

## **Prairie Evers**

Ellen Airgood

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Prairie Evers by Ellen Airgood follows the 10-year old protagonist named Prairie and her adventures in friendship. After moving from North Carolina to the Big Apple, Prairie goes to school for the first time after years of being homeschooled. Not surprisingly, the first weeks are tough, but she still has loving parents- and chickens- to come home to. A girl named Ivy Blake is also an outsider, but unlike Prairie, she comes from a broken home. The two girls strike up a friendship, and they begin to realize that together, they can accomplish more than when they are apart. I loved this fluffy and heart-warming story that Ellen Airgood presented to us, and it addressed real issues such as being an outsider, not having a stable family, and what it means to be a friend in a light-hearted way. I also loved all the little details about Prairie's many quirks.

Prairie is extremely likeable. Many times, the main character has flaws, and while Prairie definitely has her share of them, all her good deeds make up for it. She is the kind of friend that everyone wants to have, and I really love the way she treats Ivy. Her logic in some scenarios is also very amusing, as are the little tidbits of wisdom scattered throughout the book.

Both girls are able to help each other become a better version of themselves, and I liked that the author demonstrates that a true friendship could come in all forms. This book is not so much of a story as it is a book of feelings, for the author was able to convey emotion and thoughts so well that it felt almost realistic. Ivy and Prairie have drastically different personalities, the former being shy and lonely while the latter being optimistic and happy-go-lucky. However, despite these differences, Prairie and Ivy were able to find a true friend in each other, and shared the highs, the lows, the happiness, the sadness, the good, and the bad. I also feel the need to mention Prairie's grandmother Grammy. While she is not the main character, she influences Prairie's behavior throughout the story, and her wisdom is like no other. Prairie's parents also deserve to be mentioned because they were wonderful characters and made the story that much more enjoyable.

Overall, if you are 10-15 years old or just looking for a sweet, heart-warming story, this book is definitely right for you. This book is worth a buy and I really recommend it!