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★★★★☆ **Kept me Laughing from Beginning to End**, April 27, 2011

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This review is from: **In Front of God and Everybody (The Confessions of April Grace) (Paperback)**

Recommendation: Recommended

In the first book chronicling the life of feisty 11 year old April Grace, we are introduced to the Reilly family - April Grace's parents, her older sister Myra Sue, and Grandma Grace. This close knit family lives in the heart of the Ozarks.

This book was very entertaining as April Grace tells the story of her new neighbors that moved from California, plays detective to uncover the truth about her grandmother's new beau, and learns about kindness.

Positives: Hilarious! This story kept me laughing from beginning to end.

Negatives: While there was no actual swearing, there were plenty of times that we were told that people were swearing and using foul language. While it certainly seems that the Reilly family is religious, they mention church attendance and prayer, it does not seem to go much beyond that to impact their everyday lives.

Talking Points: Throughout the story we learn April Grace's thoughts and hear the words that she speaks as well. Controlling her tongue is something she (like all of us) needs to work on. The Bible is full of references to the tongue particularly in Proverbs. James 3:1-12 is a great passage on the importance of controlling our tongues. Talk to your children about the importance of their words.

Age Level: 10 years old and up

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