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Seven-year-old Lola Levine is *fierce* on the soccer field. She can do a slide tackle (although she's not supposed to) and even likes gooey worms. Nothing scares Lola! That is, until she is auditioning in front of EVERYONE for her class play. After Lola is overcome with stage fright, she's cast as Squirrel #2, a non-speaking part!

Lola is more than a little disappointed, and she looks to her *bubbe* for advice and comfort. But on opening night, the curtain rises, and she finds herself smack in the middle of an *exasperating* turn of events.

In this fun and heartfelt chapter book, can Lola give Squirrel #2 her own special stamp and make it a play to remember?

## **Lola Levine: Drama Queen Details**

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### **Michele Knott says**

I really like the Lola Levine series. She is a fun, spunky character that is enjoyable to read about. I love that there is another good transitional chapter book series for kids.

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### **Sarah says**

Fun and easy read; great for kids just starting with chapter books. Lola is a delightful character!

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### **Cindy Mitchell \*Kiss the Book\* says**

Brown, Monica Drama Queen (Lola Levine #2), Illustrated by Dominguez, Angela. 88 pgs, Little Brown, 2016. \$15.00. Content: Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content: G Violence: G

In this second book Lola gets to try out for a play! She is very excited and practices her audition, but when the time comes, she gets stage fright. She still gets a part, a squirrel with no talking lines. But when the day of the play comes her role gets an upgrade and she improvises if she is going to save the day. Features numerous illustrations.

Now this one should have been the first book, I really liked it! It was authentic, super funny, and interesting. Even the cover is more engaging. Students will love the humor and the fast-paced story. I would add this book to my library for sure!

EL (K-3) –ADVISABLE Reviewer: Stephanie Elementary School Librarian & Author.  
<http://kissthebook.blogspot.com/2016/...>

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### **Ruth Ann says**

Lola is in second grade and she loves soccer. She has a rather loud voice and her best friend is Josh, the son of the school principal. When her class prepares to put on a play, Lola has some challenges. She struggles with stage fright during auditions and is therefore given the nonspeaking part of Squirrel #2. But everything doesn't go as planned and readers will discover that Lola is gifted with improv skills.

This book is perfect for readers ready for an easy chapter book. The plot moves quickly and the story is told in 8 chapters and a total of only around 90 pages.

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### **Bethe says**

Cute, fun, and spunky Lola! Love the simple straightforward plot of this easy chapter book featuring a

diverse family.

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### **Alison says**

This was a solid choice for 3rd/4th graders and I liked how Lola came out on top in the end, but as with a lot of recent books targeted towards this age group that feature a precocious female lead, I think the humor would be lost on kids at certain points. I did like the seamless integration of cultures though

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### **Mari says**

I love finding new spunky-girl bridge type books, and this is a good one to add to the list that I recommend to patrons. I'm looking forward to reading the others to see how they fit together as a series.

I think it will be a big hit with the target audience, but I will say that my critical voice wasn't always the happiest while I read it. I can't quite put my finger on why, though. Maybe the flow of the dialog? Maybe the wording of the thoughts in Lola's head? There was something that made me feel that the writing was a little forced at times - something that pulled me as a reader away from the story. I would give it a solid 3.5 stars, if halves were an option.

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### **Sean says**

A cute book for beginning chapter readers.

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### **Karen Gibson says**

Great early reader. In the same category as Junie B. Jones.  
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### **Desi Kennedy says**

The more Lola Levine I read the more I love this spunky little soccer star!! These are great chapter books!

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### **Karen Arendt says**

Lola is my new favorite character for independent readers! She is smart, confident, and independent!

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### **Penny McGill says**

I'm always on the hunt for more books to suggest to young readers and this one caught my eye because we have some dramatic people in our home lately. I am one of them, on occasion, but not as regal as I'd like to be. I wasn't prepared for the levels of interest that this author could bring to such a sweet little book. Lola is just 7-years old, has a pesky little brother with wildly curly hair, parents that are very different from each other and a gift for soccer. Lola is all about approaching life her own way and her parents are ready to encourage this - I loved the conversations they all had, particularly when they were encouraging her in her dramatic efforts as she was disappointingly cast as Squirrel #2.

Lola is in for a rough ride in her class play and you can't help but wish that her fortunes could possibly turn sunnier for her super quickly - she's the kind of kid you are rooting for but in the end it's all for the best, in the most positive way. There are lovely surprises in store for Lola before she takes the stage and it was such a delightful little visit in her world that I'm going to go back and read the first two - one where she tries ballet (is it as much fun as her sliding tackle, I wonder) and another where she is "not mean" which has hints of Ramona to me. So much fun. You should really grab this one, just 96 pages with light illustration and lots of good humour.

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### **Nancy Kotkin says**

This should have been the series opener because readers learn a lot about Lola's personality and her relatives. Bubbe is a terrific character and a very supportive grandmother.

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### **Ellen Zarate says**

Being seven is a lot of hard work, especially when you're dramatic and loud. Lola Levine is doing the best she can, but she goes to school with some girls who are mean to her. Fortunately, she has a loving family, and a best friend named Josh. When the class gets a special teacher to help them put on a play, everything goes wrong. Fortunately, Lola saves the day...by being dramatic and loud!

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### **Mary says**

Breezy, upbeat easy chapter book (88p.) with a tight plot, light humor, and diverse characters. Lola is bright, imaginative, and energetic and is a walking celebration of her Latina and Jewish heritage. Lola is a wordsmith so the writing is clever with a rich vocabulary. This is the second book in the Lola Levine series and solidly puts this with must-read 3rd grade books like Clementine and Judy Moody. Also LOVE the shout out to Dolores Huerte! Sí, se puede! "Shalom and buenas noches."

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