

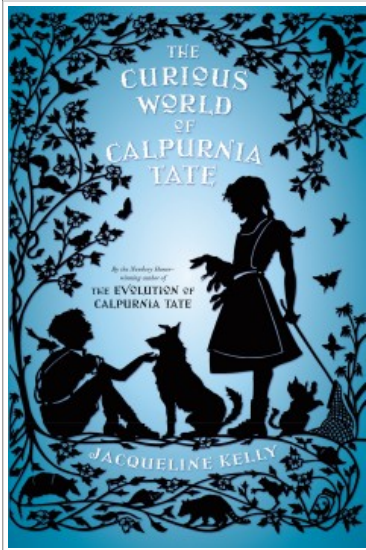
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The Curious World of Calpurnia Tate

by Jacqueline Kelly

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From the Publisher: Callie Vee, Travis, Granddaddy, and the whole Tate clan are back in this charming follow-up to Newbery Honor-winner *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*. Travis keeps bringing home strays. And Callie has her hands full keeping the wild animals-her brother included-away from her mother's critical eye. Whether it's wrangling a rogue armadillo or stray dog, a guileless younger brother or standoffish cousin, the trials and tribulations of Callie Vee will have readers laughing and crying and cheering for this most endearing heroine.



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This was a slow burner for me. I haven't read the first book with Calpurnia Tate, but dove in. At first the story of Calpurnia Tate felt familiar and perhaps overly so: plucky young girl, small town life, lessons to be learned. But the novels' restraint grew on me. Growing up at the start of the 20th century, Calpurnia faces a world that expects women to learn to sew and clean and make a good wife. If she's unlucky enough to remain single, she can always teach. But Calpurnia is easily the smartest of her large family and her scientifically minded grandfather encourages Calpurnia's curious mind. Author Jacqueline Kelly won me over by NOT having Calpurnia win others over in Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm style. Without making anyone a villain, we see a cousin offer up some hateful racist comments, brothers constantly encouraged not to mention given more money on special occasions (what would a girl need with money) and ultimately her parents simply be embarrassed when Calpurnia expresses a desire to pursue her education. They don't come around, nor are they painted as obstinate and cruel. It's just the way of the world, a rather satisfying tack for a children's book to take. What seems a simple story becomes subtly complicated by the end. You don't doubt Calpurnia will be stopped but neither are you fooled into thinking spunk and being right will be all it takes for Calpurnia to triumph. I look forward to reading the original book in this series and -- undoubtedly -- the next. -- Michael Giltz

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"In her debut novel, Jacqueline Kelly brings to vivid life a boisterous small-town family at the dawn of a new century. And she especially shines in her depiction of the natural world that so intrigues Callie . . . Readers will want to crank up the A.C. before cracking the cover, though. That first chapter packs a lot of summer heat."—The Washington Post

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