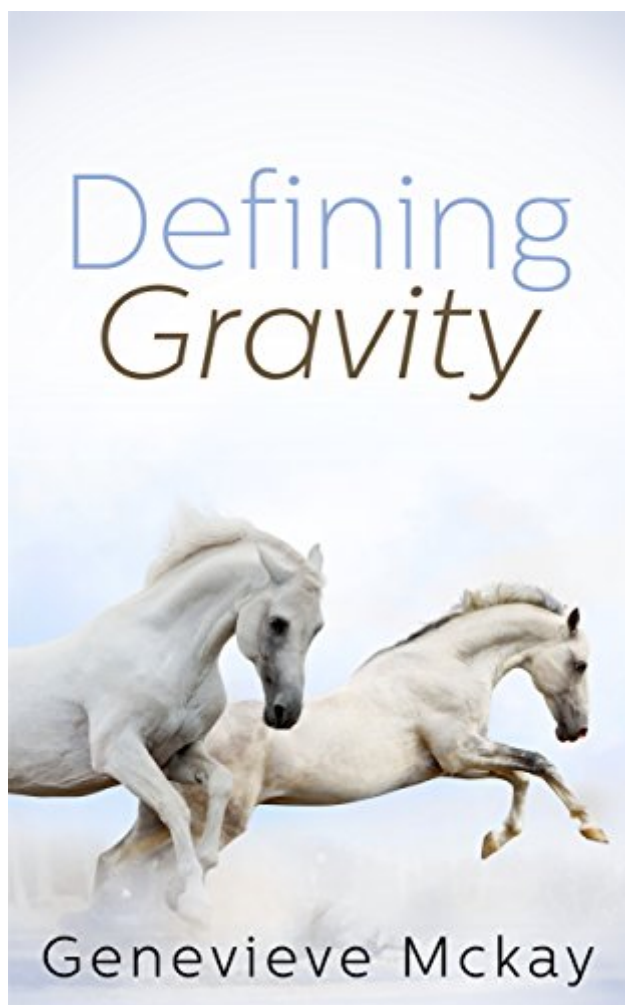


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Synopsis

Fifteen-year-old Astrid never breaks the rules; she's much too terrified of her overbearing father to step out of line. He controls her weight, her friends, and even her career path. And he doesn't approve of anyone in their family thinking for themselves. When one impulsive decision ends in disaster, Astrid is grounded for the summer, forced to put her archery career on hold and take a menial job cleaning stalls at a posh dressage barn. It takes a little horse named Quarry and a quirky cast of characters to banish Astrid's unhappiness and show her that she is worth something. But when her father steps in, once again, everything Astrid has grown to love is threatened.

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Customer Reviews

This charming story is well-written and such a pleasure to read. The book takes us through the complexities of a teenager's life through Astrid's eyes as she navigates her father's domineering and difficult personality. At times Astrid is lost but other times she appears focused and determined, if not severely misguided. The book creates some wonderful characters who are realistic and

charming and their friendships and conversations are interesting and fun. The equestrian content is accurate and engaging and it is wonderful to spend time in a true dressage barn as Astrid learns the fundamentals of riding from a master horse trainer. Astrid clearly suffers because of her decisions, and at times it is difficult to sympathize with her. But the characters are rich and complex, and the story has considerable depth and substance enhanced by the characters. The book is a great read and is very difficult to put down. The story reaches a surprising conclusion with twists and turns along the way. Certainly this book would be enjoyable for anybody with even a slight interest in the horse industry and I look forward to more in the series.

Ah - mazing start of a new series. This first book was sooooo good and even though it is clear that so much will be different for character in next book, I still can't wait to read it. Thoroughly enjoyed this book, will look at authors other books to help tide me over until next in this series is released. I was left wondering what Astrid REALLY looks like as she has such a poor self image. I tended to think that she was typical/average/fine and she let negative influences affect her too much. Very relatable though.

Defining Gravity by Genevieve McKay is about a high school teen named Astrid who who is sent to a stable to work as a punishment. Of course, she is enlightened about the wisdom of horses after getting to know them. This is a well written book with a gorgeous cover. The plot and characters were interesting, but I guessed that Astrid would get hurt again and I was disappointed in the ending. Nothing seemed to get resolved: Astrid was still getting into trouble, her dad still had business problems and her riding instructor was still sick. While Astrid seemed to learn a few of life lessons, she didn't seem to learn from her mistakes. I know this is a series, but I would have liked a more satisfying ending.

Ah I need the next one now! Very well-written, with well-developed characters and plenty of horse content.

Enjoyed! Great read

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