daughters connect over their shared love of the game when Abby chaperones Rory on her first day of school. But when Abby's dad practically forbids their friendship because of something that happened between him and Rory's dad when they were younger, Abby and Rory have no choice but to move their budding friendship underground.

Can the two of them get to the bottom of what went down between their dads in the 1990s before history repeats itself?

Who Wrote It?

Jenn grew up in a small Massachusetts town and loved playing sports and being outdoors. She also enjoyed reading and writing. The first book she wrote as a child was about her pet rock, named Christy! She loved writing so much, that she went to college (in Chicago) to learn all about books and became a librarian. Her love of books led her to wanting to write them, so she went back to school to earn an MFA (Master in Fine Arts) at a famous school called The Vermont College of Fine Arts. Shortly after graduating her published her first book, *The Distance to Home* (2016) and hasn't stopped. *Free Throws, Friendship and Other Things we*



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Fouled Up is her 5th book. Jenn currently lives in Cincinnati. When she isn't writing, she likes running, gardening, hanging out with her husband (and cat!) and cheering for her fav basketball team!

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