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This review is from: [Cliques, Hicks, and Ugly Sticks \(The Confessions of April Grace\) \(Paperback\)](#)

This is the second book in the series Confessions of April Grace. In this book, April Grace is 11 years old and starting 6th grade - the dreaded junior high years. As if that wasn't bad enough, everything else in her life is falling apart. Their family friend is recovering from a car wreck. Her mama is sick. Her former best friend started her own clique, April not invited. Her sister is impossible to live with. Plus, the church has asked the youth group to act in the Christmas play. And who gets the lead part? April Grace. Which was not in her plans.

It was an ok book. I usually like books geared towards tween girls like this one is, but this one left me wanting something. April was hard to like. She complained about everything. While some things were valid complaints and some were simply what a tween girl would think, it got annoying after a while. You know she meant well in everything she did, but she still annoyed me. She definitely could have lived up to her name a little better.

I can't say I liked the book (I didn't dislike it, but I didn't like it). Then again, I'm not the target audience. The thing is, when I was 5-6th grade (the age of the target audience), I'm not sure that I would have liked it then. It would be one to check out from the library, read, say "That's a cute story", and then promptly forget about.

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