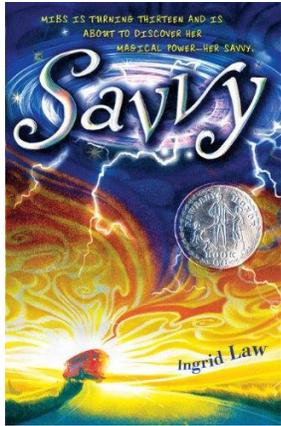


Book Review: Savvy by Ingrid Law

Savvy 2008  
Readability Age Range: 9-11  
Goodreads Rating: 3.95/5  
Amazon Rating: 4.6/5



Savvy is a fantasy novel under the subgenre of eccentric characters and preposterous situations. While set in the modern world, the Beaumont family is one unlike any found in our reality. They are gifted with special “savvies” when they each reach the age of thirteen.

As the story begins, Mississippi Beaumont, or Mibs, is in transition between being a little girl and becoming a teenager as she narrows in on her thirteenth birthday. Unfortunately, tragedy strikes the household as Poppa, the strong and steady head of the family, has an accident landing him in the Salina Hope Hospital. Mibs, her older brother Fish, and youngest brother Samson are left at home as Momma, who is gifted with perfection, takes the eldest brother Rocket, and Grandpa Bomba to Salina to be with Poppa. When the local pastor’s wife takes under her wing the Beaumont children who are left at home, Mibs thwarts the woman’s well-intended plans. Mibs’ newly-discovered savvy and youthful impulsiveness starts a wild adventure that takes her, along with family and friends, anywhere but where she intends.

Author Ingrid Law created a tale that explores the theme of emotional growth many young readers will relate to personally. Mibs is entering a time in her life of change, not simply with her new savvy, but also with how she views herself and the feelings she has towards others. The book is presented and written in a style that is well suited to the age range: bright cover, large text, and packed full of adventure. The book’s text is laid out in a way that is appropriate for young readers and has short chapters to break the plot into small pieces and give a sense of progress. Law did a marvelous job bring her characters to life and leaves the reader desiring the sequel, *Scumble*.

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