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The title belies the true contents of the book. I thought this was going to be yet another highly fanciful nonsense novel, but the reality pleasantly surprised me. Set in Madison, USA, the plot revolves around 12-year-old Brad and sister Nancy, and their life with their very original babysitter, Phoebe. Her book of spells is a work of fiction, but the incidence of coincidence is peculiarly high, so the story's outcome cannot be prejudged. More important than the story is the interplay of relationships, plus the development of Brad's character. The writer has a sympathy for adolescence and allows a rapport between the reader and Brad to flourish, so that one sees life through Brad's focus. The variety of cartoon sketches included emphasise this too. This is a good middle/secondary book but the cover, which seems designed to appeal to younger readers, may be off-putting.

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