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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Greene's new novel may be deemed the topper of all the funny, moving unpredictable stories that have won her awards and devout fans. The excitement jets off here when Mrs. Chisholm leaves home "for a few weeks" to tour with an acting company. Jenny (11) and her sister Mary (almost 13) persuade their father to let them manage on their own in their mother's absence. The sisters stick together, despite occasional squabbles arising from Jenny's salty disapproval of Mary's adolescent airs and snippy, boy-crazy friends. When a company arrives in town to make a film, everybody gets in line to apply for the 40 that is paid to extras, but it's raffish Jenny ("your basic gamine") who's chosen. As the girls' elderly friend Mrs. Carruthers says, the movie actors in her young days had "star shine," which is what readers will agree Jenny and author Greene have too.

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From School Library Journal

Grade 5-8 The stars don't shine because this book lacks both the plot and zaniness that typifies Greene's work. Jenny and Mary's mother leaves them for the summer to go on tour as an actress; Dad must hold things together in her absence. There is a hint of insecurity about Mom's departure, but it lacks depth, as does the benign trouble the girls find. Mary is excited about the prospect of a role in a movie being filmed locally. Jenny is selected, however, and she could care less about the opportunity. Jenny, who hacks away at her hair with manicure sissors and sucks her thumb at age 11 is well defined. Unfortunately, most of the other characters are shallow, especially the mother. Typical of Greene's books, this one also stresses values over action and tries to prove that things are not always as they seem on the surface. Judie Porter, Media Services Center, Portsmouth School Department, R.I.

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