

ivy + BEAN



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BOOK 1

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NO THANKS

Before Bean met Ivy, she didn't like her. Bean's mother was always saying that Bean should try playing with the new girl across the street. But Bean didn't want to.

"She's seven years old, just like you," said her mother. "And she seems like such a nice girl. You could be friends."

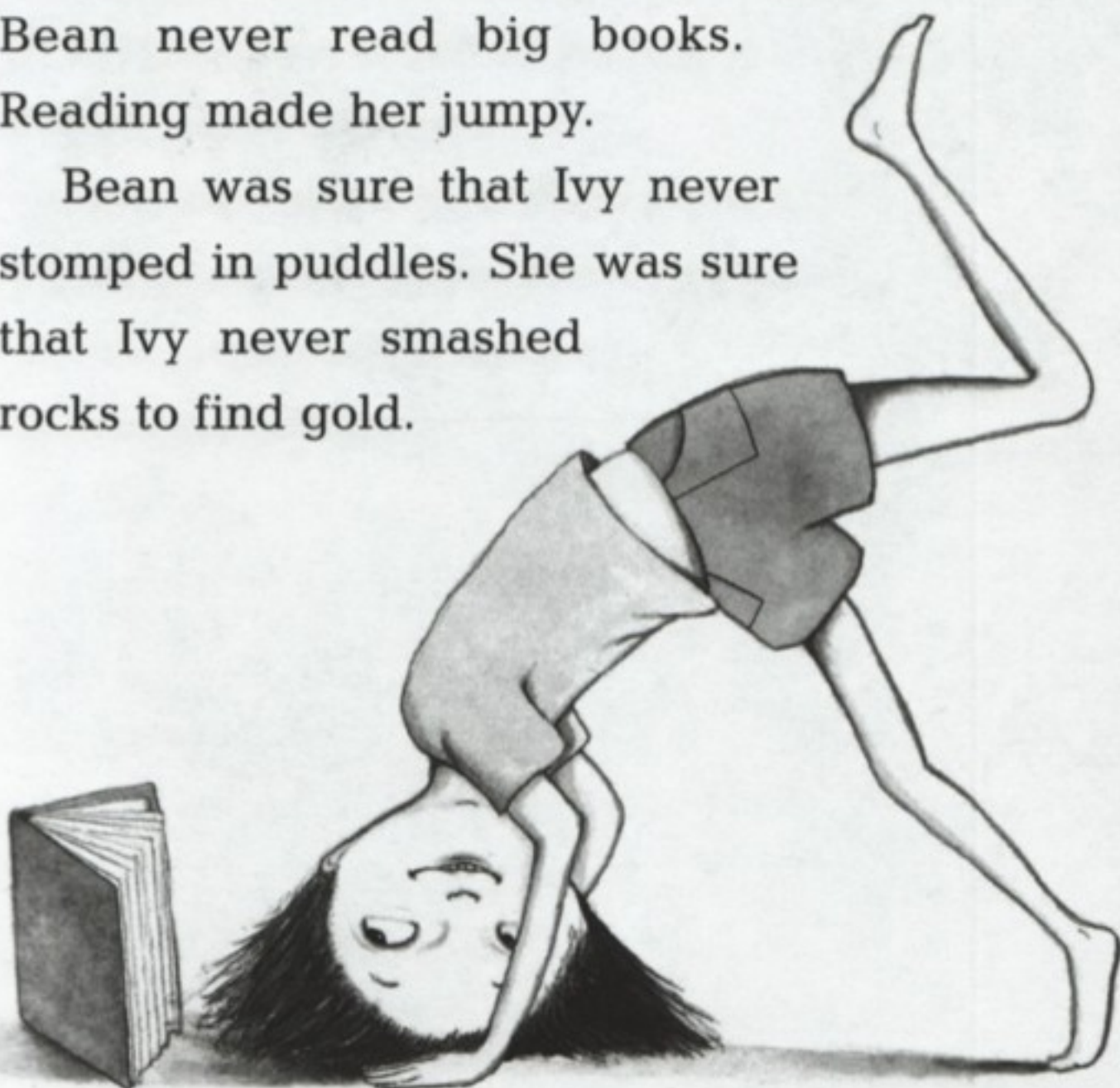


"I already have friends," said Bean. And that was true. Bean did have a lot of friends. But, really, she didn't want to play with Ivy because her mother was right—Ivy did seem like such a nice girl. Even from across the street she looked nice. But nice, Bean knew, is another word for boring.

Ivy sat nicely on her front steps. Bean zipped around her yard and yelled. Ivy had long, curly red hair pushed back with a sparkly headband. Bean's hair was black, and it only came to her chin because it got tangled if it was any

longer. When Bean put on a headband, it fell off. Ivy wore a dress every day. Bean wore a dress when her mother made her. Ivy was always reading a big book. Bean never read big books. Reading made her jumpy.

Bean was sure that Ivy never stomped in puddles. She was sure that Ivy never smashed rocks to find gold.





Meet Ivy and Bean, two friends who never meant to like each other.

The moment they saw each other, Bean and Ivy knew they would never be friends. But when Bean plays a trick on her sister and has to hide—*quick!*—Ivy comes to the rescue with her wand, some face paint, and a bucket of worms. Will they end up in trouble? Maybe. Will they have fun? Of course!

"The deliciousness is in the details here, with both girls drawn distinctly and with flair." — ★ *Booklist*, starred review

". . . illustrations deftly capture the girls' personalities and the tale's humor. . . Barrows's narrative brims with sprightly dialogue."
— ★ *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"Readers are bound to embrace this spunky twosome and eagerly anticipate their continuing tales of mischief and mayhem." — *Kirkus Reviews*

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