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The Bravery of Kindness

The Other Side is a beautiful book. I love how Annie and Clover are so brave. Usually fences keep people apart but the fence in this story brought Annie and Clover together.

The fence helped them become friends because they could be together without breaking their mothers' rules and getting into trouble. It was hard for the girls to become friends because their parents did not like each other although they did not take time to get to know each other. It was also hard because they were not allowed to go on each other's side of the fence and Clover's friends did not include Annie.

Clover wanted to be Annie's friend because Annie looked like she needed a friend and it looked like she had lots of fun playing outside in the rain. It took bravery for Clover to talk to Annie and I think everyone should have that same bravery! Clover and Annie's bravery helped the other children be kind and brave too. Clover's mother also helped their friendship by not telling Clover to get away from Annie.

This book shows that you can play with someone that is different and you don't have to care if other people think you are different just because you play with someone different. I like to listen to this book and I would read it over and over again because it shows that friendship is stronger than other people's opinions of you and that it can come in all sizes, shapes and colors. It shows that kindness and a bit of empathy can help others have empathy and kindness too. Love and friendship should be more important than hate and that is exactly what this book shows. The Other Side is a beautiful book because it shows the bravery of kindness.