

# Absolutely Normal Chaos

By Sharon Creech



*“Mary Lou Finney-(Thirteen-years-old) is the next oldest, that’s me. I don’t know what I am; I am waiting to find out. “  
Absolutely Normal Chaos... Pages 4-5*

This book review was created by students in Mrs. Brochu’s reading class.

Thirteen- year -old Mary Lou Finney has to write a summer journal for next year’s English teacher. Her summer is going crazy, and she doesn’t want her English teacher, Mr. Birkway, to read about it in her journal. This summer is what she never expected it to be. There are many surprising events that take place. Her cousin, Carl Ray, comes to stay with her family in Easton, Ohio, at her house for awhile. Her boy-crazy best friend, Beth Ann, drives her nuts! Mary Lou becomes obsessed with her new boyfriend, Alex Cheevy. Read the book to see what exciting things will happen to Carl Ray and Mary Lou.

## Student Recommendations (Five Stars is the best!)

★★★★★ This book is a journal and it’s funny. It’s a great book because I like to see what happens to Mary Lou every day. I think it’s cool that Sharon Creech made Mary Lou only a short two years older than me. I like that I can relate to the main character in many ways. Once you pick it up you can’t put it down. I recommend this book for kids ages 11-13.

★★★★★ This book makes me want to keep reading. It is written as journal entries, and it is easy to understand what Mary Lou and Carl Ray are going through being the ages they are. This book will keep the reader glued to their seats wanting to find out what will happen to Mary Lou and Carl Ray. I recommend this book for kids, ages 10-13. It is a funny, satisfying book that makes the reader hungry for more.