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Determined to shake off her reputation as a nerd, Lizzie Archer puts on a new face at the start of seventh grade. She exchanges her flowing lace dresses for jeans and tank tops, feigns dumb in math in a misguided attempt to impress a boy, abandons her beloved poetry-writing and imitates the guy-pleasing giggling of a popular girl in her class. On a class trip to the rare books room of a university library, Lizzie, inspired by Emily Dickinson's individuality, suddenly realizes that she can be herself without worrying about what others think and without severing the new bonds that she has made with her classmates.

## **Lizzie at Last Details**

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## **From Reader Review Lizzie at Last for online ebook**

### **Houston Keanu says**

Lizzie, a nerd, wants to reinvent herself before she goes into seventh grade. She's got a crush on Ethan and is determined to win him over with her new look. Not everyone believes in Lizzie's transformation but she makes a couple new friends, Alison and somehow Marcia (a popular girl). In the end Lizzie discovers that being true to herself is what really matters, brains and all. I would recommend this book for anyone who would like a nice "feel-good" story. I wouldn't recommend this to bullies, because they wouldn't care and they'd just laugh at the character of Lizzie.

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### **Evelyn says**

This book was about a girl in middle school who is very awkward and kind of nerdy. She doesn't have many friends. But one day, she gets into the cool crowd but she is pretending to be someone she is not. At the end, she has to choose between her real friends who accept her as she is or the people whom she has to pretend to be something else to please them and risk being the laughing stock of the whole school.

I think that this book is very interesting and if you like drama, you will enjoy this book.

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### **Haley says**

Lizzie at Last was written by Claudia Mills. It is about a girl who is so obsessed with being popular that she forgets who she truly is. I liked how at the beginning of the book Claudia Mills wrote "For the girl I used to be." which let readers know that this was about her at the same age as Lizzie. Claudia Mills really thought back to how she would feel as a seventh grader if she was going through all these dramatic things like Lizzie. Throughout the book Lizzie goes through many changes like she starts wearing new clothes, going to parties and she even starts doing worse in school just to be more popular. Claudia Mills really made sure that you could feel the pain that Lizzie was going through. I highly recommend this book to anyone and I would read it again.

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### **Kapria says**

This book is about your average female introvert who doesn't quite know how to fit in with the "popular" kids. I could definitely relate to her and her struggles of fitting in. A great book for girls in middle school.

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### **Jennifer Andrew says**

This was a mother-daughter bookgroup read and sparked good discussion about what lengths middle-schoolers will go to fit in. Worthwhile.

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### **Ellie Bean says**

88%

This book isn't particularly amazing, but it's special to me because I loved it as a little kid. I felt a lot of nostalgia reading this book XD.

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### **Sadia says**

[Ahh what happened to Lizzie in this story? :( She went from a poetic, breathy, loveable weirdo to someone who really only cared about boys and being liked. Yes, I realize the whole point of the book was for her to find herself, but she became so... normal! I pictured her to be passionate about random things like the way clouds looked, but I didn't see much of that in this book. I think I much rather preferred reading about her from another perspective. What happened to ETHANN in t

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### **Allison says**

- one of my favourite books as a preteen
- (I'm going to be all Eng-lit-ish, but) really good example of a female-centric Bildungsroman
- loved:
  - Lizzie's horoscope book
  - the description of "interminable" (learned that word from this book) boredom at football games & the game of counting down the time on the scoreboard
  - her crush's "belligerent" (learned that word too) reluctance but his resigned humouring of her attention
  - sewing in home ec
  - Lizzie's floaty white Victorian dresses
  - her hammock
  - losing a poem because she didn't stop to write it down

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### **Uchechi says**

I really liked this book because its was very realistic pic in school life and I could relate to it a lot. I could compare myself to ,Lizzie when she didn't really know what to wear. I could also relate when she something like not really going out to places with friends, something I'm still finding hard to do.

I also admire the ending. The way she said she didn't really like her crush anymore, because I used to have this boy I was crazy about in elementary, but know I don't know how to begin to say why I even liked him.

All in all, really great book.

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### **Kaitlyn says**

I think this story is going to be about a girl who goes to school and loves school but the bully her. I can tell because of the book cover. Claudia Mills

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### **Olivia Whitmore says**

whis book was not that good it did not have alot of detail

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### **Becca says**

It was ok. I should have given it a three star rating, but it's better than some other books by her. But it's not something you should die to read.

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### **Dalia says**

I read this book and I really enjoyed it because it talks about. High school drama and how this girl named Lizzie wants to become popular. When she actually is alone at school most of the time and it was interesting to see how. She develops throughout the story and matures, and it is also relatable because when. She is looking for something to wear in her closet she doesn't know what to pick. Which is something that actually happens to me once in a while.

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### **Ilana3animals says**

I read LIZZIE at Last. I thought this book was very good. It is agout a girl trying to be some one shes not so she can be more popular. This book is for middle school girls who feel like they don't fit in.

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### **Lisa says**

Lizzie at Last is a book about a girl who struggles between growing up, finding her true identity, and the decisions one has to make in life.

Lizzie is going into the 7th grade. However she wishes to change herself in order to make new friends and be accepted into the society at school, where beauty is when one wears the latest clothes and talk about nothing but boys, love and fashion.

This book is recommended for girls because we can relate to Lizzie's struggles in being accepted for who she

really is and how difficult it is to find your own place in the social hierarchy that is oh so present in our school lives.

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