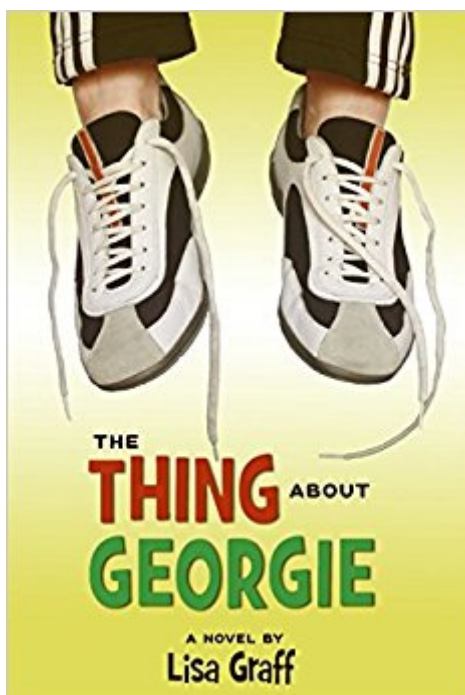


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# The Thing About Georgie



## Synopsis

Fans of Kate DiCamillo and Linda Urban will love *The Thing About Georgie*, a warm and humorous story starring an unforgettable young boy with dwarfism, from acclaimed author Lisa Graff. As far as Georgie is concerned, everyone has a "thing." The thing about poodles is that Georgie Bishop hates to walk them. The thing about Jeanie the Meanie is that she would rather write on her shoe than help Georgie with their Abraham Lincoln project. The thing about Andy's nonna is that she kisses Georgie's cheeks and doesn't speak one word of English. The thing about Georgie's mom is that she's having a baby—a baby who will probably be taller than Georgie very, very soon. The thing about Georgie . . . well, what is the thing about Georgie?

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**Grade 3** • This story about the trials of a fourth grader who is a dwarf will entertain and enlighten kids. About to become a big brother, Georgie worries that the baby will grow bigger than he and fulfill his musician parents' hope for a child who can play an instrument. At the same time, Georgie fears that Andy, who's been his friend since kindergarten, likes the new boy better. When Georgie's parents leave him at Andy's house on Christmas Eve, he finds himself being

unexpectedly cruel and losing the friendship. Georgie is also assigned to do a project on Abraham Lincoln with Jeanie the Meanie, who puts his name in for the role of the lanky president in a class play. Stuck with the nomination, he's able to give a commanding performance-with Jeanie's help. Andy lets Georgie know he misses him, and his loving parents, who have been somewhat oblivious to his concerns, also come through. Commentary to readers throughout about what Georgie can and can't do is delivered by an anonymous voice, whose identity is revealed as a surprise at the end. --Tina Zubak, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, PA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Nine-year-old Georgie has height issues. As a dwarf, he isn't likely to grow much taller than his current 42 inches. Consequently school furniture is awkward, running track or playing a musical instrument isn't possible, and he knows his soon-to-be new sibling will quickly outgrow him physically. To make matters worse, he's had a misunderstanding with his best friend, Andy, and is being forced to partner with Jeanie the Meanie for a school report. Given these circumstances, this might easily have been depressing. Instead, first novelist Graff employs a light touch, turning in a poignant, often funny exploration of what it means to celebrate one's skills rather than lamenting one's limitations. Graff makes good use of an anonymous narrator (revealed in the last chapter to be one of the book's main characters), who provides kid-friendly information about dwarfism. An upbeat and sensitive look at what it's like to be different, this novel will spark discussion. Kay Weisman Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

**WARNING SPOILER ALERT!!!!** This story takes place in a little town. In this town there is this kid who is a dwarf, his name is Georgie Washington Bishop. Georgie had a family of three: him, his dad and his mom. What Georgie didn't know was that he had a baby sister on the way. When I read this story I felt sad because of the people that hated Georgie. When I finished this book I felt happy because at the end Georgie was happy that everyone was nice to him. Georgie always felt sad because people stared and laughed at him. Sometimes Georgie didn't even feel normal. I think that the author chose to write about this mood to inform people that no matter what people look like that you shouldn't judge them. The main character in this book is Georgie. Georgie's family was a musical family. Georgie's mom played the harp and Georgie's Dad played the cello and Georgie played... wait what did Georgie play? Georgie's personality was very curious, friendly, and kind.

Georgie was in fourth grade. Georgie was a dwarf who was only 42 inches tall. Georgie was great at dog walking. In fact, he and Andy had a dog walking business called g and a dog walking. I think that Georgie's role in the book is a good helpful friend. Georgie's best friend is Andy Mortti. Georgie's worst enemy is Jeanie the meanie. Jeanie the meanie's real name is Jeanette Ann Wallace. This is what happens in the story Georgie gets stared at and gets made fun of. The main conflict in this book is Georgie getting bullied. The step that leads to this problem is dwarfism. Georgie resolves this problem by not caring what other people think. I liked the book a lot. My favorite part was when Georgie found self confidence. I would not change any part. I would recommend it. Enjoy it.

This book is called The Thing About Georgie by Lisa Graff. Georgie is a boy in the 4th grade. But the thing is, he is very short. Sometimes he gets teased at school. Georgie has a best friend named Andy. They do a lot of things together like they have a dog walking business and they play many games together. But, Andy gets another friend named Russ and Andy starts to ditch Georgie for Russ. Another big problem is that his mom is pregnet. Georgie doesn't like this. Georgie is also afraid that the new baby will be taller than him. Meanie the Jeanie is a mean girl at Georgie's school. She makes fun of him. At the end they do a project together and they actually become pretty good friends. I like this book because it constantly had new events happening so it kept me interested. That is why I gave it 5 stars. I would recommend this book to people who like realistic fiction and storys about kids.

Jeanie the Meanie was a great character in this book. There were lots of good lessons in the book. It was funny and touching. I would recommend this to 4th and 5th graders..Molly S.

This was the first realistic fiction book my 4th grader has ever read. He absolutely loved it. There were a few words in this book that I had to help him with.

Good story.

I picked up this book to read because it has been nominated for the Illinois Rebecca Caudill award this year. As a fourth grade teacher, I found this story to be a wonderful depiction of personal struggles and friendships children experience within their daily lives. From the point of view of a young boy, Georgie, the reader gains perspective of what it is to be a person smaller than others but

he truly discovers that everyone has gifts to share no matter what his size. I think this is an excellent example for children to be introduced to either as a read-aloud or independent selection. I would highly recommend this book and I plan to read it aloud to my class during the upcoming school year.

I ordered this for my son's AP Reading class, and we read it together. It has a great message, and I love that it had my son thinking twice about the way he looks at others. I would highly recommend this for 4th graders and up.

EXCELLENT insight into the life of a child who is a dwarf (Yes, dwarf is politically correct. The word that gets a big objection is midget - I don't really know why). It is an interesting, fast read, and left me wanting to read more. At the time of my read, my 2nd grandson was born a dwarf. SO GLAD I READ THIS!!

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