

# Booklist Review

Books For Youth - Fiction - General Fiction



## **Better than the Best Plan.**

**Morrill, Lauren (author).**

June 2019. 336p. Farrar, \$17.99  
([9780374306199](https://www.farrar.com/9780374306199)). Grades 9-12.  
[REVIEW](#). First published July 5,  
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Ritzy's life drastically changes when her impulsive mother leaves to take a self-discovery journey alone, and social services shows up in her stead. Ritzy is shocked to discover that she's

going into foster care with the same woman who cared for her as an infant. The woman lives in an exclusive island town, which, on top of living under someone else's roof and rules, is another adjustment for Ritzy. However, as she makes friends, gets a job, and spends time with the handsome boy next door, she finds it's easy to leave her hard-knocks life behind. Yet, when her Mom returns expecting to get her daughter back, Ritzy must find a way to balance *what* she wants with *whom* she wishes to keep in her life. Morrill lets the likable Ritzy be herself through all her personal upheavals and realizations, and at no time dictates whom she should be. Give this to readers who want a story about a girl who finds herself in situations that test her character but who maintains her dignity.

— *Jeanne Fredriksen*



## **Booklist Editors Recommend**

Titles similar to *Better than the Best Plan*

- *The Unexpected Everything*
- *In the Neighborhood of True*