

Dearest Reader—

First, thanks so much for picking up my absolutely fabulous book! I know that you will just adore reading about Joy and her amazing story. (You might even notice an appearance from yours truly. 😊)

I hope this book helps people learn about kids who may be different than they are and maybe begin to understand that we really aren't that different. We are more alike than different.

The main character, Joy, goes through some really mean and hateful things, like almost every trans and/or gender nonconforming kid does on a day-to-day basis. But I want you to know that, just like in real life, there is hope in this story—and oh so much joy! (Her name is Joy after all.)

Our community is beautiful and powerful, and we will always keep fighting to live as our gorgeous, unique, sparkly selves. Staying positive and hopeful is what helps me get through the challenge of being unique. That advice can work for everyone.

Go, Sparkle Squad!

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P.S. If y'all happen to know Dolly Parton, tell her to have her people call my people. 😊