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Book Review Of  Forgive My Fins

The book I have chosen to review is Forgive My Fins by Tera Lynn Childs. Tera Lynn Childs is obsessed with mermaids and water. She was a competitive swimmer and enjoys being in the ocean and around water. When she is not swimming or around water she can be found writing in coffee shops or spending time on the computer. Forgive my Fins takes place in Florida in present time. Part of the book takes place on land and part takes place in water. The part that takes place on land is when Lily is living with her aunt in her house and goes to high school. The part that takes place in the water is when Lily goes to visit her dad.

The main character Lily Sanderson is half human half mermaid and she has to keep this secret from her best human friend Shannen. Lily lives on land with her Aunt Rachel. Lily is the mermaid princess of Thalassinian. Lily lives in a palace made of sea creatures. If she is not bonded by her 16th birthday she will lose her place in court and not be able to become the queen. The bond is a magical force the connects a mermaid with whoever she kisses. If the mermaid kisses a human he becomes a merman. A human boy named Quince tricks Lily into kissing him which forms the bond. The problem is that Lily is in love with another human boy named Brody. Lily has barely talked to Brody but loves the idea of him. Brody loves to swim and is a competitive swimmer which makes Lily like him. Lily
despises Quince because he taunts and bullies her and ruins every moment with Brody. Some other characters include Lily’s dad the King of Thalassinian, Dosinia Lily’s jealous cousin and aunt Rachel’s cat Prithi. Lily’s mother who was human died in a car accident before she was able to bond with Lily’s dad.

I enjoyed this book because it was funny and interesting. It was funny because Lily gets into a lot of sticky situations that are hard for her to get out of. It was interesting because the author describes the details of the surroundings in a great way. She describes the beauty of the sea creatures their vibrant colors and movement. The author also talk about the high school but in a way that makes it seem like the sea. The author also describes the emotions of the characters in an interesting way. The characters’ emotions are amped up by the bond.

There were some things I did not like. I didn’t like how the main character (Lily) was in denial about the bond. She is a whinny character and sometimes can be a little annoying. When she had feelings for Quince she would blame it on the bond and say the bond was making her feel that way.

In conclusion I enjoyed this book and I would recommend it, even though the main character is a little whiney and annoying. I did think it was a little too long and dragged on at the end. It lets you see a perspective of another world and explore it through the eyes of a new-comer and someone who has lived there all their life.