

*No Sisters Sisters Club*

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Bailey Fish is an 11 year old adventurous girl sent to live with her grandmother Sugar in Virginia, while her mother travels in Costa Rica. A surprise visit from her father and half sister, Norma Jean, forces Bailey to learn about the family she never knew. Coping with her strange and energetic half-sister, Bailey forms a secret No Sisters Sisters Club with her friends, who are like sisters to her. Adventures into the Virginia woods and a deserted house stir a cloud of mystery as Bailey investigates and explores, learning in the process about life and her family.

Chronicling her adventures with Sugar, Norma Jean, and friends, *No Sisters Sisters Club* is details the life and adventures of Bailey Fish. I felt that the plot was fairly weak as not much action occurs to further the story or mystery presented on the back flap of the book. The story meanders in a convoluted path to get to the mystery of the the abandoned house. While lacking in a true story line, I felt that this book conveyed the life and feelings of Bailey Fish fairly well. I could feel how Bailey felt when her unknown father and half-sister suddenly arrive. The end had a fairly nice touch as Bailey understands more of who she is and accepts her family. The glossary and history of Virginia mentioned in the back of the book was a nice touch in my opinion.

I would recommend this book to a girl in elementary school who has just started reading. As an 11 year old, Bailey would have adventures deemed worthy by younger girls. Her bravery shown in the adventures would be a model for others. Much of the events would be more understandable to girls such as slumber parties, chatter about boys, and girl bonding.