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In this companion novel to It's Raining Cupcakes, twelve-year-old Sophie has a dream come true when she's offered a TV commercial spot. She's not just happy about the opportunity, she's over the moon happy!

But then she finds out what exactly she'll be advertising: the delectable, ever-popular brownies from Beatrice's Brownies, which just so happens to be the number one competitor to It's Raining Cupcakes, a cupcake shop owned by her best friend, Isabel's, family.

Sophie has a tough choice to make: Follow her dreams or crush her best friend. What's a girl to do?

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Leah Bekker says

It such a cute book! Like It's Raining Cupcakes, I can say that it left me on the edge of my seat every time I opened that book!

Amber Hodges says

I loved this book because I have always wanted to be an actress and the book is about a girl who acts.

Eve beinguniquebooks says

In the second of the trilogy, this time we continue the story from Sophie's perspective as we see how her aim for fame and acting threatens her friendship with Isabel after she wins a commercial call back for a rival to Isabel's mums cupcake shop.

We also see her battle jealousy over Isabel's success with her cupcakes and how she discovers boys can be friends with girls too after making a new buddy during all the chaos in her life! Showing how friendship can survive anything and supporting each other is best this celebrates friendship and passion for our hobbies at it's best!

Kim says

A good read for sixth grade girls. I will be gifting it to our 6th grade ELA classroom library.

Anjanette says

Another Sweet Treat from Lisa Schroeder!

Twelve-year-old Sophie yearns to be an actress. When she's offered the opportunity to appear in a television commercial, at first it seems like a dream come true. There's just one problem—the commercial is for Beatrice's Brownies, the successful chain that just might put the cupcake bakery owned by her friend Isabel's family out of business! Can Sophie follow her dreams without losing her best friend?

SPRINKLES AND SECRETS is the follow-up to Schroeder's IT'S RAINING CUPCAKES. It is a great read on its own, but I recommend reading it together with IT'S RAINING CUPCAKES. The book picks up

the story where CUPCAKES left off, with a cliffhanger ending after the bake-off, and is told from the viewpoint of CUPCAKES' main character Isabel's best friend, Sophie. I felt that Sophie's character was consistent in both books, but readers will find it illuminating to see that while Isabel's assessment of Sophie as a girl who always seems to get what she wants isn't exactly wrong, life isn't always easy for Sophie either.

Sophie is an appealing main character with a caring personality and a mostly sunny outlook on life. While Sophie's dilemma in SPRINKLES AND SECRETS is not nearly as weighty as Isabel's was in IT'S RAINING CUPCAKES, her struggle to balance her own dreams with loyalty to her friend is relatable, as are the missteps she makes along the way. Sophie has the benefit of a very close family to offer support and advice, but ultimately she wrestles with her conscience and follows her heart to make her own decisions.

The book is written in a style simple enough to draw in a reluctant reader, while the story is plenty engaging for more sophisticated readers (I think I enjoyed the book as much as my ten-year-old daughter did). The author packs a lot into this little book—we get to know Sophie's family well, and there is also a sweet subplot about Sophie's annoying lab partner-turned-friend (or maybe more?), which shows how Sophie's concern for others' feelings extends to her middle-school classmates too.

The story is set in Willow, Oregon, the kind of town where kids can walk or ride their bikes most everywhere and generally operate without too much dependence on adults, which also adds to the Beverly Cleary-esque feel of the book. While adults are present and involved, the kids solve their own problems. My daughter noted this as her favorite aspect of the book, and we both had fun seeing how Sophie creatively attempts to make things right with Isabel. Recipes are included at the end of the book for an extra treat.

This book is not due to be released until September—the lovely author donated an advance copy to an online charity auction to benefit the victims of the earthquake in Japan, and my daughter and I were very excited to snap it up. We both highly recommend SPRINKLES AND SECRETS (and IT'S RAINING CUPCAKES, if you haven't read it yet), and hope that Lisa Schroeder writes more stories about Sophie and Isabel!

Angie says

Sophie wants nothing more than to be an actress someday. She loves chocolate and musicals and her best friend Isabel. Sophie finds out that she has been selected to audition for a commercial and she is super excited until she learns who the commercial is for...Beatrice's Brownies. Beatrice's Brownies is a rival for It's Raining Cupcakes the store Isabel's parents operate. How can she be in a commercial for their competition? Especially when Cupcakes isn't doing so well. How can she tell her best friend? It will break her heart, ruin her family's business and destroy their friendship.

This is a nice story about friendship and what you do for your friends. Sophie doesn't always make the best decisions but she really has everyone's best interests at heart. She has to deal with wanting to be an actress, her friendship with Isabel, her new friendship with a boy and her family. Each chapter is about a different food (mostly chocolate) and there are recipes at the back. Sophie is going through a lot of things other kids her age go through and it makes for a fun, enjoyable story. I'm definitely going to have to read It's Raining

Cupcakes now.

Anna says

great book highly suggest

Kat says

I enjoyed *It's Raining Cupcakes* last year and was pleased to learn that Lisa Schroeder wrote a follow-up to that book entitled *Sprinkles and Secrets*. How could I resist another cute, delicious-looking book cover?

Sophie is a 12-year-old girl living in Willow, Oregon, with her parents and little brother Hayden. More than anything, she wants to be an actress. While her best friend Isabel excels at baking (her family owns the local bakery *It's Raining Cupcakes*), Sophie possesses talents that could take her to Broadway or Hollywood. But first she needs to start at the bottom. When a counselor from her theater camp calls and tells her that she can get her signed to a talent agency, Sophie is thrilled. She even scores an audition for a local television commercial. But her dreams are dashed when she discovers that the commercial is for Beatrice's Brownies, the main competitor to Isabel's family's bake shop. Sophie is faced with a dilemma — go ahead with the commercial and ruin her friendship with Isabel, or turn the opportunity down and hope that something else comes along soon.

I really enjoyed *Sprinkles and Secrets*. Like *It's Raining Cupcakes*, this book's protagonist faces some difficult decisions, learns from her mistakes, and eventually grows with the help of her family and friends. Schroeder's books portray positive female characters who are not flawless — they make some poor choices, but they always set things right in the end.

Diane says

"I think there are two kinds of happiness. There's the real kind of happiness when you have to smile because you feel so good inside. ... Then there's the fake kind of happiness. Something is supposed to make you happy ... so you smile anyway and put on the best happy show that you can because you don't want to look like a bad person."

Sophie wants to be happy for Isabel, now that she has jetted off to New York City to compete in the National Bake Off. It's hard, but she's trying her best. One thing that helps her is that her mom gets tickets to *Wicked*. Since Isabel is gone, she invites Lily and friend from theater camp to attend with her. And, also thanks to theater camp, Sophie gets an agent, who wants to set her up for a local commercial. The problem is, the commercial is for the chain that could be putting *It's Raining Cupcakes* out of business. How can Sophie betray Isabel that way? "Oh, I need an education, all right. I need an education on how to choose between the opportunity of a lifetime and ruining my best friend's life."

Sophie knows that she should tell Isabel, but she just doesn't know how. Even her parents think she should

take advantage of the opportunity. So she chooses to go to the audition and the consequences get pretty ugly.

A good story about honesty among friends, forgiveness and friendship. Sophie's solution to the problem she gets herself into "is amazing", according to one of my students who just loves these books. I like that these friends can have problems with each other, but at the end of the day they manage to work things out. It's a good example for young readers.

Lexi says

I am SOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO excited to read this!!!!!!!

Crys says

Sophie and Isabel are best friends, but they each have their own passion. Sophie's passion lies in acting; Isabel, baking.

Sophie has been offered an opportunity of a lifetime - to star in a national commercial. The company she would represent happens to be the rival to Isabel's family cupcake shop.

Sophie cannot bring herself to tell her best friend, but can she bring herself to give up such an opportunity? Can their friendship survive the big secret?

Sophie's character is well-developed and interesting. The plot is nicely paced, and there are several heart-warming and giggle-worthy moments that kept me turning the page, wanting more.

Reminiscent of Beverly Cleary, this novel brings wholesome storytelling to a modern audience. Schroeder has hit it out of the park in this follow-up novel.

Nehemya Renee Crumpley says

This book is a good book to read I love her and her imagination.

Kyra says

I thought this book was AMAZING. So cute with great friendship and awesome yummy cupcakes a great moral! Loved this book A LOT! You all should DEFINETLY check it out!

Mariposa says

I loved this book. It was an easy read but I really liked the plot.

Jasmine Gardner says

I really enjoyed the book Sprinkles and Secrets by Lisa Schroeder. I have been into the whole other series of the Cupcake Diaries because I like their storyline and how they deal with kids in middle school which are my age and the same type of issues and drama that goes on. I feel I can relate a lot to these books. This particular book is a sequel to Its Raining Cupcakes. Sophie is the main character in this book, and she has a huge decision and choice to make, between her best friend's friendship and her chance of her dream to be on tv! Her best friend Isabel has a family business, and Sophie would be doing the commercial for their rival and most fierce competitor! Isabel's family business has been suffering and this would totally put them under. Its a page turner and keeps you wanting to read to find out what decision she makes and if she stays loyal to her friend and gives up her dream of stardom, or lies and deceives everyone. Sophie's new friend Dennis helps navigate her through these tough decisions and gives her good advice so she can possibly have her friendship with Isabel and her tv dream! There is a bake off involved, which happens in almost all of these types of books! I would definitely recommend this book. I think girls can relate to it because of the middle school drama and the choices we make and compromises we make daily and the pursuit of your dreams and happiness and above all, friendships!
