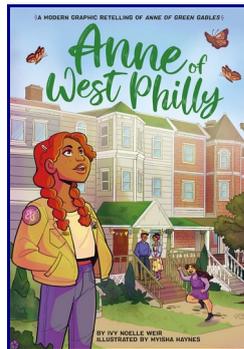


Anne of West Philly: A Modern Graphic Retelling of Anne of Green Gables

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Blurb:

Anne of Green Gables with a twist: in this follow-up to Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy and The Secret Garden on 81st Street, this full-color graphic novel moves Anne Shirley to modern-day West Philadelphia, where she finds new friends, new rivals, and a new family. When Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert decide to foster a teenage girl for the first time, their lives are changed forever. Their redheaded foster daughter, Anne Shirley, is in search of an exciting life and has decided that West Philly is where she's going to find it. Armed with a big personality and unstoppable creativity, Anne takes her new home by storm as she joins the robotics club, makes new friends in Diana and Gilbert, experiences first love, and turns the ordinary into the extraordinary. But as Anne starts to get comfortable, she discovers one thing she wasn't looking for: a family.



Lamont Review:

Anne Shirley is creative and full of energy, and is not backward in saying what she thinks. But when you are settling into a new home and a new school, this does not always go down well!

Anne has recently been fostered by siblings Marilla and Matthew, who are used to having boys as their foster children - not an outspoken eighth grade girl, who has been through a lot in her short life! With no family of her own, she has been in the foster system since she was young, and really just wants a place to call her own.

But will life with Marilla and Matthew, and the new friends that she has made, be the future she is looking for? Anne has a very resilient attitude towards life, and likes to help others, but trouble has a knack of following her. She learns some tough lessons along the way about how people perceive her, and learning to be truly sorry for her actions is something that shows how she matures throughout the story.

A modern take on Anne of Green Gables, with themes of family, friendship, belonging and personal growth, this is a wonderful graphic novel for junior to middle secondary students.

Reviewed by Sam