

## Review of *Smile* by Raina Telgemeier

By Amy, 7th Grade

### Rating: 5 stars

Smile is a book about a girl named Raina Telgemeier, who after a race challenged by her friends knocks out her two front teeth. Raina has to go through a lot of dental work afterwards.

Raina was an ordinary girl until one day, after a Girl Scout meeting, a friend's mom drives Raina home. Raina and her friends get out of the car and all of the sudden one of her friends tells her that she is going to race Raina all the way to her front porch. Raina's falling behind when Raina trips and falls on the ground. After Raina falls on the floor, she knocks out her two front teeth and there's a ton of blood. In the end, Raina had to go through braces, headgear, a retainer and a lot of surgeries. As if that wasn't enough, she has to go through making new friends. Her original friends become frenemies because they turned out to be not so friendly and definitely not true friends.

I read this book because I enjoy graphic novels. I can relate to Raina because I also will have to go through dental drama also. I would also consider this book one of the best books I have read this year. I liked that the book talked about dental drama, friendship and family. I would give this book 5 stars because of its amazing plot. The plot develops at just the right pace. Also, I responded most to the characters. I would also give this book 5 stars because I loved the topics that this book discussed. I would recommend this book for almost anybody. I think this book is good for anybody that is 9+. I like this book a lot because I felt like it stayed true to the original story. I felt like this book addressed the topics spot-on. I also felt like the book put a new view on dental drama, making friends, middle school and high school. This book truly made me "smile".