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## ***Violet Mackerel's Possible Friend* – Anna Branford** Illustrated by Sarah Davis

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Violet is a sensitive girl with a thoughtful approach to life's challenges. She usually works out a theory and plan of action on how to achieve her aims. Her logic is both imaginative and practical with surprising results.

Violet's current concern is how to find a friend in the neighbourhood she has moved into. It's a situation familiar to many children faced with moving house and changing schools.

Violet's journey through insecurity and uncertainty to find friendship is realistic. Along the way she is beset with doubts about her hand-me-down clothes and her lack of shiny new possessions. When she discovers she has a home life that others envy she begins to see her family in a new light.

The gentle story unfolds through conversation, inner thoughts, notes and perceptive characterisation. Black-and-white illustrations by Sarah Davis complete the picture of the pixie-faced Violet, her surroundings and the people in her life.

This fifth junior novel in the hardback Violet Mackerel series gives a glimpse into the minds of many young girls finding their place in a new environment. Readers will be reassured that perseverance often leads to a positive outcome.

**Reviewed by children's author Jean Bennett**

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