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Cliques, Hicks and Ugly Sticks: Confessions of April Grace by K.D. McCrite

Everything is changing for April Grace Reilly. She is just starting middle school, where friends from elementary school have changed into people whom she barely seems to know. At home, her family has taken in Mr. and Mrs. St. James until their house can be repaired. As if that's not enough to worry about, April's Mama just doesn't seem like herself. It's no wonder that April is just plain worried. April slowly realizes that there are some things that she can fix and other things that are simply out of her hands.

April Grace Reilly is my kind of girl. She loves with all of her heart. She is true to those whom she loves and she is learning why tolerance and patience are necessary virtues. In Cliques, Hicks and Ugly Sticks: Confessions of April Grace, author K.D. McCrite writes with an authentic voice. April Grace's story is told with honesty. Her story is one that will help tween girls dealing with growing up in today's world.

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