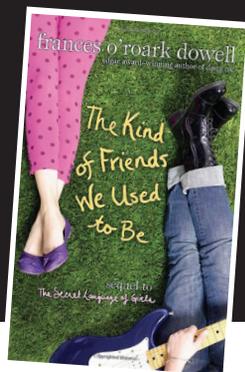




THE KIND OF FRIENDS WE USED TO BE

by Frances O'Roark Dowell



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Who is your favorite Author and why?

Frances O'Roark Dowell because all of the books I've read have been inspiring.

What genre do you prefer to read?

Fiction.

Where do you learn about books you might want to read in the future?

My older sister tells me about good books she has read.

Where do you like to read best?

On the deck in my backyard.

When is your favorite time of the day to read and why?

In the afternoon because it's so peaceful and it's not too light or dark out.

T*he Kind of Friends We Used to Be* by Frances O'Roark Dowell is about two girls, Kate and Marilyn. Kate is a girl who changes herself to who she wants to be and Marilyn changes herself for others. Mazie, the cheer captain and controller of Marilyn, likes to be the center of attention. Kate decides to change herself and start playing guitar. Both girls learn that friendships don't always last when you're different.

When Kate decides she wants to play guitar she realizes she needs a guitar and some cool boots. Luckily, her ex-enemy Flannery has a guitar. Marilyn is getting dressed in the matching clothes the cheerleaders wear. Mazie decides to make Marilyn become their student representative. On Halloween, Marilyn gave a speech in a fairy princess outfit. Through their differences they grow farther apart.

Overall, I loved the book. It shows that friendships end and others begin. The encouraging words in here would be great for people who think they should change for others. The book has some big words so I recommend this to people at the age of 11 or older.

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