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**The #1 New York Times bestseller that Today show co-anchor Hoda Kotb calls “a beautiful, beautiful book.”**

**The New York Times bestselling author of *I Wish You More* , Amy Krouse Rosenthal, and her daughter Paris Rosenthal collaborate to bring you the heartwarming and inspiring *Dear Girl*,**

*Dear Girl*, is a remarkable love letter written for the special girl in your life; a gentle reminder that she’s powerful, strong, and holds a valuable place in the world.

Through Amy and Paris’s charming text and Holly Hatam’s stunning illustrations, any girl reading this book will feel that she’s great just the way she is—whether she enjoys jumping in a muddy puddle, has a face full of freckles, or dances on table tops.

*Dear Girl*, encourages girls to always be themselves and to love who they are—inside and out.

*Dear Girl*,

*This book is for you.*

*Wonderful, smart, beautiful you.*

*If you ever need a reminder, just turn to any page in this book and know that you are special and you are loved.*

—Amy and Paris

A perfect gift for all occasions.

## Dear Girl, Details

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# From Reader Review Dear Girl, for online ebook

## Becky says

First sentence: Dear Girl, Keep that arm raised! You have smart things to say!

Premise/plot: Each spread in this picture book is a short message, a letter, if you will addressed to Dear Girl.

Dear Girl, Find people like you. Find people unlike you.

Dear Girl, You won't be invited to every single party on the planet. (Which is really okay--can you imagine how exhausting that would be?)

Dear Girl, Sometimes you've just gotta stop...and DANCE!

My thoughts: This picture book is for readers of all ages. The messages are geared towards girls, but most of the advice is relevant to everyone. It would be fun to extend the experience by writing and illustrating letters of your own.

Text: 4 out of 5

Illustrations: 4 out of 5

Total: 8 out of 10

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## Alex (not a dude) Baugh says

This is the book I wish I had when my Kiddo was growing up (and after reading it, she wishes she had it, too). Each two page spread is a missive offering advice to young girls. My favorite is "Dear Girl, Find people like you. Find people unlike you." There are lots more practical and fanciful lessons about living a full life to be found, including advice about breaking stereotypes, taking care of oneself, and taking changes. While the book offers guidance, it isn't overly sentimental or suffocatingly emotional, though adults readers can't help but be aware that Krouse Rosenthal, who wrote this book with her own daughter, Paris, passed away on March 13, 2017, making this all the more poignant. Hatam's spare, whimsical illustrations reflect the message on each page. Pair this with I Wish You More and share both with your children.

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## Paul Hankins says

This is a book I have been "pitching" at Facebook to the parents of my students and to my high school friends who have daughters now. . I'm sharing, sharing, sharing. While I say that this book would make an excellent graduation gift, it may be imperative in light of current events that the book not wait to be shared with young readers. Right now is the best time to share that book. . that one that you know has the words you mean to convey. That book is Dear Girl,.

Note that Dear Girl, carries the distinction of being a One Book Four Hands title. This is reserved for those books that cannot miss if they were to be shared as a lap read between bigger readers and little readers.

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**Marissa Elera says**

A tender, honest message for women, girls, and female-identified people of all ages, really.

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**Jillian Heise says**

I want to give this to all my nieces, my mom, all my girlfriends, any friends having a daughter, and all my female students.

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**Joss says**

LOVE THIS.

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**Erin says**

If I had a daughter or a niece, I certainly would read this with her. Just beautiful!

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**EricaEreads says**

I'm not crying, you're crying.

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**Jana says**

In a world that isn't always encouraging or kind to girls or young women, Amy Krouse Rosenthal and her daughter, Paris, wrote this awesome letter to girls. The book jacket has this special note: "Dear Girl, This book is for you. Wonderful, smart, beautiful you. If you ever need a reminder, just turn to any page in this book and know that you are special and you are loved." The clever, collage illustrations work with the awesome message of this book to create a wonderful gift to share with any of the girls or women in your life. This could also be a fun mentor text to help young writers create their own encouraging letters.

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**Tina says**

Read this on what would've been my beautiful grandmom's 112th birthday! My first biological grandbaby, a girl, soon will be born. Her two sisters are also my grandbabies. These "little girls", as the eldest (Ally who is almost 4) reminds us, need this book & need this story read to them every night, no matter which one of us is

doing the reading!

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### **Julie says**

A lovely book celebrating what it means to be a girl.

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### **Kirsti says**

I am so sad that Amy Krouse Rosenthal is gone. This is a children's picture book of advice and encouragement. The art is fun and intriguing.

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### **Linda says**

There are many books by Amy Krouse Rosenthal that I love, and I've managed to own quite a few too. I will have to purchase a second one because this must move on to be owned, read and loved by my granddaughters. Each page is filled with goodness about life (not a surprise) and about the life being a girl, too. "Dear Girl, don't ever lose your sense of wonder." and "Dear Girl, Find people like you. Find people unlike you." It makes me happy that Amy and her daughter wrote this together, and sad that Amy is no longer with us, except in the spirit of her books. Holly Hatam's illustrations are line drawings paired with collages created from photographs of textiles - wonderful to view.

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### **Michelle says**

Reviewed for YA Books Central

A fantastic way to empower little girls.

The story:

The book follows a little girl as she's told most of life's biggest lessons. Lessons that many adults never learned. The pages begin with "Dear Girl" and then go on to give them little nuggets such as "Never lose your sense of wonder." "There's no such thing as too many questions." "And if you want to say no, say no."

What I loved:

Every single thing in this book is something I'd want to share with the young girls I love. I read it with my three-year-old niece and she sat enthralled as she absorbed everything she was being told. It's incredibly empowering and valuable and perfectly timed. The main message is basically that it's okay to be who you are and that you don't only have to be one thing. That life is theirs for the taking.

The images fit the dreamy tone of the story perfectly.

What was just okay:

Nothing. I loved everything.

Final Verdict:

Fun. Adorable. Valuable. A children's story you'll be asked to read time and time again. Lesson's you'll love teaching time and time again. This book is perfect.

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### **Amber says**

Dear Girl,

This book was written just for you. It speaks to all the things you know and the things you have yet to learn, it speaks to who you are and who you will be, it speaks to your joy and your pain. Amy Krouse Rosenthal brings us another gem with the help of her daughter and Holly Hatam. A new favorite for me. I want to buy a copy for every girl or woman in my life and share the messages found within these pages with them!

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