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Editorial Review

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It begins with Mrs. Chung's marigolds. Mourning the loss of her beloved grandmother and grappling with the changes her family has undergone in the last year, 13-year-old Nina Ross is feeling adrift. Her attorney parents are largely absent, her older brother is leaving for college, and her best friend has gone boy crazy. After Nina impulsively plants the marigolds her neighbor, who has a broken leg, can't manage, Nina decides to find out if committing small, anonymous acts of kindness will make a difference in the lives of the people around her, setting off on a crusade to do one good thing for each of the 65 days of summer between eighth grade and the beginning of high school. Hurwitz (*Calli Be Gold*, 2011) has given readers a sensitive narrator struggling with real, if not terribly dramatic, issues. Insightful writing, realistic dialogue infused with humor, and a sweet romantic element add depth to the story. Tween readers will identify with Nina and may be inspired to emulate her list of good things with their own. Grades 5-8. --Magan Szwerek

Review

Kirkus Reviews, February 1, 2014:

"Joyful dividends are reaped from a teenager's secret acts of kindness in this appealingly, unabashedly feel-good story."

***The Bulletin* starred review, May 2014:**

"Readers, themselves often noticers, will appreciate the celebration of a girl whose skill lies in seeing what others don't."

From the Hardcover edition.

About the Author

MICHELE WEBER HURWITZ grew up in a suburb of Chicago and still lives in the same area with her husband and three children. Her first novel, *Calli Be Gold*, was on the Bank Street College of Education's Best Books of the Year list (Outstanding Merit). This is her first YA novel.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Larry Parrish:

Nowadays reading books are more than want or need but also get a life style. This reading habit give you lot of advantages. The huge benefits you got of course the knowledge your information inside the book this improve your knowledge and information. The data you get based on what kind of guide you read, if you want get more knowledge just go with schooling books but if you want sense happy read one together with theme for entertaining like comic or novel. The actual *The Summer I Saved the World . . . in 65 Days* is kind of publication which is giving the reader unforeseen experience.

Travis Berry:

Spent a free time and energy to be fun activity to do! A lot of people spent their sparetime with their family, or all their friends. Usually they doing activity like watching television, gonna beach, or picnic from the park. They actually doing same thing every week. Do you feel it? Do you wish to something different to fill your current free time/ holiday? Can be reading a book might be option to fill your free time/ holiday. The first thing you ask may be what kinds of e-book that you should read. If you want to try out look for book, may be the book untitled The Summer I Saved the World . . . in 65 Days can be fine book to read. May be it is usually best activity to you.

John Rivera:

Playing with family in the park, coming to see the sea world or hanging out with friends is thing that usually you may have done when you have spare time, then why you don't try thing that really opposite from that. 1 activity that make you not experiencing tired but still relaxing, trilling like on roller coaster you are ride on and with addition info. Even you love The Summer I Saved the World . . . in 65 Days, it is possible to enjoy both. It is very good combination right, you still would like to miss it? What kind of hangout type is it? Oh can occur its mind hangout fellas. What? Still don't have it, oh come on its called reading friends.

Susan Munoz:

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