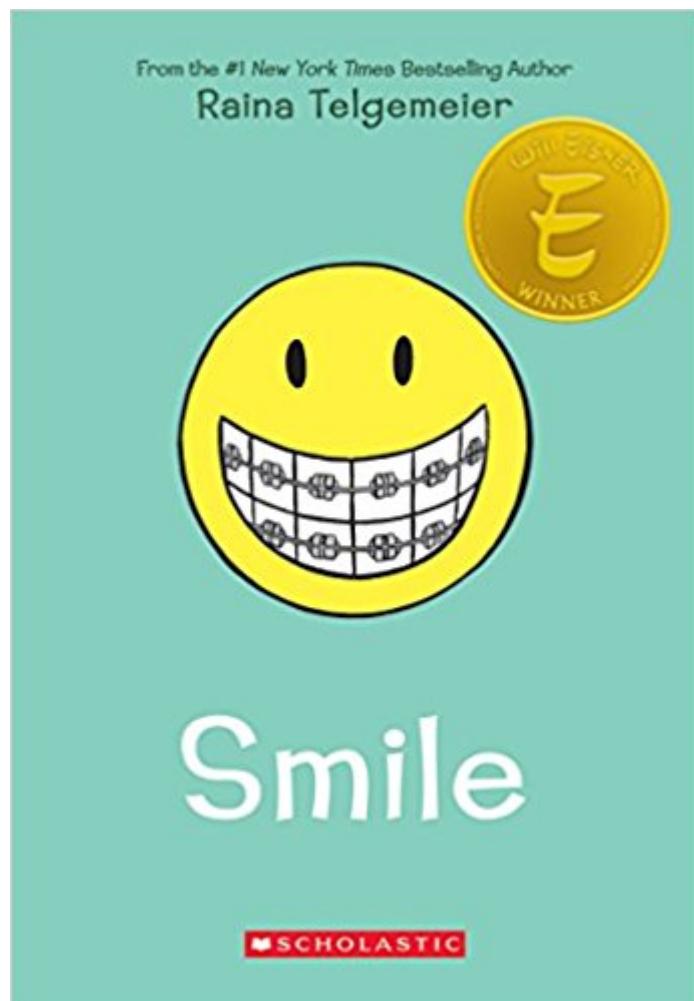


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# Smile



## Synopsis

Raina Telgemeier's #1 New York Times bestselling, Eisner Award-winning graphic memoir based on her childhood! Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached. And on top of all that, there's still more to deal with: a major earthquake, boy confusion, and friends who turn out to be not so friendly. 

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Gr 5 Up-Sixth-grader Raina falls and severely damages her two front teeth. Through middle school and into high school, she struggles with peer relationships, discovering her own strengths while enduring painful orthodontia. The concluding pages reveal a self-assured high school student who can indeed smile. Full-color comic panels perfectly capture young adolescence. (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

The dental case that Telgemeier documents in this graphic memoir was extreme: a random accident

led to front tooth loss when she was 12, and over the next several years, she suffered through surgery, implants, headgear, false teeth, and a rearrangement of her remaining incisors. Accompanying the physical treatment came social rough spots with friends, while puberty delivered another set of curveballs with crushes, maturing bodies, and changing family expectations and judgments. Both adults and kids— including various dental professionals and younger siblings—are vividly and rapidly portrayed, giving quick access to the memoirist's world. Telgemeier's storytelling and full-color cartoony images form a story that will cheer and inspire any middle-schooler dealing with orthodontia. At the same time, she shows how her early career choice as an animator took root during this difficult period—offering yet another gentle reminder that things have turned out fine for the author and can for her reader as well.

Grades 5-8. --Francisca Goldsmith --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

I am in middle school and this book made me feel special that I was strong. It made me feel to stand up for yourself and don't care what other people think. This book as a great message for 5 graders and middleschoolers, it inspired me to stay strong and it had a life that I have its totally realistic.

I chose this rating because I loved this book. It's funny and a little crazy as it goes on, but totally awesome. What I liked about this book is that is a comic, well not necessarily a comic, but more like a graphic novel. Ma'am, you are the best author

ever!!!!

Great story! I was expecting there to be an unbearable, immature boy/girl story in the background but this one was true to life and kept the focus on what was important. That is loving and understanding yourself as well as being yourself. Would recommend!

My daughter has been talking about wanting to read this book for months ever since she finished "Drama" by the same author. She literally squealed when she opened the gift wrap and saw it. And then she read the whole thing in a day. The best part is that it is an Accelerated Reader book, so she can earn points for it when she finally gets around to taking the test.

My 6 year olds can not put this book down! They love Sisters as well. Love the story telling, questions, and conversations that come out of their minds after reading, as well as the occasional spontaneous laughter and 'mommy listen to this!' that happens when they are reading it. They are

also experimenting with writing/drawing their own graphic novels. Will buy more Raina Telgemeier as they get older!

The school librarian put Smile on the summer reading list and I'm glad she did. The graphic novel format (like a comic book) was new to me but I liked it. The only problem was that if I was going to read this book out loud at bedtime both children wanted to see the pictures instead of laying down to listen. My 4th grader read this graphic novel on her own easier than a novel with only text.

I teach 2nd grade and this has been a popular book with my girls and boys. I read the book myself and can understand why so many of them enjoyed reading it and some actually went out and bought their own copy. Many students read it twice! The reasons why this is a five star book: It's funny! It is a true tale which motivates many students to appreciate the real twists and turns as the story develops. Raina (the main character) is likable and inspiring because she endures teasing from friends and has a tough painful cosmetic ordeal with braces, that luckily ends with a happy ending. If you are looking for a graphic novel to motivate young readers to get lost in a book, this is the one!

Smile is such a good book, it takes you on a journey through Raina Telgameir's life. I love the artwork and find that the comic book fomat makes the book much more interesting. Some people say that it's not appropriate for ages 8-12 because theres kissing and some girls that are mean and boyfriends, but I disagree. All 8-12 year olds know about kissing, mean girls and boyfriends its not going to hurt them in any way. I personally know alot about mean girls and I like hearing about other peoples experiences with them and how to handle them. I absolutely love this book and everything else written by Raina Telgameir. I definitely recomend it.

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