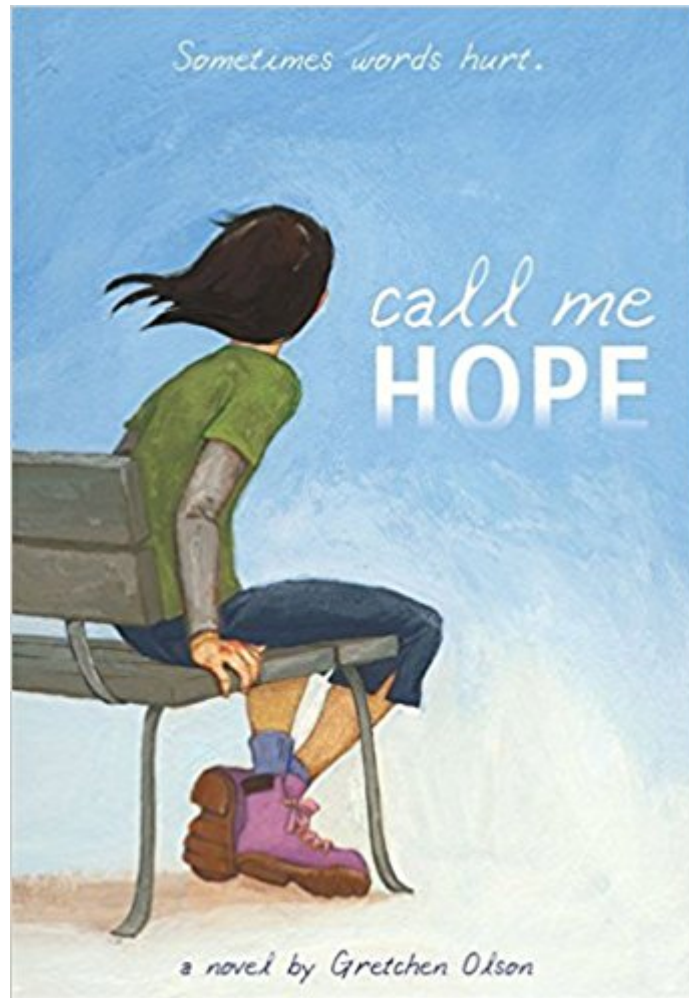




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Synopsis

Now with a new cover! A heartwrenching and poignant novel about a young girl dealing with verbal abuse perfect for fans of Wendy Mass. Hope Elliot is struggling to live under the pressures of her verbally abusive mother. But instead of running away, precocious Hope chooses resilience instead, and creates survival strategies for herself. Her strategies include: a support team that includes the employees of a used clothing store, the smartest kid in the sixth grade, her older brother; and a point system to help deal with her mom. Will Hope find a way to confront her mother and help things change for the better?

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Customer Reviews

Grade 4-6 — Hope is a bright 11-year-old, eager to please and looking forward to a week at camp with her 6th-grade class. With ingenuity, she manages to fulfill the requirements, despite lack of support at home, but she has not fully reckoned with her unhappy and punitive mother. Anything can set Mom off, and when it does, a scorching tirade and cruel punishment follow. Hopeless is the kindest word that her mother hurls at her. This portrait of a verbally abusive parent is acute and painful. Readers will cheer for Hope as she finds ways to comfort herself and to shore up her damaged self-esteem. Especially important is her new friendship with two older women who run a

thrift shop where Hope works to earn the boots and clothes she needs for the trip. When Mom punishes her by refusing to let her go to camp, it takes the intervention of caring adults to give her back her dreams and to stop the abuse. While Hope is away, her mother enrolls in parenting classes. That a troubled adult would turn around in one short week is a fairy-tale ending, but this didactic story is nonetheless a compelling and rewarding read. The back matter contains a list of Hope Notes—ideas for ways that readers can build their own resiliency.—Carolyn Lehman, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Eleven-year-old Hope leads a seemingly normal life. She is looking forward to sixth grade, and the promise of Outdoor School, an annual camping trip that happens in the spring. She is thrilled when she lands a job at a used clothing store, and manages to attract the attention of a cute boy from her class. But Hope's self-serving mother, Darlene, who frequently flies into rages, calling Hope "stupid" and "hopeless," always manages to overshadow everything good in Hope's life. When Darlene threatens not to sign the permission slips for Outdoor School, Hope decides she can no longer keep silent about what is happening at home. By drawing strength from the example of Anne Frank, whom she is reading about in class, Hope gathers the courage to tell her mother how much the names hurt. The message of this story about the destructive power of verbal abuse is thinly veiled, but Hope is a winsome character whose bravery and determination will resonate with middle-grade readers. Jennifer HubertCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

11 year old niece has read this book multiple times, she loves it. And...for reference, she is NOT a big reader. She is in 5th grade, and this book is good for that age. I would say it's most appropriate for age 11-14. I have skimmed most of it. It's about a mother who verbally abuses her daughter, and it's very sad at times. Not a light, happy story, but therapeutic, and gives "hope" to kids who may have similar things going on in their lives.

The rating for the book is grades 4-6, so I was taken back at the amount of cursing in the book. While the message is good and the book is overall good, I caution you if you do not want your child reading a book with this type of language

This book was so well written. I bought it for my granddaughter who had read it, and I decided to read it myself. It gave such a clear understanding about how a child feels when they are abused and bullied. There were times that I was bawling like a baby. Very good book!

Great book, but unfortunately when we opened the package...although there was no rips or tears to the package itself...the book was cut...almost as if it was cut by a box cutter. My daughter was a little disappointed. I filled out a packaging review but never heard back from anyone. =(

this book is so necessary to understand young people. parents might see themselves and find it helpful realizing that children need support

I really liked this book and would defiantly recommend it !!! Was very easy to read and was a brilliant book!! I couldn't be happier with this book I couldn't stop reading!

Eleven-year-old Hope struggles to live under the pressure of her verbally abusive mother, she's tempted to run away. But instead she chooses resilience. She creates a secret safe haven and a point system(giving herself points for every bad thing her mother says to her). She draws inspiration and comfort in Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl. I really liked the premise of a young girl dealing with a verbally abusive mother. The point system was interesting and different. I also liked how Hope refuses to be a victim but chooses instead to resist her mother's sharp tongue. What I found hard to believe was how Hope's mother reacts. I also questioned what the counselor does in this book. Sadly this weakens the story which is a shame as I really feel that this subject needs to be addressed. But not in a unrealistic way.

I think it is an awesome book because it shows how a little girl can think up a way to make something and then in the end the mom needs it too. It is a great problem solving book.

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