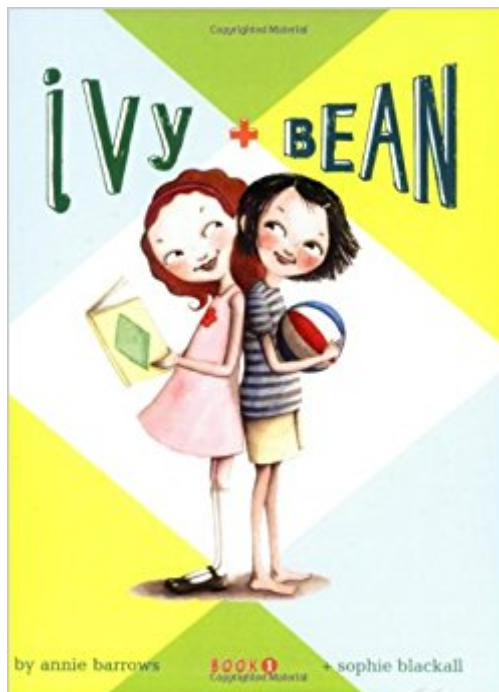


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## Ivy & Bean (Book 1) (Bk. 1)



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

In this first book in Annie Barrows' bestselling series, young readers will meet Ivy and Bean--a dynamic duo like no other. The moment they saw each other, Bean and Ivy knew they wouldn't be friends. But when Bean plays a joke on her sister, Nancy, and has to hide quick Ivy comes to the rescue, proving that sometimes the best of friends are people never meant to like each other. Vibrant characters and lots of humor make this a charming and addictive introduction to Ivy and Bean. This series is perfect for readers ages 6-9. [Download and Print Fun Ivy & Bean Activities](#) [Ivy & Bean Ideas Sheet for Having Fun](#) [Create and Play Gummy Worm Toss](#) [Be Ivy and Bean in Your Own Play](#) [Make a Cootie Catcher](#) [Take the Ivy & Bean Trivia Quiz](#) [Read more](#)

Grade 1-4—Seven-year-old Bean likes stomping in puddles, climbing fences into neighbors' backyards, and playing tricks on her older sister, Nancy. She wears dresses as seldom as possible and avoids big books. Her new neighbor appears to be a quiet, orderly girl who sits on her front step day after day reading tomes. The two seem to have nothing in common, and Bean is not interested in getting to know Ivy, despite her mother's prodding to make friends with the nice girl next door. Then Bean gets into trouble, and Ivy helps her out. She discovers that Ivy is practicing to be a witch, and when they decide to cast a spell on Nancy, their friendship is sealed. With echoes of Beverly Cleary's Ramona series, this easy chapter book will appeal to children who are graduating from beginning readers. The occasional black-and-white illustrations highlight the text and provide visual clues. The characters are appealing, the friendship is well portrayed, and the pranks and adventures are very much on grade level.

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A long time ago a member of the Trotsdale community requested me to read and review the first book of Ivy & Bean. I recently finally was able to get my hands on a copy, and would certainly like to read this in the library. This story starts out with Bean, your typical tomboy who is very satisfied to have fun. Her mother tries to get her to be friends with Ivy, who to Bean seems to be your typical Goodie-Two-Shoes and thus dismisses her. One day however while attempting to play a prank on her older sister Bean finds out that perhaps Ivy is far more mischief-filled than she had first thought. The reader is then taken on a wild neighborhood adventure with a humorous conclusion. Regarding the danger that some might find in the play, such as walking fences, causing people to fall in the mud— I have to say that these are normal things for children to get up to. Children inherently desire to take risks. Climbing trees and hiding in bushes is low key. I have noted that more and more people try to tame and insulate children. Is it any wonder now that the current young generation looks for escape and outlet via their electronics? This book hearkens back to an earlier time, the sort that can still be found in some rural communities even if the suburbs and cities try to snuff out explorative play. I highly recommend this book and series, especially for those that are looking for a light hearted and swift read. Children's books don't have to only be enjoyed by children.

There are truly no words to describe how much my daughter loves this book, plus the others. It was

with this book that her reading had improve, she carries this book every where, and even sleeps with it. I can see how some mothers would have a problem with the book, because Ivy wants to be a witch. Don't let that detour your decision! Ivy choice to be a witch is more playful and light, and in the other books, it's not rarely even mention. I don't remember any books, but maybe one, that had Ivy talk about her latest witch thing. The book is truly about 2 girls becoming friends, and the series is about friendship and learning together. With Ivy and Bean your girl can see herself in both, not just one. That's what makes this book also so great. I only wish there were more books like this.

I know the Ivy & Bean series is very popular, it was the second chapter book my daughter read in 1st grade. She was so proud of herself. I definitely prefer it over the Junie B series. I believe Ivy and Bean are more wholesome characters for young girls to be interested in. I think these books are good for girls up to age 7. The wording is simple, though there may be a few challenging words here and there for this age group. Now that my daughter is 8 she can't get past the simple sentences. It makes the stories boring. Even when I read them to her I am bored.

Purchased this book for my 7-year-old (2nd grade). She is slightly behind in her reading level so it was hard finding chapter books age appropriate that matched her reading level. Most chapter books were either too young for her or too old. This is the first chapter book she has been able to read without difficulty and she is thrilled! She loves reading now and she can't wait to read when she gets home from school. She gushes about the book to her older sister so it sounds like she is really enjoying the story line as well.

I use this book as an opportunity to help my great granddaughter improve her reading skills. It fits her age and at 78 I enjoyed reading. Will add to my Kindle to have for time spent with my g-granddaughter.

My nearly 8-year old enjoyed this book very much. She found it very funny and the characters were very believable girls of her own age. She engaged with the cute illustrations, flipping between them to check details as the story developed. I loved this tale of friendship and the magic that is part of every child's imagination. I've been asked to please buy the next one immediately.

My 6 year old daughter loves these books. She is already on book 11 since school let out this summer! A great set for traveling and keeping your young reader busy. I compare these books to

other series and I find the others a tad more racy. These are fine for a young child looking for their first chapter books!

This was a great easy read for my 1st and 2nd grade kids. I have a both a boy and a girl and they really enjoyed it. I took away one star because of the rebellious attitude of the two main characters.

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