

A Tangle of Knots

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Cady (11) lives in a world where everyone has a special Talent. Hers is baking personalized cakes—she can look at a person and know what kind of cake would suit them the most. She has lived in an orphanage with Miss Mallory since she was a baby, and although Miss Mallory’s Talent is matching the perfect parents to an orphan, she has not been able to find a family for Cady. But destiny has other plans for Cady, and she soon finds herself entwined in a fateful adventure involving a luggage emporium, Marigold and Zane, who are discovering their own Talents, a mysterious old woman named V, a Talent thief, and a life-changing peanut butter recipe.

I absolutely love this book. The story is told in chapters alternating between several different characters whose fates all depend on each other. As the mystery unfolds, there are a lot of jaw-dropping moments when two completely separate things turn out to be connected. I love how complicated the story is, with so many different characters and their own troubles and past experiences tying together with other events in the plot. The ending is a bit sad, but the book really makes you think and it is definitely worth a read.

I recommend this book for ages 10 and up. There isn’t any sensitive content, but the complexity of the story might be a bit difficult for younger readers to grasp. I think it is one of those books you can read several times, because each time, you’ll notice something new that you hadn’t noticed before, so I do suggest buying it.

Recommended Titles:

A Clatter of Jars by Lisa Graff

Lost in the Sun by Lisa Graff

Umbrella Summer by Lisa Graff

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead