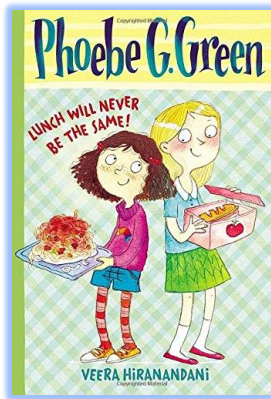


Booklist Review

Books For Youth - Fiction - General Fiction



Lunch Will Never Be the Same!
Hiranandani, Veera (author).

Illustrated by Joelle Dreidemy.

Oct. 2014. 96p. Grosset & Dunlap, paperback, \$4.99 ([9780448466958](#)). Grades 1-3.

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Curious third-grader Phoebe G. Green is an incessant list maker and Sage's BFF. On the first day

of school, Phoebe befriends Camille, a new student from France. At lunch, Phoebe notices that Camille's lunch—a tiny loaf of bread, bleu cheese, a salad with duck meat, and strawberries—is exotic compared to her soggy, mushy noodles. After several lunch comparisons, Phoebe invites her new friend to dinner to prove that they eat like the French, too. The preparation and dinner are adorably disastrous, but Mom comes to the rescue and soothes her daughter's disappointment by explaining that differences between friends are meant to be celebrated. Meanwhile, Sage feels neglected and confronts Phoebe about Camille. Again Mom offers good advice and lets Phoebe know that it's okay to have more than one friend. This is a splendid attempt to convey several lessons about growing pains to young readers, with age-appropriate humor via an outspoken, lovable, take-charge narrator. Dreidemy's wiggly spot illustrations, meanwhile, supply plenty of nervous energy.

— *Jeanne Fredriksen*



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