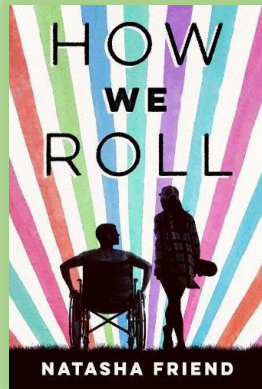


Booklist Review

Books For Youth - Fiction - General Fiction



How We Roll.

Friend, Natasha (author).

June 2018. 272p. Farrar, hardcover, \$17.99

[\(9780374305666\)](#). Grades 7-10.

[REVIEW](#). First published May 15, 2018 (*Booklist*).

When the McAvoy family moves to Gull's Head, Massachusetts, it's for 14-year-old Quinn's autistic younger brother's education. Quinn, however, is eager to start anew after an

alopecia areata totalis diagnosis left her bald as a cue ball and the butt of her classmates' cruel jokes. No one in Gull's Head knows she's wearing a wig, so once freshman year starts, Quinn is thrilled to be welcomed by the hip girls, but the once-popular and promising football player Nick Strout is a tough sell. Unlike Quinn's ability to hide her alopecia under a wig, Nick can't hide the fact that an accident has left him an amputee. Slowly, a friendship blossoms between Quinn and Nick, and they turn each other's messed-up world right-side up. The novel sheds light on unusual but important issues and the effects they have on families. Quinn's fear and Nick's anger are equally genuine and moving. Friend cleverly finds the sweet spot in both characters to help them gain confidence and understanding in a world that neither believes or cares about them. — *Jeanne Fredriksen*



Booklist Editors Recommend

Titles similar to *How We Roll*

- *Extraordinary Means*
- *Our Chemical Hearts*