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Meet the Lotus Lane Girls!

This series is part of Scholastic's early chapter book line called Branches, which is aimed at newly independent readers. With easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and stamina. Branches books help readers grow!

Kiki, Coco, and Lulu are the BEST of friends. They even have their very own club! But Mika, the new girl, is shaking things up on Lotus Lane. This first book is written as Kiki's diary--with illustrations and doodles throughout. Kiki LOVES creating cool outfits, hanging out with friends, and collecting fun facts like these:

Fact: I am a member of the Lotus Lane Girls Club.

Fact: I will one day be a VERY famous fashion designer.

Fact: My new neighbor Mika is trouble--triple trouble!

Fact: Even chickens must look their best.

Read Kiki's diary to find out all about life on Lotus Lane!

## **Kiki: My Stylish Life Details**

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## **From Reader Review Kiki: My Stylish Life for online ebook**

### **Lynn says**

My daughter really enjoyed this book, and it does contain some good messages about creativity, friendship, and not judging others too harshly. This series has potential with emerging readers. I just struggled with the references to texting for such young readers, and the girls are a bit stereotypical.

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### **Carol says**

Kiki begins writing in a diary. She tells it everything via pictures as well as words. She has two very best friends and together they have a club, The Lotus Lane Girls Club. They have a schedule of their daily and weekly events which they stick to faithfully. Kiki loves fashion almost more than anything so she is super excited when her art teacher assigns them a project they are "passionate" about. She knows immediately that she will do fashion design. A new neighbor on Lotus Lane might be a bit of a stumbling block in Kiki's path. Mika appears to be copying everything Kiki does and it's annoying. Will the teacher's idea of making them work together solve the problem? Will Mika become a member of the elite Lotus Lane Girls Club? Lotus Lane is one of the fabulous new beginning chapter book series from the Scholastic Branches imprint. It is sure to appeal to girls 1st-4th grade and reluctant readers even above that.

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### **Hannah Earle says**

I wanted to like this book. I think that the storyline itself was decent and it kept my 6 year old daughter engaged but I really didn't like Kiki. Unrealistic for a second grader to have a cell phone. She was bratty, her parents didn't guide her through the tough stuff at all, and her friends were flat and uninteresting.

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### **Danielle says**

Recommended to me by a 5th grader. It's cute.

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### **Lindsey says**

Emme is loving this series

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### **Bookstorequeer says**

Another that's the start of a new series from Scholastic. The characters are basic but relate-able. It felt a little stereotypical that the girl's so into fashion but there is potential for the other characters to go beyond that.

The use of misunderstanding to drive the plot is fairly basic (and a little annoying) but I'm sure it will entertain younger readers.

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### **Lia says**

Fun format for early readers. A good crossover book for girls not yet ready for chapter books.

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### **Barbara says**

Part of the Lotus Lane series, this one focuses on Kiki who enjoys fashion, designing her own clothes, and pulling together outfits for herself and her friends. But when new girl Mika seems to have similar ideas to hers, she becomes annoyed, and when her dog disappears at the hands of Mika, she becomes even more upset. As her diary chronicles a troublesome week, Kiki relies on her BFF, Lulu and Coco, to help her cope. This is a good series for early readers.

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### **Cathy says**

Hate reviewing new series for girls b/c I feel I go into them all judgmental.

On chapter 3 of book, Kiki is texting (no specific age given as yet but says she goes to elementary school), holding sleepovers where participants stay up til midnight in absence I parental units (mom is away for travel, dad is?)

Written in diary format, txt message screen caps interspersed throughout. Lots of extra side notes (BFF =, Ciao means) to keep one busy reading.

I like it better than rainbow magic...see the judgement?

Aimed at k-2, would bump up to grades 4.

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### **Lisa says**

**Lotus Lane Book 1 - Kiki** is about a young girl named Kiki and her BFFL's (*BFFL=Best Friends For Life*) Coco and Lulu. They all live on *Lotus Lane* and are members of the LLGC (*LLGC=Lotus Lane Girl Club*). In this book we are reading Kiki's diary which is a very cute, sassy diary, full of pretty little pictures and doodles.

The tale is of three best friends, a new girl, a misinterpretation of events and the eventual understanding and friendship that results.

My four year old lost interest somewhere in the middle of the story (14 small chapters), but we did read it in one sitting and she came back to it towards the end. We had fun identifying the days of the week and some of

the smaller sight words she knows.

Overall a cute book for kids. Would be better read to your child a few chapters at a time.

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### **Logan So says**

3rd time reading this, still interesting and amazing! Love the formatting of this book!

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### **Chrissy says**

KIKI: MY STYLISH LIFE is a totally adorable chapter book for early readers -- one that will especially appeal to creative young girls, I think. Kiki is one of a trio of best friends who all live on the same street and who meet together to enjoy activities like pet spas or cupcake bakes. When the girls start an art project at school, Kiki is thrilled to show her artistic skills to the world by creating her own clothing designs that she will reveal at a fashion show. She just can't WAIT for the fun to begin!

But then a new girl named Maxi moves in next door to Kiki, and Maxi seems to want to flaunt her own fashion abilities as well. The teacher thinks Kiki and Maxi should work together on their stylish creations, but Kiki thinks that Maxi is just a mean girl out to take over her life! What's a girl to do?!

KIKI: MY STYLISH LIFE is the first of a fun series that explores the lives and passions of best friends in a format that is entirely appealing to young minds with shorter attention spans. Told in a diary format, the story alternates between short text and engaging illustrations that are sure to captivate girls of all ages. I'm absolutely POSITIVE that I would have been head over heels in LOVE with this series when I was about 8 years old or so -- I was enthralled with any book that was bold enough to experiment with its own style -- and a diary/scrapbook is definitely a fun way to tell the story.

I enjoyed this read and I thank the publisher for providing me an advanced copy for the purposes of providing an honest review!

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### **Tasha says**

"5 stars because it's funny" says Lia (my 7 year old). :)

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### **Jessica Ussery says**

I don't even care that this is for 2nd graders. I got this for ME. It's really cute and made me laugh. Took me back to the days of when I was becoming a book nerd and reading all the time. Only, we didn't have cute books like they do now.

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### **Krista says**

This is a cute diary-style book that will appeal to younger girls.

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