

Murphy, Pat **The Wild Girls.** 288p.

Recommended for Grades 7-12

*Realistic Fiction*

They can do anything. The Wild Girls can do anything they set their mind to they just don't know it yet. Joan just moved into the neighborhood and has a hard time at home. Her parents are always fighting and her brother gets into trouble a lot. One day she starts walking around the neighborhood. There she meets Sarah. This is when the Wild Girls were born. Sarah also has a rough time. She lives with her dad and has no friends until Joan [Newt] comes along. They instantly become friends. When they're Wild Girls they can do anything. Sarah [Fox] and Newt get through a lot of obstacles and create a book about the Wild Girls. It's based on their life and how they can do anything when they are Wild Girls. There are many people that inspire them even with the problems that they both have at home.

Murphy created Fox to be big and tough but you realize that she's not. She is shy in school and uncertain about a lot of things. Newt follows the crowd and is not willing to take chances, but she built up the courage to walk on stilts. The author uses a lot of detail to make the book more interesting. The story describes how life is not easy for these girls but they make it work and have fun.

The Wild Girls is a wonderful story about two girls that love to write and are great writers. This story is a must have book to read and keeps you thinking long after the story is over.

*-Gabriela*