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## **Editorial Review**

### **Amazon.com Review**

Don't mess with Zee Zee Reisman from the Sherry Clutch Literary Agency. Especially when she's promoting the hot new novelist Cassandra Day. New York's publishing scene is familiar with tough players like Zee Zee, and impressed by the book she's pushing... but stunned when they find out Zee Zee and Cassandra are both 12-year-old girls. Zee Zee is really Zoe, fiercely loyal and self-assured best friend to Natalie Nelson, a.k.a. Cassandra Day. When Natalie writes a story, a really good story, Zoe is determined to let the whole world know. Using her formidable wits and all the resources available to a well-to-do New York City girl, Zoe, along with their timid English teacher, Ms. Clayton, proceeds to chip away at the challenge. The catch? The editor Natalie wants happens to be her own mother, an editor at Shipley Junior Books. But Natalie wants her authorship to remain a secret to her mom so that she'll get a fair shake. What ensues is a masterfully elaborate plot to get the manuscript in the right hands--and away from the arrogant, unfriendly editor in chief.

A highly original plot with plenty of intriguing side stories makes this a thoroughly satisfying read, especially for future novelists, agents, and editors. The publishing world is explored in just enough detail to gently banish romantic notions, but not to quell enthusiasm. The subplot around Natalie's father, who died four years earlier, is an almost silent but strong undercurrent to the story. This graceful and enjoyable novel from Andrew Clements (the bestselling author of *The Janitor's Boy*, *Frindle*, and *The Landry News*) is illustrated with rather gloomy, yet strangely funny black-and-white drawings from Brian Selznick, the illustrator of Clements' *Frindle* and *The Landry News*. (Ages 8 to 12) --*Emilie Coulter*

### **From Publishers Weekly**

In a starred review, PW called this book about a 12-year-old aspiring author a "standout. Indeed a 'school story,' this is at heart a tale about the love between a father and a daughter." Ages 8-12. (Sept.)  
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### **From School Library Journal**

Gr 4-6-When sixth-grader Natalie Nelson learns that school stories are always in demand at the publishing company where her mother is an editor, she instantly thinks, "Hey, who knows more about school than someone who's right there, five days a week, nine months a year?" Natalie, already an aspiring writer, is inspired to write a novel with this setting. She has no further plans until her best friend reads it. Zoe, a go-getter who never takes no for an answer, loves the book and schemes to get it published. The rapidly escalating plan involves pseudonyms for both of them, Zoe acting as Natalie's agent, corralling an English teacher to help, and a publication party with media present before the author's identity is revealed. The girls are believable characters, completely different, yet better friends because of it. Selznick's black-and-white illustrations add humorous details. A comic novel that's a sure winner.

*Terrie Dorio, Santa Monica Public Library, CA*

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**Pat Swartz:**

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