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Lola Levine Is Not Mean!



Synopsis

Lola Levine likes writing in her diario, sipping her mom's cafe con leche, eating her dad's matzo ball soup, and playing soccer with her team, the Orange Smoothies. So what if she doesn't always fit in? Lola is fierce on the field, but when a soccer game during recess gets too competitive, she accidentally hurts her classmate Juan Gomez. Now everyone is calling her Mean Lola Levine! Lola feels terrible, but with the help of her family, her super best friend, Josh Blot, and a little "pencil power," she just might be able to turn it all around. In this first book in a series, young readers will be inspired by Lola's big heart and creative spirit as she learns to navigate the second grade in true Lola style!

Customer Reviews

Gr 1-5 • In this first book of a new series, Lola is a second grader who loves sports, especially soccer. She also enjoys expressing her feelings by writing her diary. And she has a bratty little brother. Sound familiar? Her classmates think she is a tomboy, and the boys don't like to play games with her because she hurt a fellow classmate, Juan Gomez, by mistake. So now she is known as Mean Lola Levine. Lola is half Jewish and half Peruvian, and her favorite word is shalom, though it's a bit overused throughout the book. She deals with typical woes, such as worrying about how to survive in school, and she learns an important lesson about how words can hurt others. Her supportive family and best friend, Josh, help her cope. The writing style is typical of the genre: straightforward and predictable. Beginning chapter book readers will enjoy Lola's spunk and humor. Black-and-white illustrations are sprinkled throughout. VERDICT A good choice for chapter book collections. • Janene Corbin, Rosebank Elementary School, Nashville, TN --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

* "Brown introduces a smart, young protagonist with a multicultural background in this series opener for chapter-book readers. Celebrate a truly accepting multicultural character." Kirkus Reviews, starred review "If you've never had a best friend, Lola Levine will undoubtedly become your first. Her appeal is boundless." Rita Williams-Garcia, Coretta Scott King Author Award winner for One Crazy Summer

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