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Amelia's notebooks entertain readers with great stories about the ups and downs of growing up, told from the perspective of an inquisitive, insightful 10-year-old girl. What's more, her witty words and whimsical doodles encourage girls to express their creativity by drawing and writing about their own lives. Amelia and her family head off on a wild ride through the Wild West -- and visit her old best friend, Nadia.

## **Amelia Hits The Road Details**

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## **From Reader Review Amelia Hits The Road for online ebook**

### **Kristy says**

Amelia was one of the most important characters I connected to in my middle-grade years. I love that she has an artistic spirit, and a desire to reflect on what's most important to her. As a librarian, I love sharing her with a new generation of girls who dream.

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### **Patricia Stephens says**

I used to read Amelia's stories when I was younger and I always loved them, and that still hasn't changed. They are entertaining and very detailed even though the the story and language is simple and informal. This one was about Amelia's trip to visit her best friend from her old town and all of the places that she stopped to see on the way. Amelia struggles with change, and wonders if her best friend has outgrown their friendship since she no longer sees her all the time. "Writing letters and talking on the phone is not the same as being with someone." Amelia eventually learns a very touching lesson about true friendship when she is reunited with Nadia.

What caught my eye when I opened up the book is that the peritext looks exactly like a notebook with the whole schedule chart on it and the spaces to put your name and address. What was fun about it was that all of Amelia's information was written in and it related to the story. For example, on the address line she put "on the road!" since the story was about her road trip. The writing looked like it had actually been hand written in ink into the notebook, even though it wasn't. This made it very real which I thought children would really enjoy. The pictures were also great. The whole story was formatted as a journal, like how a child would actually write in a notebook and record experiences. All over the papers were doodles as well which were very interactive with the text. There were labels and pictures that complimented the story (or what Amelia was writing down). Overall, it was a very fun and playful book that had a great lesson about friendship to conclude the story.

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### **Annika M. says**

This book Amelia Hits The Road was a very interesting book. It was interesting to me because Amelia got to see her best friend and I have not seen my best friend in a while so I had a text to self connection. Some of the strengths of this book is that she was not the only character that the book was centered around there were other people in the book that she acknowledged. Some of the weaknesses is that it felt like in the book she was going from one place to the other and didn't really explain herself. I would recommend this book to a classmate because it is very interesting and eye catching. This book is part of a series, I will not conclude the series.

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### **Rachel Kopel says**

I really love the Amelia books. Written in the style of a maybe sixth grader, Amelia and her mom and her

awful sister Cleo set out on a car trip. In her faux-composition book, Marissa Moss captures their adventures in the sort of brilliant illustrated travel journal I keep striving for. We have just arrived at the Grand Canyon.

I finished this one the other night, such a nice pre-bedtime story. We have been to Death Valley, which I too have visited, Manzanar (a nice way to let kids know that yes, this really happened,) Yosemite, and finally to her old home town and the special visit with Nadia, who is indeed still her best friend. This is just a sweet story, well except for the parts about Cleo. :-)

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### **katyjanereads says**

1. I read these books when I was a kid and was obsessed with them.
  2. Loved the road trip! I took a similar one when I was a kid.
  3. I'm an English teacher and I have my kids draw and write in a notebook.
  4. Perfect for elementary ages kids and reluctant readers.
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### **Fatou.diop says**

(This book doesn't have page numbers so I have to guess the page number or assume the page number.)1) I like this book because this girl(Amelia)has a journal and writ things down about her vacation.For example on pages 1 and 2, she starts writing down everything that they packed for the trip to the Grand Canyon.I like this because she can look back at the notebook and if she goes back for another trip to the Grand Canyon, she will know what to bring.Another example is on 128 where she goes to visit her friend and she writes down all the things that she remembered about her friend Nadia.I like this idea of writing about Nadia because then when you need to talk to her and forgets how she looks, you look back and you can remember.

2) You would like this book if you like to read books about other people's vacations.You would like this book if you like reading about other people's vacation because this whole book is about a little girls vacation.I like reading about other people's vacation because it gives me a chance to learn about other countries or cities.

3)One challenge of this book was understanding why Amelia and Cleo would fight and then start laughing and dancing together.The characters are counfusing.They are nice to each other one minute and mean to each other the next.

4) I would describe Amelia as kind because even though she fights with her sister Cleo, she still has fun with her.For example on page 7 she starts dancing with Cleo and admits it's fun even though she was just fighting with her.This shows that she really loves her sister.Another example is on page 20 where Amelia starts telling/teaching Cleo life things.This shows that Amelia wants the best for her sister Cleo.

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### **Hope says**

The Amelia Notebooks were my favorite books as a kid and now that I'm an adult, they're really cute and adorable and I still love them.

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## **Savannah says**

I picked this book up from a school book fair when I was around the 3rd or 4th grade... 1998-ish? I loved it then. And I still have it stowed away in a box, where I frequently take trips down memory lane. As a young girl who loved writing in my diary and drawing my thoughts onto paper... this set of books was perfect. Amelia is the perfect companion for a young girl who loves to read, write, and draw; And she will be inspired for years to come.

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## **Mahin says**

macko isn't cute -\_- and it was pretty good, they went to the grand canyon and amelia hated it there untill she found macko, a shop, things like that. iT was cute.

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## **Tasia says**

I remember reading this series when I was around... 8 years old? Maybe younger? I absolutely loved the layout and pictures, and the voice that Amelia has. It inspired me to buy my own notebook and start jotting things down, even drawing little pictures in the sides. The thought had never occurred to me: that you could not only write in your own book, but design it to whatever you needed it to be. Even with my creative childhood, school hadn't allowed me to be that creative in my own notebooks. Read this book and BAM, there you go. Creativity, and the fond memories of reading something that was purely for fun.

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## **Amber says**

Continuing on the postcard theme, somewhere along the line while I went on a cross-country trip through Arizona, New Mexico, and California one summer with my parents, I sent a postcard to a friend back home. If I go anywhere else within the US, USPS should expect seeing a postcard or two from me. I was able to trace my partiality to postcards back to Amelia Hits the Road, in which Amelia goes on a road trip and sends a few postcards. Amelia was probably a bigger influence on me than I realized.

Luckily I didn't grow up with a sister, or I would be influenced to draw unflattering doodles of her ("Chloe crud" is still funny).

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## **Don Gubler says**

Nice template for your own child's adventure, otherwise not a stand alone book.

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**Ma.cox says**

Once again, Marissa Moss is a wonderful writer. In my review for "The All New Amelia" I said I would continue to read the series, and I am. I rate this book a 4 out of 5 because there are many details and I enjoy knowing EVERYTHING! I didn't give this book its last star because, I wish the book would be a little more organized. In a book there shouldn't be words everywhere filling up the whole page, even the margins. Otherwise, this book is a pretty good book, I do recommend this book or series to all my classmates. I hope they enjoy the book and continue to read them.

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**Amanda says**

I bought this at a half-price book sale because it looks so cool- like a travel/trip journal. I'll definitely read it before I eventually give it as a gift. I'm thinking a little girl who's heading on a trip would enjoy it. If I remember right, the trip Amelia takes is to the Grand Canyon from somewhere in California... (there's a map in the front cover)

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**Abbie Arensdorf says**

Do not like this book because it has a lot of words all over the pages, it takes a lot of time to get through it and is not a good book to read in the classroom. This would be for a child that is reading on his or her own.

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