



A girl born without arms...  
a boy with Tourette's syndrome...  
a rundown western theme park...  
and a mystery...  
makes this book a delightful read!



## **Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus**

by Dusti Bowling

### **Extract from the book**

When I started kindergarten, the kids were a little weirded out by my lack of armage. I got asked just about every day what had happened to my arms, as well as a billion other silly questions—like how do I make farting noises with my armpits when I don't have arms or hands . . . or pits. And how do I play dress-up—which I tried showing them and ended up with a poofy pink tutu thing stuck around my head for about five minutes before the teacher finally noticed and helped me pull it down to my waist.

## Review:

Aven Green makes up creative stories for why she doesn't have any arms. Especially now in Arizona where her parents are the new managers a rundown theme park.

She befriends a boy at school who, like her, feels different and isolated from the other kids. His name is Connor and he has Tourette Syndrome.

Together he, another new friend named Zion, and Aven investigate a storage shed at the theme park which leads them to Aven's biological past.

This story is about uplifting friendship, facing your fears, and discovering your true potential.

## QUESTIONS

- 1. What disability does the main character of the book have?**
- 2. Who are the three main characters in the book?**
- 3. As per the review, what is the message of the story?**

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