



LENNY'S BOOK OF EVERYTHING

When Lenny's Mum brought her brother Davey into the world, she had a "something-will-happen" feeling. And just as Lenny and her Mum have to wait and see if this something is good or bad, so too, Reader, will you.....



Plot



This story is narrated by Lenny and is about her brother, Davey, who won't stop growing. Davey has gigantism and by the age of seven, he is as tall as a man. But his height is not the only thing affected by the condition and as the story progresses, Davey's health deteriorates.

Lenny and Davey live in a small unit with their Mum, Cynthia, who has been abandoned by their Dad and must work long hours to put a roof over their head. This might lead you to believe that these kids live a miserable life - far from it!

Their feisty Mum has won them a set of the Burrell's Build-it-at-Home Encyclopedia and each Friday, the latest issue arrives in the mail. Through these books, Lenny and Davey travel to wonderful places, are introduced to amazing creatures and explore science.

The essential thing that makes their life great, however, is the people that surround them. They are a strong family with some beautiful friends and this is a novel full to the brim with love.



Characters

Karen Foxlee has created characters that you will grow to know and love throughout the pages of this book. Central to this story is the Spink Family: Lenny - the narrator, her brother - Davey, Mum - Cynthia, Grandmother - Nanny Flora and missing Dad - Peter Lenard Spink.

Surrounding the family is some formidable friends including their neighbour, Mrs Gaspar. The children spend a lot of time with Mrs Gaspar who babysits them while their Mum is working long hours. She is a chain-smoking, dreamer, philosopher, Hungarian migrant who is a fan of the Apollo 11 moon landing, Days of our Lives, and praying.

CJ and Matthew Milford are other characters you will wish you knew in person.

Language

The language in this book is a thing of pure beauty. In a dedication on the front cover, Melina Marchetta says "not a beat out of place" - I couldn't agree more.

Recommended for:

ANYONE - aged 12+

