



TEEN SERVICES COMMUNITY SERVICE TEEN BOOK REVIEW

Maybe A Fox By Kathi Appelt & Alison McGhee Reviewed by Ashley Tran

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Grade: 7

Book Title: Maybe A Fox

Author: Kathi Appelt & Alison McGhee

Number of Pages: 262

Rating (on a scale of 1-5): 5/5

Character List:

- **Jules Sherman** - Younger sister of Sylvie; Linked to Senna because she is a Kennen. She is currently a single child with a single parent. Her sister drowned recently leaving her an emotional wreck.
- **Sylvie Sherman** - Older sister of Jules. Drowned in The Slip (river) trying to run across the river, but the path gave out under her feet.
- **Sam** - Best friend of Jules as she gets over her sister's untimely death. His older brother, Elk, has returned from being stationed in Afghanistan, but without his best friend.
- **Senna (Fox)** - Born different from her younger and older brothers. She was born a Kennen. Just as she is linked to Jules, the rare Catamount she meets is linked to Elk.
- **Dad** - Father of Jules and Sylvie. Had a very hard time showing love until after he had lost Sylvie. He is going through the same pain that Jules is going through.

Review:

They were more than just sisters by blood. They were always Jules and Sylvie. Sylvie and Jules. And then... one wishing rock ... one 'important' wish to be faster... made it just... Jules. There were rules for a reason. *Do not* go near the River Slip. Just because you have done it before does not make it safe. Jules tried to hold on... and she just took off. She did not come back. A pregnant fox cries to greet the morning.

Foxes mean good luck, right? After Sylvie falls into the river, bloodhounds and policemen could not find her body. They tried everything, even using a net dragged through the entire river. Jules and her dad skipped work and school for three weeks. During this time, Senna gets ready to see the outside world. She knows she is different - she knows things about snow and hunting, when she has not even seen what they are! Her parents teach her about the Slip, how to hunt, and how to cross a human road. She meets a catamount, which is a cougar, on the edge of the road, but he does not turn out to be a predator. Like Senna, he is a Kennen, who is linked to Elk. Just like Elk and the Catamount, Jules and Senna have not met face to face just yet. When Senna finds a faded, blue and yellow piece of cloth with claw marks on the edge of the riverbank, she sees it as a sign that she needs to find Jules. But... danger is coming.

Maybe A Fox is a great book for someone that is looking for an animal and magic fiction book. This novel would appeal to a wide variety of kids and teens because even though there is reincarnation and Kennen voices, there is also real life situations woven through the plot line. I enjoyed this book because it is really relatable and modern, whereas other fiction books have dragons from medieval times or Greek mythology. The idea of "Kennen" is the authors' own idea that is just a figment of real life in this novel. The authors use a lot of repetition to enforce important pieces of the story. You will have a wonderful time reading!