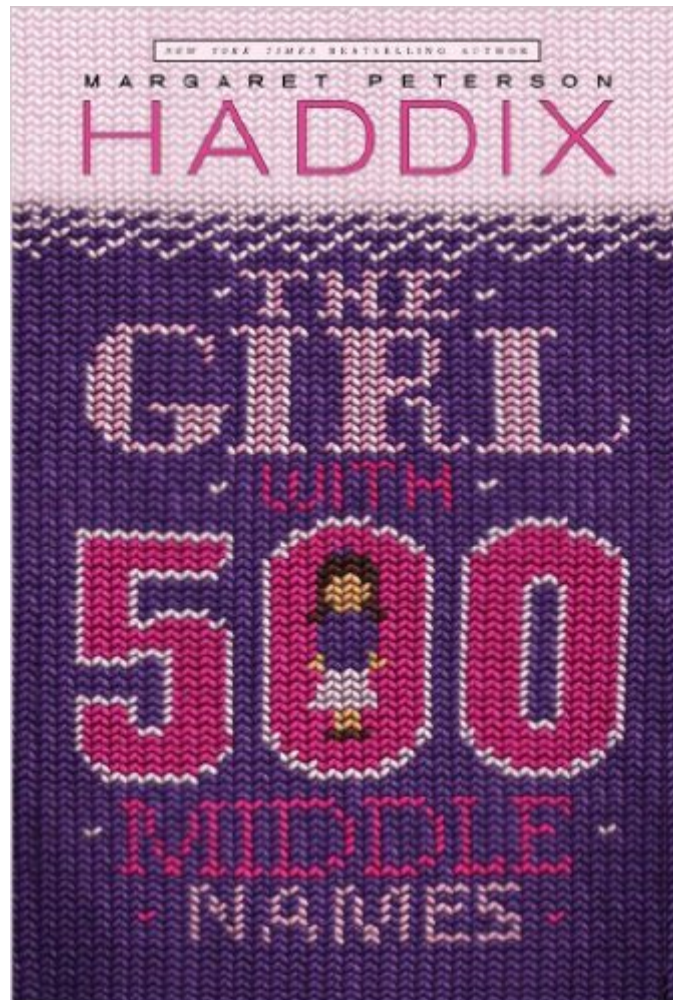


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# The Girl With 500 Middle Names



## Synopsis

JANIE WHO? It's hard enough being the new kid in school. It's even tougher when all of your new classmates live in big houses and wear expensive clothes, while your parents have little and are risking everything just to give you a chance at a better life. Now Janie's about to do something that will make her stand out even more among the rich kids at Satterthwaite School. Something that will have everyone wondering just who Janie Sams really is. And something that will mean totally unexpected changes for Janie and her family.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

Mrs. Haddix has done it! This is a wonderful beginning chapter book for late 2nd/3rd grade readers. This will make a good read-aloud for class or small discussion groups. A terrific lesson on family relationships and values. Good book to help children who have recently transferred to a new school. The characters are enjoyable and endearing. Very believable and current topics for today's elementary age child.

This book is about a little girl named Janie. Her family is not rich. They live in a poor neighborhood, and Janie goes to a poor school that is not up to appropriate standards, everything is broken, the teaching/teachers aren't very good, and there are fights everyday. Her parents love her so much, they are willing to do whatever it takes to get her to a better school so that she can get a better education. They can't really afford to move to the "rich" and better side of town. Her mom decides to knit sweaters, market them, and give her daughter the education she wants her to have. Her mom knits hard for at least a year. But what if the marketing does not work out? Her mom is willing to take that risk for her daughter that she loves so much. When Janie moves to the "rich" school, she realizes she is very poor compared to the other kids there. But she is very good in Math; she is a very intelligent child. She realizes in the end that love is all that really matters (not being rich), and that her parents do indeed love her so much. So much that they are willing to do whatever it takes for her. Before I read this book, I had no idea what it was about. But after I read it, I realized that I can really relate to the book, because I was in the same situation with my kids. We lived beyond our means so that we could live in the "rich" and better neighborhood so my kids could get a better education. We could have lived a lot cheaper in the "poor" neighborhood, but the schools wasn't as good academically, and there was a much higher crime rate. My kids were all good in school, and I know I did the right thing by living on the "rich" side of town just so they could go to a decent school. I did feel poor among all those enormously rich people. This book is a book left over from my youngest daughter's elementary days, and I'm just now getting around to reading it. She LOVED to read back then (now she reads those grownup teen books).

When i am in the library, I look for books with original titles. This one really had an original title. So i got it. It wasnt what I expected at all. It was better. It wasnt just about some girl who had 500 middle names and then the end. it WAS BETTER THAN THAT. People should read this book!

Today, in my mother, daughter club we talked about Janie and how we are like her. Her mother knits these sweaters for a company, but the company doesn't want them. So, every day Janie wears the sweaters her mother knitted. I would recomend this book to read because Janie goes through being a really new kid in school, and because it tells you it's okay to be new in a new school.

I think the best part of this book was when discribed how Janie didn't like Kimberly at first but in the end they became good friends. I think this book had good detail and told the difrence between adults

and children.

The book I read was the girl with 500 middle names. I like the way the author adds details and knows when to start a new chapter and go into more exciting things. The main character in this good story is Jaine who. The who stands for all of the names her mom puts on sweaters. The main character Jaine ends up in alot of trouble making up middle names that aren't even hers. Jaine has to discover how to change all these middle names to stop. You would like to read this book because ypu can learn not to use other peoples names.

This book wasn't that great, it was really cheesy and too easy. I didn't expect this from a great author. I recommend this to early readers in levels M-N. Don't buy if purchasing for an older child.

A great book for our after school program! I would recommend it for any groups to read! The kids were.actually quiet when I read!

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