

Things Not Seen

By: Andrew Clements



“It’s when I turn on the bathroom light and wipe the fog off the mirror to comb my hair. It’s what I see in the mirror. It’s what I don’t see. I look a second time, and then rub at the mirror again. I’m not there. That’s what I’m saying. I’m. Not. There. ” Page 1

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Fifteen-year-old Bobby Phillips woke up one Tuesday morning in February at his house in Chicago and couldn't see himself in the mirror. His parents decided that they couldn't tell anyone about him being invisible. Bobby meets a blind girl named Alicia, and after telling her about him being invisible, they become friends. Soon both families know. Bobby's invisibility becomes a problem. If he goes out in public invisible, and someone bumps into him, or steps on him, he may be discovered. Is Bobby's electric blanket the cause of his invisibility? Will Bobby ever find another friend that is invisible? And most importantly, will Bobby *ever* become normal again?

★ ★ ★ ★ This book is a mix of fantasy and real life problems that almost anyone can relate to. You can see what's going on in your mind's eye. You can picture the events happening and feel the characters' emotions, even if they're not put into words. This book is a great read for kids between the grades of 4th to 7th. Almost all kids will be able to relate to Bobby Phillips.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ I have greatly enjoyed this novel! When I read, I felt like I was right in the middle of the book! My favorite character was Alicia, the blind girl. She had a biting attitude and a good sense of humor. I really recommend this book for 4th through 8th grade. People in that age group will get a big kick out of this book!

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ *Things Not Seen* is an exciting and suspenseful novel. Andrew Clements has a way of writing. When you don't expect something to happen it does. One thing I like about this book is that it makes you want to read more. I think kids ages 10 to 12 should read this book.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Andrew Clements had you wanting to read more. He made you feel like this book would never end. What I liked most was the characters. My favorite character was Bobby Phillips. I liked him because he was the main character and became invisible. When he was tense you could really tell, and same with his other feelings. I'd recommend *Things Not Seen* for anyone who likes advanced fiction books or even advanced Andrew Clements books.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ This author has done a fantastic job making this into a twist of humor and serious problems. It is a great way to get excited about reading. Also there are many surprises in the story throughout the beginning to the end. Bobby Phillips has and will always have an exciting life. I recommend this book for fourth through sixth grade.