

# A Friend for Yve

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Rose is 10 years old. She goes to school with many friends, including John, Peter, and Emily. They like to read books, go shopping, and play soccer.



On the first day of school the teacher, Mr. Smith, walked to the front of the room and said, “We have a new student in our class. Her name is Yve. She is from France.”



“Yve is from France? She must be very different,” Rose thought. Rose did not know anything about French people. Rose did not think that she could be Yve’s friend. At lunch, Rose and her friends talked about Yve. They said mean things about Yve.

“Yve probably doesn’t like to play soccer,” said John. “We wouldn’t be able to have fun with her.”

“Yve probably doesn’t like to read books,” said Peter. “She is from France, so she can’t read the English books we read.”

Even Emily had something mean to say: “I don’t think Yve will like to go shopping with Rose and me.”

They decided not to be her friend. Yve was sad.

Mr. Smith told the class to take their seats. “Let’s meet each other! Rose, you will talk with Yve,” Mr. Smith said. Rose’s friends giggled, but

Rose just frowned. At first Rose and Yve sat in silence.

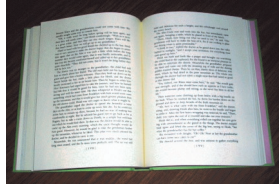
Yve began to speak, “Hi! My name is Yve.” Rose was still silent. “I really like books, shopping, and



playing soccer,” Yve continued. Rose was very surprised that Yve liked to do the same things as she did. After that, they could not stop talking to each other.



The moral of this story is: “Don’t judge a book by its cover because you never know what is inside.”



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