



IDA B

Review by Johanna
with some input from Marie-France

This book deserves 10/10 apples.

Ida B is a girl about 9 years old who enjoys a peaceful life. She lives with her mother and father in the United States in a valley with an apple orchard. She is home schooled so she can do what she likes best: "hanging around with Mama and Daddy, Rufus [her dog] and Lulu [her cat], and the trees and the mountain and the snakes and the birds. All day, every day." Then her Mama gets cancer and everything changes.

There are some funny bits, there are some poetic bits and there are some sad bits, but the whole book is absolutely charming.

Katherine Hannigan's clear and simple writing style means that book is very easy to read out loud.

Katherine Hannigan is very good at describing Ida B's feelings, when Ida B is feeling mad, sad or guilty.

Ida B has a fun way of describing things. For example, she says: "I had more fun than a kitten with twenty balls of yarn and three pretend mice" and "Now a school of goldfish could go swimming in a pool of drool that dog makes while he's sleeping."

This book is a real masterpiece.