

Book Review

Books For Youth - Fiction - General Fiction

When You Get the Chance

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[REVIEW](#). First published
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Millie Price, 16, is a singer obsessed with the dream of making it on Broadway. Until then, she loves to bicker with her archnemesiis, Oliver Yang, the student stage manager at their performing-arts high school. Raised by her under-40, introverted dad and gay aunt, Millie never thought much about who her mother is until she accidentally discovers her dad's old LiveJournal. Inspired by *Mama Mia!* and guided by her dad's angst-filled entries about past relationships, Millie sets out to discover which of three women left her on her dad's doorstep as a baby. Well-placed assumptions, strange bedfellows, and a lot of milkshakes make this a fully joyful story of a talented girl, who also acts as the novel's vivacious narrator. Her relationship with Oliver begins contentiously then evolves to a mutual attraction that progresses nicely on earned trust and respect. Readers who love the theater—musical or not—and anyone craving a happily ever after will want Millie to take a series of curtain calls. — *Jeanne Fredriksen*



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