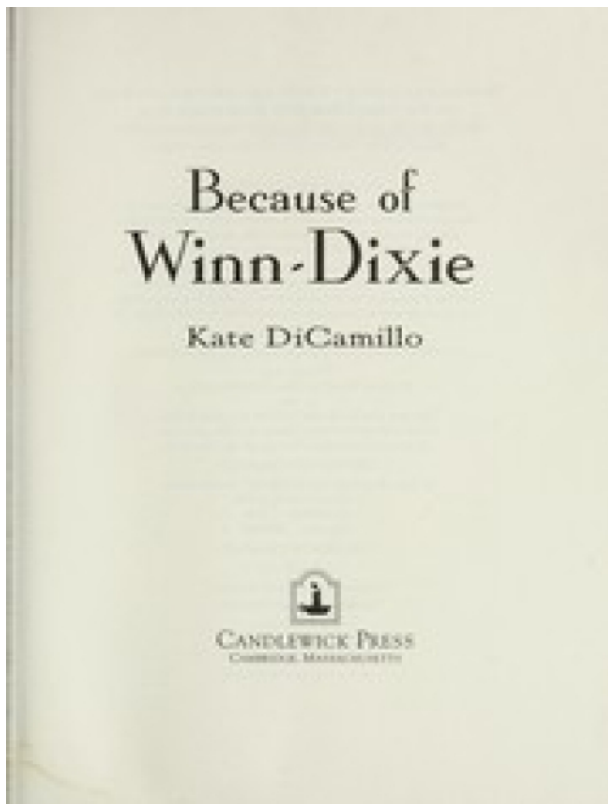


Because of Winn-Dixie

DiCamillo, Kate



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Collections ARC-BC Novel

Subject English Language Arts

Grades 4-6

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Resource Evaluation

CURRICULUM FIT

Does this resource address the prescribed learning outcomes for this BC curriculum?

Extensively

SUGGESTED CLASSROOM USAGE

Recommended for individual, group or whole class use.

SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Language:

Name calling between the Dunlop boys and Opal.

Do the social considerations support, rather than detract from, student learning?

Extensively

Social Considerations Comments:

This story may comfort a child who is living in a single-parent family. One concern is that without her father's knowledge or permission, Opal gets a job with a man who had been in jail.

NOVEL

Audience:

Is the language use appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?

Moderately

Is the content appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?

Moderately

Literary merit

Does the text show insight into the complexity of the human condition?

Moderately

Does the text broaden students' experiences and understanding?

Moderately

Does the text provide opportunities for creative and critical thinking?

Moderately

To what degree is this text stylistically rich?

Extensively

Plot description:

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Related Comments:

This novel is also a delightful animal story.

Genre:

Contemporary

Type:

Novel

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**Readability:**

- At intended grade level(s)

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