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The Littlest Bigfoot
From New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Weiner comes a laugh-out-loud funny and painstakingly real tale of friendship, furry creatures, and finding the place where you belong. Alice Mayfair, twelve years old, slips through the world unseen and unnoticed. Ignored by her family and shipped off to her eighth boarding school, Alice would like a friend. And when she rescues Millie Maximus from drowning in a lake one day, she finds one. But Millie is a Bigfoot, part of a clan who dwells deep in the woods. Most Bigfoots believe that people—"NoFurs, as they call them—"are dangerous, yet Millie is fascinated with the No-Fur world. She is convinced that humans will appreciate all the things about her that her Bigfoot tribe does not: her fearless nature, her lovely singing voice, and her desire to be a star. Alice swears to protect Millie’s secret. But a league of Bigfoot hunters is on their trail, led by a lonely kid named Jeremy. And in order to survive, Alice and Millie have to put their trust in each other—and have faith in themselves—above all else.

**Synopsis**

I bought and enjoyed the audio version of the book. As the momma of two I always struggle with those hard days when the world doesn’t see the perfection of my babies and they come home with sad hearts. So I purchased this with the thoughts of sharing it with them. What I forgot was how
close to the surface my own Alice lives. This book is a love letter to the Alice in each of us. A second listen made me realize how deep and multi-dimensional the story is. The author dedicated the book to her daughter, but it’s just as much for our children and for us. I loved this book!

Alice is going into seventh grade and she is on her eighth different school. She has always been bigger than the other kids; she has never fit in; she has never made friends. Jeremy is the youngest of three brothers and he is the ordinary one. His only claim to fame is his obsession with finding Bigfoot. Millie is a Yare - what we call Bigfoot - who has a strong interest in the no-furs who are at school across the lake and who wants to be a singer. This is a story about acceptance and friendship and being yourself. Alice has given up trying to make friends at her new school despite the fact that her roommates are trying to be kind to her and include her. After she has been the victim of a cruel prank perpetrated by one of the popular girls, she is ready to commit suicide. Then she saves Millie from drowning when Millie swims to watch the kids at the school and she finds a new friend. Millie is very nervous that Alice will discover that she is a Yare. She has been forbidden by her family to let the humans know about them. When Jeremy captures a picture of Alice and Millie trick-or-treating, he starts a media frenzy. Alice and her schoolmates have to be quite creative to hide that Millie is a Yare. I really liked how each of the kids and teachers told what made them different in the final confrontation with the media and the mob. The surprise ending has left lots of room for a sequel. I want to know what comes next for Alice and Millie.

I think The Littlest Bigfoot is the book everyone wishes they had as a kid. Every 12 year old girl feels awkward and lonely at some point, wanting to find their own place in the world. A place to belong. This book reminds me that everyone is a little weird - my favorite quote from Dr. Seuss. "We're all a little weird. And life is weird. And when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall into mutual weirdness and call it love."

I kept waiting for this book to grab me like all of her other books have, but it just didn’t happen. This was so far outside her norm and very disappointing for me. I hoped for a redeeming ending but even that was a let down.

Brilliant, just brilliant. I am in love with this book. From cover to cover, in love! It is such a delight. Anyone struggling to find their way in the world with be moved by this book. It is such a sweetness, but depth too. There is nothing better than knowing that this is part of a trilogy. How awesome is
that?! More of this awesomeness. Weiner has captured my heart, yet again, but now in the YA genre. Is there nothing she cannot do? You will not regret reading this book by yourself or with your children. It is a top of the TBR choice for sure!!! I received this book free for my honest review.

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