

Stunt Kids

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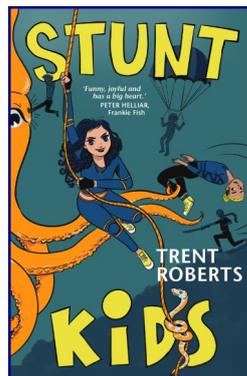
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Blurb:

After 'The Accident', Gretel's parents wrapped her in cotton wool. (Not literally, that would be ridiculously itchy.) They wouldn't let her do anything slightly dangerous. No running. No jumping. No dancing. She wasn't even allowed to take out the rubbish in case she rolled the wheelie bin over her foot. So when she finds herself at a Stunt Camp where daredevil kids jump from great heights, engage in intense combat and flip, twist and tumble like it's the easiest thing in the world, Gretel wants to sink into the floor. No, deeper than that. She wants to sink into the Earth's core where the temperature is a balmy 6000 degrees. Her first step is to give herself a stunt name, Gypsy Flowers. Next step, face every one of her fears. Not just face them, headbutt them. Especially when she and her new friends are assigned a top secret, highly dangerous mission . . . The Stunt Kids must find action hero Tom Von Strongberg before he unleashes a hypnotic computer virus . . . a virus that will turn hundreds of millions of kids into mindless zombies.



Lamont Review:

Gretel Grey lives her life in a bubble. Ever since the accident, her parents have home schooled her and cocooned her from the world and its dangers.

When they win a holiday and get the date wrong, they believe they are sending her to a Sensible Totally Undangerous Never Thrilling camp. But no. Gretel is off to stunt camp for stunt kids.

But first terribly anxious Gretel must become Gypsy Flowers and learn to tackle all her fears. Then Gretel and four new friends are whisked away by a secret government agency to help save the world, and the Stunt Kids are born.

Full of humour and an action-packed story, and with themes of courage, friendship and teamwork, this is a terrific novel for all middle grade readers from 10 - 14.

Reviewed by Rob