

# **BOOK REVIEW**

## **CHARLIE ANDERSON**

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CHARLIE ANDERSON IS A CAT THAT LEADS TWO LIVES. BY NIGHT HE IS CHARLIE IN THE HOME OF ELIZABETH, SARAH, AND THEIR MOTHER. BY DAY HE IS ANDERSON IN A HOUSEHOLD ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WOODS. CHARLIE ARRIVED ONE NIGHT AND HAD BEEN LOVINGLY TAKEN IN BY THE GIRLS. EACH EVENING HE WOULD COME, STAY FOR THE NIGHT AND LEAVE AFTER BREAKFAST. ONE STORMY NIGHT CHARLIE DID NOT COME. THE GIRLS SEARCHED AND SEARCHED ONLY TO FIND CHARLIE AT HIS DAYTIME HOME ACROSS THE WOODS BEING GROOMED, LOVED AND FED. CHARLIE IS RENAMED CHARLIE ANDERSON AND REPRESENTS THE LOVE OF BOTH HIS HOMES.

CHARLIE ANDERSON IS BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED AND WOULD APPEAL TO A WIDE SPAN OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN. THE STORY IS SENSITIVE AD RELATIVE TO THE FEELINGS AND CONCERNS OF CHILDREN OF DIVORCE AND OTHER SITUATIONS OF CHILDREN INVOLVING SEPARATION.

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