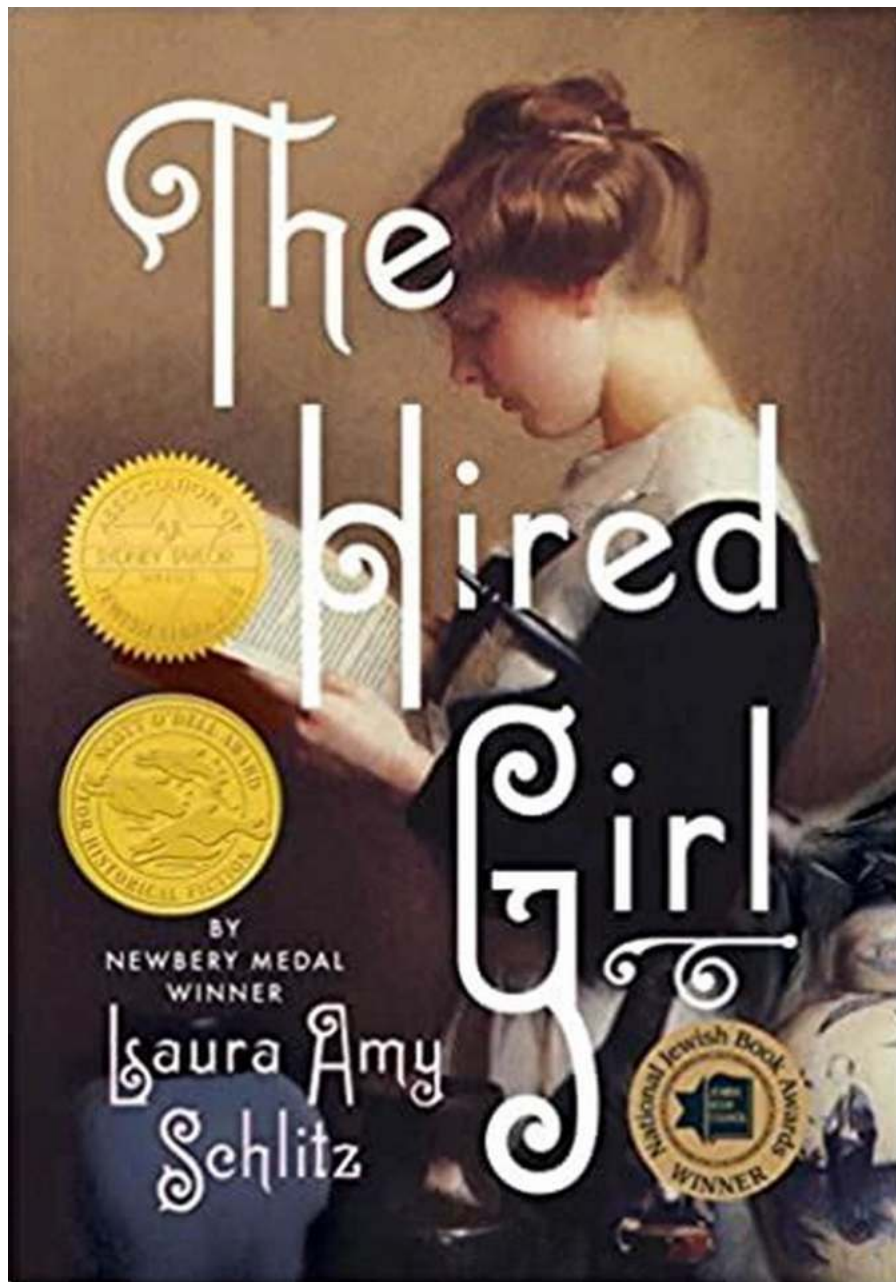


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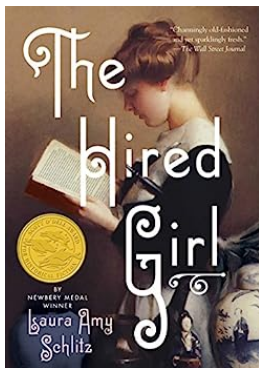


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Notable Children Older Readers, is a captivating coming-of-age story set in early 20th century America.

The Plot

The *Hired Girl* follows the journey of fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs, who escapes her difficult life on a farm in Pennsylvania and ventures into the bustling city of Baltimore. Determined to forge a different path for herself, Joan disguises herself as a boy named Janet Lovelace and starts working as a hired girl for a wealthy Jewish family, the Rosenbachs.



The Hired Girl (Ala Notable Children's Books. Older Readers) by Laura Amy Schlitz (Kindle Edition)

★★★★☆ 4.5 out of 5

Language	: English
File size	: 5590 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
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Soon, Joan finds herself surrounded by a world of opportunity and experiences she could have never imagined: extravagant parties, holiday celebrations, and encounters with historical figures such as author Jack London and dancer Irene Castle. As Joan navigates this new world, she grapples with love, friendship, and her own identity.

The Themes

The *Hired Girl* delves into various themes that resonate with readers of all ages. One of the central themes is the search for one's true self and the courage it takes to break societal norms. Through Joan's journey, author Laura Amy Schlitz explores the importance of self-discovery, the power of determination, and the complexities of personal identity.

The book also touches upon social issues prevalent at that time, such as class divisions, gender roles, and cultural differences. As Joan interacts with people from different walks of life, readers gain valuable insights into the challenges faced by individuals belonging to marginalized communities.

Why It's an Ala Notable Children Older Readers

The *Hired Girl*'s recognition as an Ala Notable Children Older Readers book highlights its exceptional storytelling and its ability to captivate readers of all ages. The American Library Association honors books that provide meaningful and impactful reading experiences, and *The Hired Girl* undoubtedly fulfills these criteria.

Laura Amy Schlitz's vivid and evocative writing style brings early 20th century America to life, enabling readers to immerse themselves in the sights, sounds, and emotions of the time period. The well-developed characters, strong plot arcs, and thought-provoking themes make this book a standout choice for older readers.

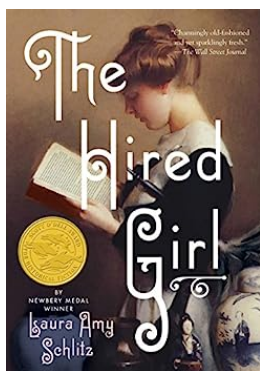
The Author: Laura Amy Schlitz

Laura Amy Schlitz, the author of *The Hired Girl*, is renowned for her exceptional storytelling skills. Her rich narratives and attention to historical detail have garnered her multiple awards, including the Newbery Medal and the Carnegie

Medal. With *The Hired Girl*, Schlitz once again demonstrates her ability to create compelling stories that resonate with readers across generations.

The Hired Girl is an *Ala Notable Children Older Readers* book that takes readers on a captivating journey through a young girl's extraordinary life. Laura Amy Schlitz's masterful storytelling and exploration of timeless themes make this book an essential read for all who appreciate thought-provoking literature.

So, dive into Joan Skraggs' world and discover the triumphs, challenges, and ultimately, the unwavering spirit that lies within *The Hired Girl*.



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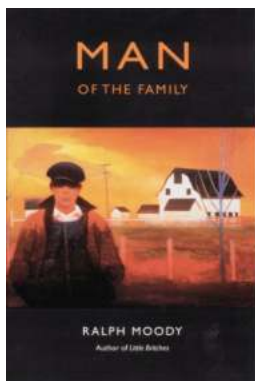
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Fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs, just like the heroines in her beloved novels, yearns for real life and true love. But what hope is there for adventure, beauty, or art on a hardscrabble farm in Pennsylvania where the work never ends? Over the summer of 1911, Joan pours her heart out into her diary as she seeks a new, better life for herself—because maybe, just maybe, a hired girl cleaning and cooking for six dollars a week can become what a farm girl could only dream of—a woman with a future. Newbery Medalist Laura Amy Schlitz relates Joan’s journey from the muck of the chicken coop to the comforts of a society household in Baltimore (Electricity! Carpet sweepers! Sending out the laundry!), taking readers on an exploration of feminism and housework; religion and literature; love and loyalty; cats, hats, and bunions.



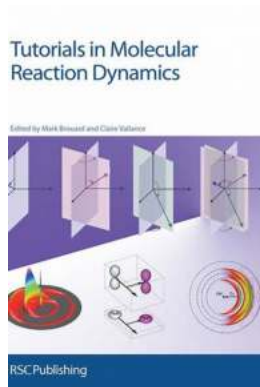
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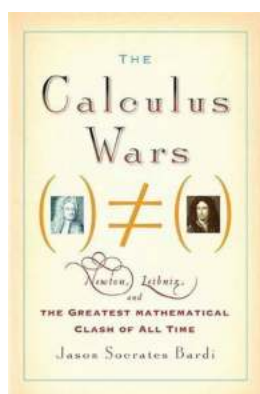
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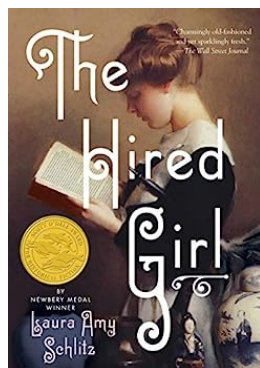
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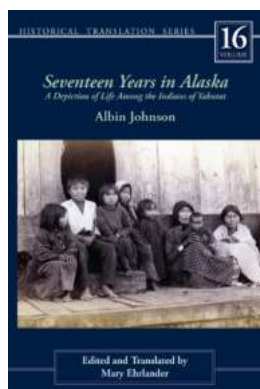
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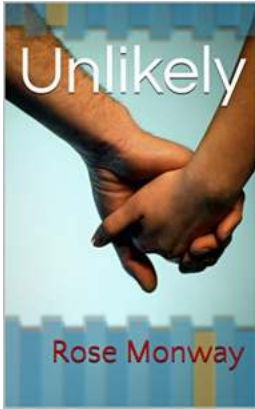
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