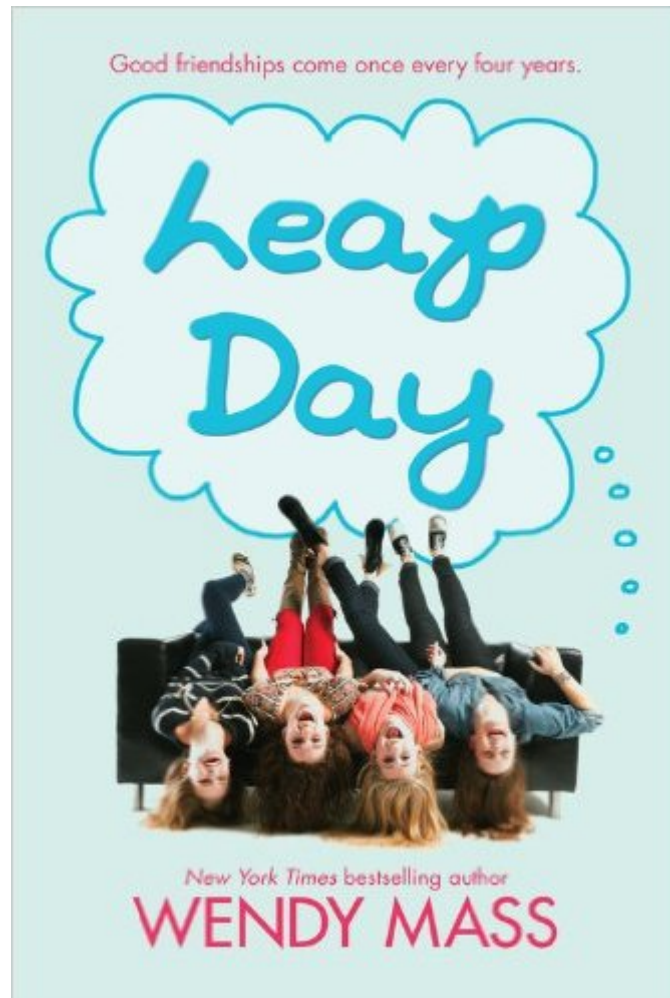


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# Leap Day



## Synopsis

This fascinating, surprising new novel is full of everyday imaginations and truths in the life and future of every teenage girl, as it tells the story of soon-to-be-16 Josie Taylor, who was born on Leap Day.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I recently re-re-read this book. The book, for those of you who haven't read it, is written in two main parts. One part is told through the eyes of Josie Taylor, a girl turning sixteen on leap day. The other part is written from third person about all the people she's affected. For example, in Josie's chapter, she might just glance at a boy and think he's weird. In the next chapter, you will see what the boy is feeling, and what's important in his life. Though the plot wasn't spectacular, I thought it was pretty good, and Mass makes some very good points throughout the book. I am more drawn, though, to that style of writing. It's fascinating to see how each individual character has hopes and fears. It's a good reminder to the reader that the world doesn't revolve around one person. Other people have feelings, too. I recommend it to someone who feels like a pretty easy, yet very interesting, read. I must tell you, though, I believe the target audience is high-school girls. If you are not a member of that audience, you might give it a try anyway.

February 29th, Leap Day, has been a big part of my life for a while. My youngest brother was born on Leap Day when I was 9 year old, so we've been teasing him...pretty much ever since. When I saw Wendy Mass's Leap Day pop up on 's bargain books, I grabbed it. It sounded like a fun title and my students can't get enough of Mass's books. I didn't realize how much I was going to enjoy it, too!

Josie Taylor is a "leaper", one of the few people in the world fortunate to be born on Leap Day. As she tells the reader, there is a 1 in 365 chance of being born any other day of the year, but only a 1 in 1461 chance of being born on Leap Day. It's the day of her 16th birthday, and her fourth "real" birthday. She has a day of celebrations to look forward to, like her free pizza from Dominos (do they really give away free pizza for life to leapers?). What I love about the book is that you don't just experience the day from Josie's point of view. You experience it from the point-of-view of all different characters in her life. From her parents, to her best friends, her brother, to random kids in class at school- you get to be in all of their heads!

I'm a natural eavesdropper. I'm nosy, what can I say? So this book was perfect for me! In so many stories I am always wondering what the other characters are thinking and feeling. Wendy Mass has created my dream book. This is more of a YA novel (though I wouldn't hesitate to include it in my 8th grade classroom). There is some mention of hooking up and other teenagerly activities. I do think my girls are going to love this, and I know it will garner more fans for Mass!

Leap Day is a book about a girl named Josie Taylor. The book is written in two ways all throughout: one chapter in Josie's POV, and the next told in third person omniscient about everyone Josie encountered in the previous chapter. The way it is written opens your eyes as to why certain people act certain ways. Sometimes the reason someone does something is childish and stupid, but it makes you realize that we never actually know what people are doing or thinking. Example: Missy hates Josie. Josie has no idea why. She thinks that maybe she said or did something mean to Missy. The truth actually has nothing to do with anything Josie did to Missy. (I won't spoil it this time) Missy just has a personal family problem that Josie reminds her of. It is very ignorant of Missy to hate Josie for this, but it still shows how sometimes we never really know what people are thinking when they do certain things. This is a great book that is good for anyone (no matter what age) even though it may be short (212 pages). EXTREME SPOILER!!!! EXTREME SPOILER!!!! EXTREME SPOILER!!!! EXTREME SPOILER!!!! EXTREME SPOILER!!!! EXTREME SPOILER!!!! EXTREME SPOILER!!!! EXTREME SPOILER!!!! EXTREME SPOILER!!!! EXTREME SPOILER!!!! EXTREME SPOILER!!!! EXTREME SPOILER!!!! EXTREME SPOILER!!!! EXTREME SPOILER!!!! EXTREME SPOILER!!!! You've been warned about the spoiler. From the beginning, I

could guess what Katy's note said. Well, half of it. I didn't know anything about the crush on Ms. Connors, but I could tell that the note said she was gay. Why else would a note be that important? I literally ran around my house jumping with joy because I finally found out I was right. All throughout the book, Wendy Mass puts you in anticipation to find out what the note says, but she never tells you what it says until the end when they are at the lake. This was a good book. Sorry if I spoiled it for you, but you were warned.

Leap Day was a creative book that I thought was really interesting because it let you see what the other people were thinking and that was what made Josie's (the main character) decisions really funny. I think that a lot of pre-teens and teens would like this book. I also recommend Pretty Face and Heaven Looks A Lot Like The Mall. LEAP DAY IS DEFINITELY WORTH BUYING!!!!!!

six years ago I read this book, and for the life of me I couldn't remember what it was called finally one day it popped up as a suggestion for what I might like to read in my email. I thoroughly enjoyed this book again, I liked the concept of the story that the girl is celebrating her leap year and the ups and downs of that.

Everything about this book is spot on. Reading a book from the perspective of someone born on February 29th was interesting, but that wasn't the only interesting thing about this book. The very format of following one fairly ordinary day in the life of a teenager, and all the run-of-the-mill interactions was a very good idea, and it works, even though it sounds boring. The way Mass shows us not only Josie is feeling, but how everyone else around her has their own secrets, is ingenious, and can be very touching and sweet. The setting of Orlando was great also. This is a book that looks fluffy and fun, and is, but has other levels that make it very rewarding and will put a smile on your face.

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