

Get Social Margaret Peterson Haddix: A Journey of Friendship, Identity, and the Perils of Social Media

In today's digital age, it's more important than ever for young people to understand the potential risks and rewards of social media. Margaret Peterson Haddix's latest novel, *Get Social*, tackles this complex issue head-on, offering a thought-provoking and timely story that will resonate with middle-school readers.



Get Social by Margaret Peterson Haddix

★★★★★ 5 out of 5

Language	: English
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Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
Print length	: 119 pages
Lending	: Enabled



The novel follows the story of Sarah, a seventh-grader who is new to social media. At first, she's excited to connect with her friends and classmates online. But as she spends more time on social media, she starts to notice some of the negative aspects of it. She sees how people can be cruel and judgmental online, and she starts to worry about how her own posts will be perceived.

Sarah's concerns are valid. Social media can be a breeding ground for cyberbullying, hate speech, and other forms of online harassment. It can also be a place where people compare themselves to others and feel like they don't measure up. These experiences can have a negative impact on young people's mental health and well-being.

But *Get Social* is not just a cautionary tale about the dangers of social media. It's also a story about friendship, identity, and the importance of being true to yourself. Sarah learns that social media is not a substitute for real-life relationships. She also learns that it's okay to be different and that she doesn't have to change who she is to fit in.

Get Social is an important book for middle-school readers. It provides a realistic and nuanced look at the complexities of social media. It also offers valuable lessons about friendship, identity, and the importance of being true to yourself.

Discussion Questions

Here are some discussion questions that you can use to spark a conversation with your child about *Get Social*:

- What are the potential risks and rewards of social media?
- How can social media affect our mental health and well-being?
- What are some of the ways that we can use social media in a positive way?
- What are some of the warning signs of cyberbullying and hate speech?

- What can we do if we or someone we know is experiencing online harassment?

Additional Resources

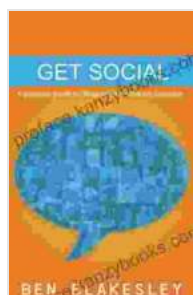
Here are some additional resources that you can use to learn more about the topics discussed in Get Social:

- Common Sense Media: Social Media
- StopBullying.gov: Cyberbullying
- National Eating DisFree Downloads Association: Social Media and Body Image

About the Author

Margaret Peterson Haddix is the author of more than 40 books for children and young adults. Her books have been translated into more than 20 languages and have sold more than 10 million copies worldwide. Haddix is a recipient of the Newbery Medal, the Printz Award, and the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award.

Haddix lives in Columbus, Ohio, with her husband and two children.



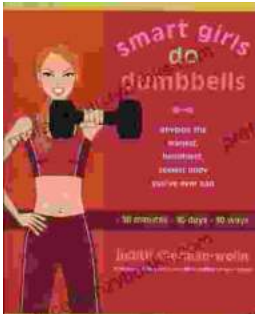
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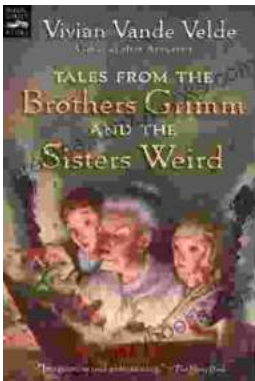
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