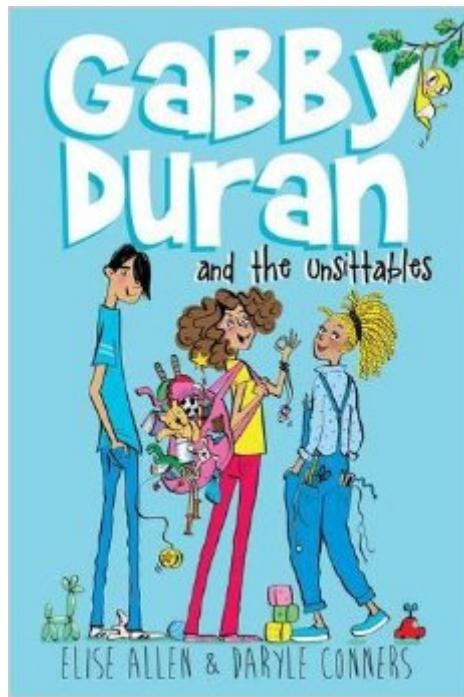


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Gabby Duran And The Unsittables



Synopsis

Subject: A.L.I.E.N Associate Number 4118-25125A, A.K.A: Gabby Duran, Sitter to the Unsittables
Case File: The First Unsittable
Summary: Gabby Duran, babysitter extraordinaire and modern day Mary Poppins was on her way home from sitting for a famous action's star's rambunctious triplets when she was approached by a mysterious woman (Associate 4118-23432B) with her first mission. A babysitting job with a more lucrative rate than she'd ever received. What child could possibly be so difficult to handle? Gabby was soon trusted with the truth--aliens are living among humans on Earth. They are protected by the top-secret organization, the Association Linking Intergalactics and Earthlings as Neighbors (hereby known as A.L.I.E.N). Even extraterrestrials need a sitter now and then. No one was up for the task except Gabby. After accepting the top-secret position, Gabby is paired up with her first charge, a little alien girl named Wutt from the planet Flarknartia, who turns out to be much more than meets the eye. The timing for associate 4118-25125A is less than ideal. It's a school day on Planet Earth and Gabby's audition for the solo part in the band is tonight. Can Gabby Duran, Associate 4118-25125A, First Sitter to the Unsittables, keep her otherworldly charge safe in the unpredictable halls of middle-school and keep A.L.I.E.N hidden?

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

My Thoughts: This was such a fun, sweet story! (This review might be relatively short due to the fact that I have no criticism whatsoever. :)) I loved Gabby, and think she has a great personality to make the perfect main character. Wutt, Edwina - even Adam Dent and the triplets - were all wonderful additions to the story, too, and I enjoyed every page of them. This book was action-packed while still silly, and I found myself laughing out loud very often. The writing was easy to understand, which helped me zoom through this book without having to hesitate on a paragraph. Hilarious twists - plus, I loved Gabby's best friend, Zee! A fun, eccentric look at babysitter and aliens, and I can't wait to read more!

Even as an adult, I thoroughly enjoyed this book and hope it is the first of a series. The story was very creative and clever, fun scenarios, strong descriptive language, and wonderful a celebration of kids of all types - alien or human. And a surprise ending! I can absolutely see how readers would imagine themselves in the Gabby role, living out these adventures. I loved it and it will my birthday and holiday gift of choice this year for my younger friends and family members.

Just finished Gabby Duran and the Unsittables. I am way over the age group it is meant for, but was looking for a book my niece and I could read together. This one fits the bill. The characters are engaging and the story, besides being adorable, is very exciting right up to the end. The graphics are delightful. I look forward to more Gabby Duran books.

An super original and well written middle-grade novel that I, myself, really loved. It has humor, great characters and adventures galore! This is what kids should be reading! The characters are all character that your kids can relate to and they all possess such wonderful personality attribute that you want your kids to read about! Wonderful and a must for all middle-grade readers!! 5 stars

I just read this book with my granddaughter, who is 9, and she absolutely loved it. Gabby is a wonderful character who leads a double-life as a super sitter in a government program for aliens. The story is completely engaging from beginning to end, and both my granddaughter and I laughed out loud at several passages. Gabby's charges are both challenging and poignant and in general, the book has a lot of heart. I felt great about buying this book for my granddaughter and would recommend it.

Here is what my niece thought about this book that I gave her for Christmas: I thought it was really well written. The plot was great and the character personalities were awesome. I can't wait to read the second book, I hope to get it as soon as it comes out. A great read for all ages.

What I Loved: While reading this I had to completely let go of the fact that I was reading it as an adult. Being in the "kid mindset" is a must for a book like this because there's a lot of stuff that's pretty unbelievable, besides the fact that there are aliens in this book. Reading this as a kid (the inner kid in me at least), I have to say that this book was all kinds of awesome. I really loved it. It was so cute and fun. The aliens that Gabby has to watch are hilarious and I loved that even though they're aliens, they're still just kids and they still just want someone to play with them. I really appreciated Gabby's view of how every kid is special and good, you just have to know how to handle them. She's very genuine and sweet and I like the idea of my kids reading about a character like her.

What Didn't Work for Me: Being a parent, I didn't like how Gabby was so flippant during those first scenes with Edwina. That bugged me the most and I was surprised how quickly she gave in to what Edwina told her and how she handled that situation. Gabby is left to her own devices a lot and maybe I'm just being overprotective, but that was a bit crazy to me. Yes, she's twelve and capable, but still. It's a personal thing, but that got to me a bit.

Final Verdict: I would definitely recommend this for young readers. It's fun, light-hearted, and engaging. I really enjoyed reading this book and would love a sequel.

One of the funniest books in ages (and good for all ages)! As the suspense pulls you along, you laugh the whole way through! Very original richly drawn characters and unexpected twists in the story. And for anyone who has had to think fast while baby-sitting a tricky kid, this book will really hit home! Can't wait for the next book in this series!

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