



Piper Reed, Navy Brat
By Kimberly Willis Holt

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I recently finished reading Piper Reed, Navy Brat by Kimberly Willis Holt. I mostly liked this book and thought that the main character was interesting and her situations were funny. There were some familiar issues like getting along with siblings, making new friends and moving to a new place. As a girl who is a similar age to Piper, I understood a lot of her thoughts.

Piper Reed, the main character of the book, is also the story's narrator. We get to learn about Piper in her own voice. I think making Piper the narrator was great because it was almost like hearing from a friend my own age. Piper's dad was in the Navy. They had to move to new places because of his job. For example, she had to move from San Diego to Pensacola, Florida. I liked that the author talked about the issues Piper had to deal with in a new place. She suddenly had to do some things that she didn't really enjoy, like sharing a room with her sister, having to make new friends and getting a special reading teacher at school. But, there were some great things about the move too. She got a dog, (even though it wasn't the dog she wanted) and got to watch the Blue Angels flying team every day. I liked that the author was able to point out things that really made Piper happy in a challenging situation. I think many readers have been through similar situations.

I also liked Piper's relationship with her sisters. The older sister, Tori, was bossy and her little sister, Sam was silly. I think many readers will understand the challenges of getting along with their siblings. Sometimes you can love them and sometimes they just drive you up a wall!

My favorite part of the book was when Piper and her sisters dressed up like fortune tellers to fool her gypsy club. Nicole (a girl that Piper met at school and is in the gypsy club) said, "Is there really going to be a real Gypsy fortune Teller there?" and Piper said, "Yes." So, she had Sam and Tori pretend to be gypsy fortune tellers. That was my favorite part!

I didn't really like the part when Piper's dad had to leave. It made me feel sad. I think it would make other readers feel sad too because no one wants to see one of their parents leave for six months.

I enjoyed reading this book. I think girls around my age will enjoy getting to know Piper. I would want to read other books by this author.

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