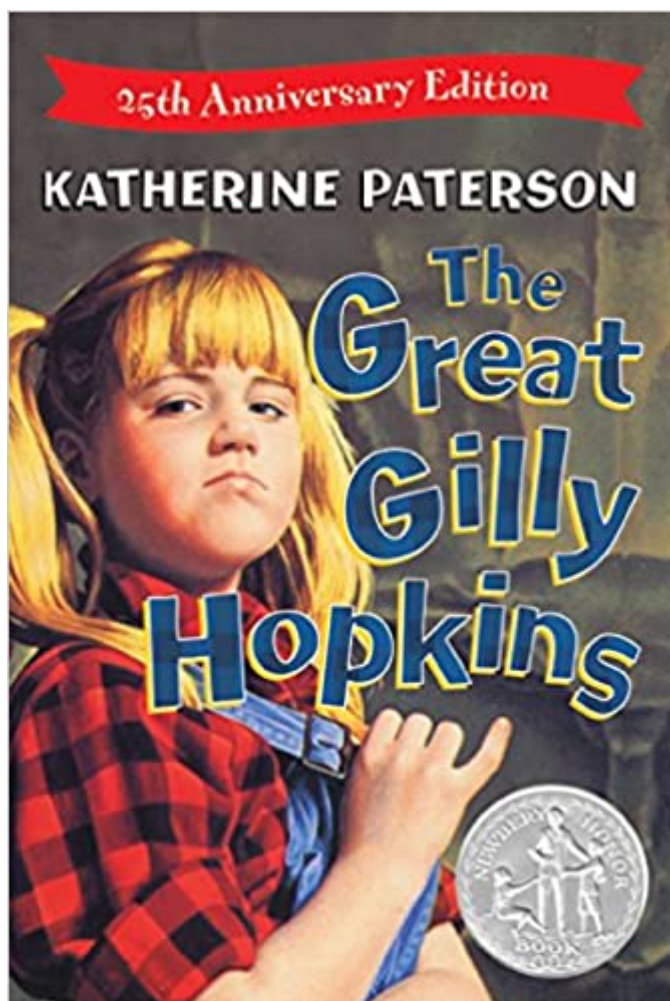


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# The Great Gilly Hopkins



## Synopsis

This timeless Newbery Honor Book from bestselling author Katherine Paterson is about a wisecracking, ordinary, completely unforgettable young heroine. Now a feature film starring Kathy Bates, Glenn Close, and Octavia Spencer! Eleven-year-old Gilly has been stuck in more foster families than she can remember, and she's hated them all. She has a reputation for being brash, brilliant, and completely unmanageable, and that's the way she likes it. So when she's sent to live with the Trotters "by far the strangest family yet" she knows it's only a temporary problem. Gilly decides to put her sharp mind to work and get out of there fast. She's determined to no longer be a foster kid. Before long she's devised an elaborate scheme to get her real mother to come rescue her. Unfortunately, the plan doesn't work out quite as she hoped it would...

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 5 and up

## Customer Reviews

Gilly Hopkins is a determined-to-be-unpleasant 11-year-old foster kid who the reader can't help but like by the end. Gilly has been in the foster system all her life, and she dreams of getting back to her (as she imagines) wonderful mother. (The mother makes these longings worse by writing the occasional letter.) Gilly is all the more determined to leave after she's placed in a new foster home

with a "gross guardian and a freaky kid." But she soon learns about illusions--the hard way. This Newbery Honor Book manages to treat a somewhat grim, and definitely grown-up theme with love and humor, making it a terrific read for a young reader who's ready to learn that "happy" and "ending" don't always go together. (Ages 9 to 12) --Richard Farr

• The arrogant, bitter heroine of this moving story is a wisecracking, gum-chewing kid who has been shuttled from one foster home to another. . . . [She is portrayed] with warmth and wit, in a story filled with love and compassion. • (CE) • This perceptive story draws strength from its finely delineated characters and rich, moving narrative. • (ALA Booklist) 15 Banned Books Every Tween and Teen Should Read (Brightly.com)

This is a brilliant work, far deeper than typical middle-grade reader fare. Driven by characters rather than circumstance. Not at all dated; reads as though decades has not passed since its writing. The ending is tough and complex; no magical happy endings nor dark despair here, but the ragged, insistent demand of moving onward that we see in reality.

Have an 11 or 12 year old girl in your family? If so, this is a wonderful story - engaging, easy to read and teaches lots of lessons about expectations, disappointment, surprise, anger, prejudice and acceptance. Strongly recommended.

I reviewed this book for classroom use. It is an excellent book, but has language in it that should not be used in a child's book. It would be good for helping foster children adapt to life changes.

My daughter is reading this book for a 6th grade report. Not too hard but stretches her thinking. Gilly is a foster child afraid to be hurt again. The book uses her thoughts and then her verbal comments. It's an interesting book along with helping my daughter understand and think about issues that are not really a real part of her own life.

This is another book my niece needed to read for school during the summer. I like the availability to download the book for her to read.

Read this book in the 6th grade and i still have it. The movie was good too.

Fun book for kids, and adults too.

Read this great book aloud to my fifth grader. We were proudly moved by it. Beautifully told, tragic and truthful story.

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