



End of the Alphabet - Fleur Beale

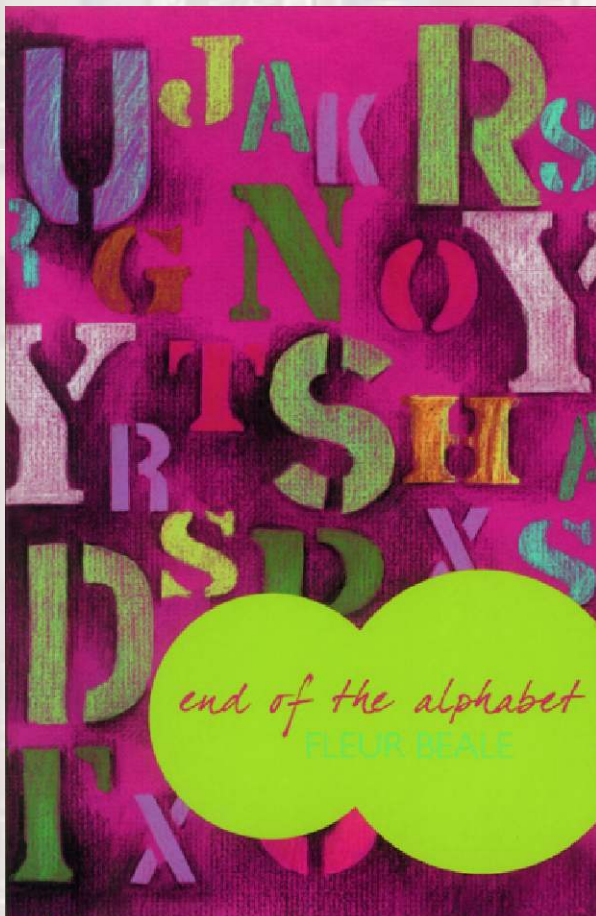
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Not only does Ruby Yarrow have to put up with her annoyingly brainy twin brother Max, sharing room with her two little brothers but she ends up doing all the cooking, cleaning and babysitting. Until one day Ruby finally gets a backbone and all hell breaks loose.

Ruby has a learning difficulty and finds life a struggle most days. But with a simple comment she overcomes her demons and learns to live life without being a doormat. This decision has wonderful consequences.

Fleur Beale has again written another enjoyable teenage novel which relates to family life here in New Zealand. It is written using easy to understand English and demonstrates that even if you have a learning difficulty you don't need to feel lowly and worthless. Well suited to teens 13 years and over.

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