

A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramee
HarperCollins/Balzer Bray, 2019

Reviews

- [School Library Journal](#) (1 January 2020) Gr. 4-8 “In the midst of the typical middle school angst, a not guilty verdict in a case concerning a police officer shooting an African American man is announced and Shayla begins to relate to the Black Lives Matter movement in a way she never has before.”
- [Booklist](#) (1 June 2019) Gr. 5-8 “The captivating protagonist likes to avoid trouble, wishing only to hang out with her two best friends, catch the eye of a boy crush, and excel at running track. However, when her eyes become open to the racial injustices in both her community and her very own school, she becomes a Black Lives Matter activist.”
- [Kirkus Reviews](#) (12 March 2019) Fiction 8-12 “Trouble follows, bringing with it important lessons about friendship and courage. Awkward, endearing, and memorable, Shayla navigates the world of middle school and the troubled world beyond with wit and endless heart. A timely, funny, and unforgettable debut about friendship, facing your fears, and standing up for what's right.”
- [Horn Book Magazine](#) (1 March 2019) “Shayla’s first-person account is honest and relatable as she tries to do the right thing by her peers, her school community, and herself. The protagonist’s emotional and civic maturation is believably portrayed, and as her understanding of the Black Lives Matter movement clarifies and deepens, so does the reader’s.”

Awards

- [The Amelia Bloomer Book List](#), 2020
- [BCALA Children and Youth Literary Awards](#), 2021
- [Kirkus Best Books](#) - 2019
- SLJ Best Books - 2019
- NPR’s Book Concierge - 2019
- The Walter Awards Honoree Younger Readers Category - 2020

Lists

- [Black Experiences: Affirmation and Resilience, Activism and Resistance in 45 Books for PreK-Grade 12](#), 2022
- [Top 10 #OwnVoices Middle-Grade Novels](#): 2019
- [Social Justice: Fifteen titles to address inequity, equality, and organizing for young readers](#), 2020
- [This List is Anti-Racist](#), 2020

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Response to challenges

- [Henrico parent withdraws request for review of youth novel](#): “withdrew his or her request on Tuesday after the process had been underway for more than three months.”
- [If you don't like a book or it's contents, don't ban it, just don't read it](#): “Remember when we were told, if you don't like a TV show or movie, DON'T WATCH IT? Well, the same holds true with books. If you DON'T like a book, DON'T READ IT!”
- Disclaimer* It was difficult to locate resources that responded to challenge for this title.

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