

*The Fairy Chronicles*

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In the fiction, adventure book *The Fairy Chronicles* by J.H. Sweet Beth Parish is a active ten year old who just wants to have fun during the summer doing what she loves. She loves to read, swim, watch T.V., play video games, draw and climb trees. When her mother tells her she is going to stay with her weird Aunt Evelyn for two weeks; Beth gets really upset.

Once at her Aunt's house Beth learns that her Aunt is a Fairy and so is she. She meets fairy friends and learns about her gifts as Marigold Fairy and the lessons that follow. Her special powers can only be used wisely and she cannot abuse them. Beth learns about good values, helping others and the benefits of having mentors.

In the story, I really liked how the author wrote with ease and imagination. I appreciated the words of wisdom in the story that the Brownies read when they were rescuing the Feather of Hope... "Life. In our search for meaning, there are two important things to consider: how to treat other people, and what we teach to children".

I liked the book. I thought the story flowed which made it easy to follow and read. I think a lot of girls would like this book because a lot of young readers would love to dream about being a fairy with magical powers. Isn't it every little girls fantasy to be a fairy that can fly!!! Children feel that they do not have a lot of power at times and this would allow them to pretend. I liked that the Fairies were the heroines in the story, not the Brownies (the males fairies). It had some positive hidden messages for young children and I liked the Fairy recipe and facts at the end of the book as well as the list of more Fairy Chronicle stories to read. I disliked some of the stereotypes. The male Fairies were referred to as Brownies and they were often seen getting into mischief or on prank restrictions.

The appropriate readers would be between third to fifth grade. This book could be bought as a gift.