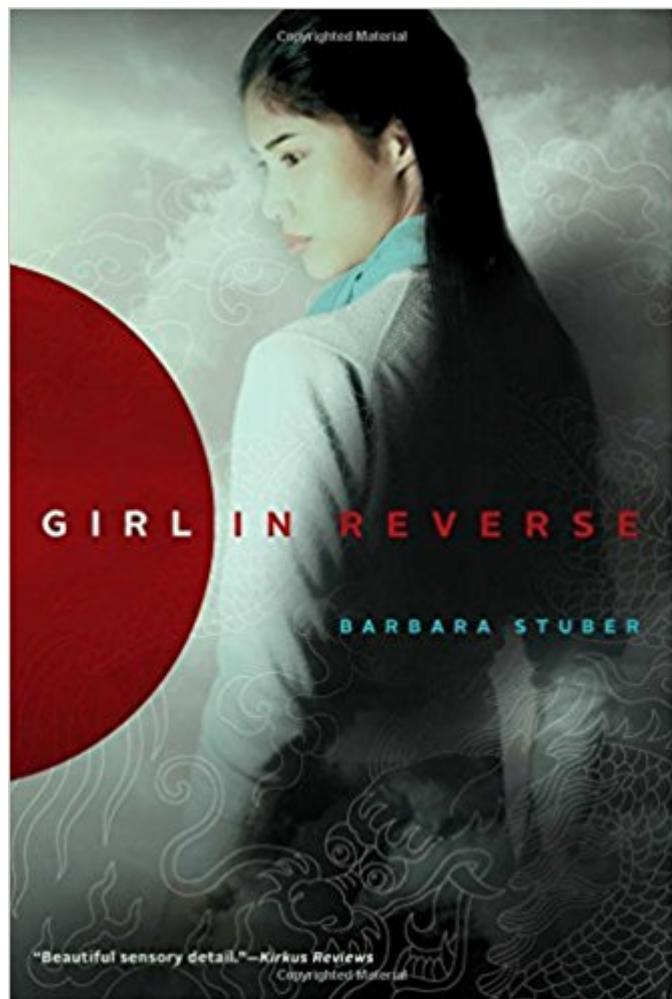


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# Girl In Reverse



## Synopsis

Being adopted isn't easy—especially when you're seen as a national enemy. A teen seeks the roots of her identity in this stirring novel from the acclaimed author of *Crossing the Tracks*. When Lily was three, her mother put her up for adoption, then disappeared without a trace. Or so Lily was told. Lily grew up in her new family and tried to forget her past. But with the Korean War raging and the fear of "Commies" everywhere, Lily's Asian heritage makes her a target. She is sick of the racism she faces, a fact her adoptive parents won't take seriously. For Lily, war is everywhere—the dinner table, the halls at school, and especially within her own skin. Then her brainy little brother, Ralph, finds a box containing a baffling jumble of broken antiques—clues to her past left by her "Gone Mom." Lily and Ralph attempt to match these fragments with rare Chinese artifacts at the art museum, where she encounters the artistic genius Elliot James. Elliot attracts and infuriates Lily—especially when he calls their first kiss "undimensional." With the help of Ralph and Elliot, will Lily summon the courage to confront her own remarkable creation story? A poignantly beautiful novel, *Girl in Reverse* celebrates a remarkable journey of self-discovery, inner resilience, and the fragile, surprising, and exquisite complexity of family. (Starred review).

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âœDon't forget who you are and where you come from."----F Scott FitzgeraldIt is becoming hard for Lily to move ahead without getting any idea about her real mother or father or her real roots. Without the raging war between America, Japan and Communist Party in China and for Lily, who happens to have a "chink" face and living with her adopted American family in the Kansas City, it is getting harder to survive her high school days without any mockery or racial teasing.Barbara Stuber's protagonist, Lily, in her new book, Girl in Reverse is a meek, confused and curious young teenager, who's life suddenly takes on the reverse gear to find out about her past, that happens to haunt her almost every day! Girl in Reverse is not any kind of cheesy YA tale, instead it weaves a tale about finding your real roots and how to not forget them and exploring the bright dimension of art, antiques and cartoons!!!I'd like to thank the author, Barbara Stuber, for giving me this opportunity to read and review her historical novel.In the blurb, we see that, Lily has been left by her real mother in a lonely orphanage, in Kansas City at the age of three, for adoption, and her mother vanished into thin air. Fast forward to the 1950s, we see Lily as a teenager, attending high school and dreading the social science periods. But with all the taunting and racial remarks about her originality, Lily gets determined to find her real roots, whether she is Japanese or Chinese. Her determination not only opens a wide world of new relationships but also make her identify her real-shelf. Imagine while finding roots, the whole experience changes your view on the outer world as well as on your inner shelf, then such a journey is worth experiencing.

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