

Pie

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In the town of Ipswitch, Pennsylvania, there was only one place where people could obtain the most delectable pies: Pie, a shop owned by Polly Portman. Known as the Pie Queen of Ipswitch, Polly made pies of all flavours for people all across town, free of charge. When Polly would refuse to take payment, the people of Ipswitch would leave ingredients at her front door so that she could continue to make them pies. However, when the Pie Queen of Ipswitch passes away, the town is saddened but curious as to who she left her famous pie crust recipe to. When Polly's niece, Alice, is read the contents of her aunt's will, she is shocked to find out that the celebrated pie crust recipe has been given to a cat. The cat in question is the late Polly Portman's pet, Lardo, who has been given to Alice via the will. The town goes into a frenzy as people attempt to find the recipe and recreate the delicious pies that were once distributed at Pie. As Alice continues to grieve for her aunt, she bands together with her classmate, Charlie Erdling, to figure out the whereabouts of the pie crust recipe and how it connects to Lardo. On her adventure, Alice learns to cope with the loss of her beloved aunt and finds her passion amidst chaos in the town and her life.

I enjoyed this novel extremely. I read Pie for the first time in elementary school and have read it three times since. Pie is a novel filled with mysterious events, amiable characters, and an amusing storyline. With pie recipes displayed at each chapter, readers will get a sense of how important pie is to both the town of Ipswitch and Polly Portman. The plot twist at the end of the novel will leave readers laughing out loud. Altogether, each page of Pie made an excellent story that I will continue to read for years to come.

I would recommend the novel Pie to readers over the age of nine. This novel contains subjects including robbery, grief and the loss of a loved one and therefore I believe that this age rating is suitable. The main reason why I have read Pie so many times is that it is not only an amazing book for children, the intended audience, but for teenagers and even adults as well. The story includes relatable topics and circumstances such as trying to find one's passion in life and coping with grief. This is an easy, entertaining read that I believe everyone would enjoy!

Recommended Titles:

Honey by Sarah Weeks

A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket

Enola Holmes and the Case of the Missing Marquess by Nancy Springer

