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There's only one thing Lavender and Scarlet know for sure they have in common: the same birthday.

They've never had parties together. They've never swapped presents. But this year, because of two wishes that turned all too true, they are about to swap something much bigger than presents. Because the morning after their birthdays, Lavender is going to wake up in Scarlet's body . . . and Scarlet is going to wake up in Lavender's. But in order to change back, they're going to have to figure out how to be someone completely opposite of who they ordinarily are...

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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 4–6—Lavender and Scarlet are as different as two people can be. Scarlet is tall, blond, and popular while Lavender is short, stumpy, and so covered with dark hair that she is called Yeti, Furby, or Hairball. The only common factor shared between them is their birth date. Hoping to get the leading role in the school play, they each recite a good-luck verse told to them by the drama teacher. Upon awakening, they find themselves in the other's body. In this tale of winners and losers, bullies and victims, Standiford creates authentic characters in situations most middle schoolers have experienced or witnessed. Scarlet is called the Plastic Princess by her stepbrother, yet Lavender as Scarlet tames her vanity a bit and tries to befriend him. On the other hand, Scarlet as Lavender becomes much more attentive to her hygiene and appearance. As the girls are forced to work together to figure out how to switch back they become supportive and loyal to each other. Standiford makes a statement about self-identity and empathy without moralizing. The magic and humor of the situations combine to create an enjoyable story.—D. Maria LaRocco, Cuyahoga Public Library, Strongsville, OH

From [Booklist](#)

Shortly before she turns 13, Lavender sums up her situation mathematically: "Short hairy cavegirl + glasses = loser." Her few friends are outnumbered by the group of cool girls who, routinely, publicly put her down. When popular Scarlet magically and inadvertently switches bodies with Lavender on their thirteenth birthdays, each girl is thrown into a new family and a new set of friends, as well as sudden, unforeseen challenges. Each learns a good bit about the other's situation while seeing herself from a new perspective. The girls' alternating first-person narrative plots their journey through shock, confusion, and frustration to insight and change. While the body switch is not a new idea, Standiford uses it effectively in this engaging story. Though swiftly drawn, even the minor characters are convincing, and the two leads are memorable in their separate ways. This well-paced novel will appeal to readers who loved Wendy Mass' popular *11 Birthdays* (2009), which it resembles both in tone and in its use of a magical element. Grades 4-7. --Carolyn Phelan

Review

Praise for *THE SECRET TREE*:

"A captivating story about the mysteries of summertime and friendship." – Rebecca Stead, author of *WHEN YOU REACH ME*

* "The intimate neighborhood setting – with its mysteries, superstitions, and traditions – the authenticity of Minty's voice, and her worries about the transitioning nature of her life and friendships give Standiford's story a richness that will stay with readers." – PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, starred review

"Captivating . . . takes its rightful place in the now classic genre of 'neighborhood kids' that began with Beverly Cleary." – THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW

"A charming and mysterious story of friendship, growing up, and keeping secrets." – BOOKLIST

Praise for *HOW TO SAY GOOD-BYE IN ROBOT*:

* "Bea's original first-person voice will draw readers in, and the unexpected plot will keep them engaged. A decidedly purposeful not-love story, this has all the makings of a cult hit with a flavor similar to Stephen Chbosky's *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*." -- KIRKUS REVIEWS, starred review

* "An honest and complex depiction of a meaningful platonic friendship and doesn't gloss over troubling issues. . . . Teens will identify with the intense emotions of Beatrice and Jonas, the reasons they are drawn to each other, and the ups and downs of their relationship. . . . Outstanding" -- SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL, starred review

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Harriet Blum:

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