

Book Review of Awkward, by Svetlana Chmakova. – M.S.

I recently read the graphic novel, Awkward, by Svetlana Chmakova. Although I usually do not enjoy reading graphic novels, this one was hard to put down. Chmakova expertly captures the feelings that a student would have on the first day in a new school. Although she touches on sensitive subjects, such as bullying and stealing, her quick wit and humor keeps the reader laughing and engaged throughout the entire novel. The themes and characters are well-developed and memorable. I was truly impressed by Chmakova's use of illustrations. It was easy to feel each emotion along with the characters and be completely immersed in the storyline. I highly recommend Awkward to any middle-grade reader.