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A bend in the breeze (Apr 2022)

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Storyline:Character-driven

Tone:Moving

Writing Style:Attention-grabbing

Min/Max Grade level:4 - 6

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Kirkus:

Stranded on a mysterious island, a young girl wonders if she'll ever return to her family. After the ship she's traveling on with her aunt, uncle, and cousins encounters a storm, 11-year-old Pascale Chardon wakes up alone, adrift in a small boat. The tides carry her to the tiny tropical island of TeJÉ along with her only companion, a black beetle she's named Inch. Until Pascale's arrival, the island has never had a visitor, and she's taken to the village Elders to see if she may be the Long Awaited, a prophesied stranger who will decide the community's future. The previously uninhabited island was populated generations ago by people from around the world who left their societies in search of peaceful coexistence. Legend says that the islanders' fate will be determined by whether the Long Awaited finds them living in peace and unity or conflict and strife. Pascale learns she must remain on TeJÉ for 17 days to determine if she's the Long Awaited; however, she has no clue if she's the Long Awaited and just wants to go home. Pascale settles into the daily rhythm of a caring, cooperative community, and events seem to unfold glacially, mirroring the idyllic island's pace of life. When the long-awaited day finally arrives, the conclusion proves quite surprising. Pascale is presumably White; names point to the islanders' multicultural ancestry. A quiet, unassuming, somewhat uneventful tale reinforcing the adage "there's no place like home." (Fantasy. 8-11) (Kirkus Reviews, April 15, 2022)

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