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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 4–6—Wherever Nate Harlow goes, bad luck seems to follow. He has never even won a coin toss, so it comes as no surprise to many residents of Paradise Beach that it is Nate who gets struck by lightning out of the literal blue on his 11th birthday while playing mini-golf with his friend Genesis Beam. What does come as a big surprise is that Nate's luck seems to change drastically after the strike. All of a sudden, he is winning. Everything. Nate has to decide how he is going to handle this change—he is now surrounded by friends and opportunities whereas before it was only him and Genesis sticking together. Will she stay by Nate's side while he finds his feet, and, more importantly, will he support her when she needs it most? This well-told story of growth, friendship, and small-town life hits all the right notes. The quirkiness of the characters and the town never goes too far, and there is an overall cozy feeling to the book. Genesis's dad is the preacher at The Church of the One True Redeemer and Everlasting Light, but she is a scientist through and through, which adds complexity to the text, including musings on destiny, fate, probability, and weather. Fans of Susan Patron's *Higher Power of Lucky* (S. & S., 2006), Sheila Turnage's *Three Times Lucky* (Dial, 2012), and Ingrid Law's *Savvy* (2008; both, Dial) will find something new for their to-read shelves.—Stacy Dillon, LREI, New York City

Review

Praise for *Lucky Strike*:

"A not-to-be missed, begs-to-be-read-aloud, once-in-a-blue-moon book." -- Katherine Applegate, author of Newbery Medal winner *The One and Only Ivan*

"If only every summer could be sprinkled with this kind of magic... This is a lovely storm of a story." -- Natalie Lloyd, author of *A Snicker of Magic*

"If you're holding *Lucky Strike*, consider yourself lucky. Open it and read immediately. If you aren't holding it, run now and do so. Open it and read immediately. You will consider yourself lucky. Trust me." -- Barbara O'Connor, author of *How to Steal A Dog*

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"A dramatic and sweetly poignant story, enlivened by a dash of magical realism." -- *Publishers Weekly*

"Filled with Southern charm, a bit of magic, and a cast of quirky characters." -- *Voice of Youth Advocates*

Praise for *The Dogs of Winter*:

A *Kirkus Reviews* Best Children's Book of 2012

"Compelling and highly original fiction... An absorbing account." -- *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*, starred review

"Terrifying, life-affirming and memorable." -- *Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"Absorbing...The many vivid details of street life and the convincing portrayals of even minor characters help bring the story to life. A source bibliography is appended. Written with compassion as well as grim, sometimes brutal realism, this novel offers a riveting story as well as material for reflection and discussion." -- *Booklist*, starred review

"Well-crafted sentences, lively dialogue, and a remarkable story line combine for an absorbing adventure tale that young readers will find irresistible." -- *Horn Book*

"Pyron delivers a reflective, hard-hitting story about the bond between child and dog...The book's emotional impact is immense." -- *Publishers Weekly*

From the Back Cover

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Sarah Stiles:

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