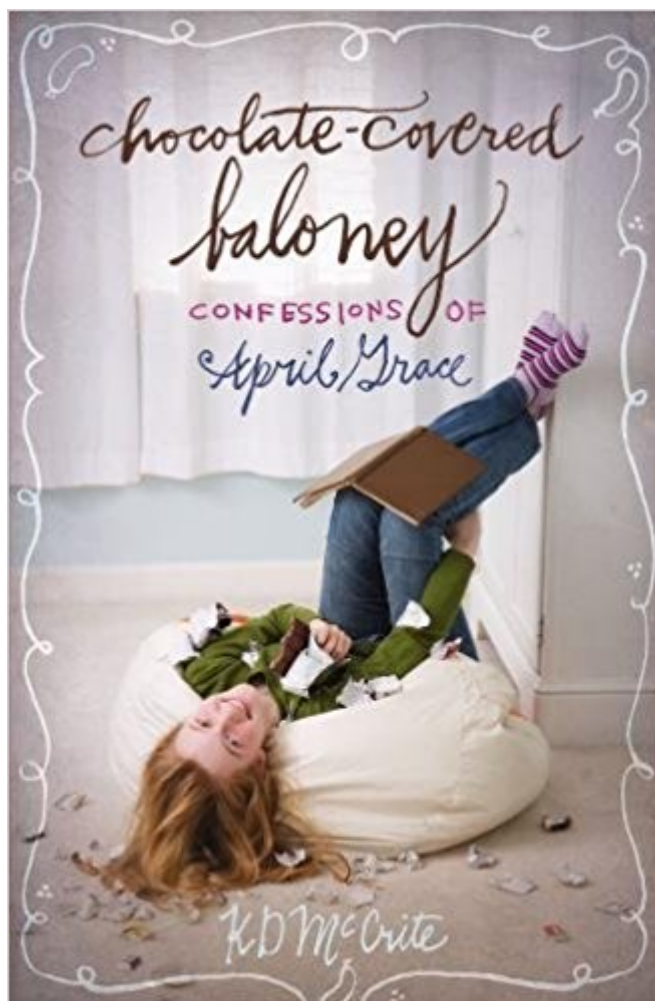


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# Chocolate-Covered Baloney (The Confessions Of April Grace)



## Synopsis

The last thing April Grace wants is more change in her life—but that’s exactly what she gets! Plus, April has a new mystery to solve when Myra Sue starts sneaking around and acting very suspicious! From snooty new neighbors to starting junior high to getting a new baby brother to having her grandmother get a boyfriend, April Grace has had enough change to last until she is at least 87 years old. But when it rains, it pours, and April Grace is in for the ride of her life when her prissy, citified neighbor Isabel becomes her gym teacher and a long-lost relative suddenly reappears and throws everything into a tizzy. On top of that, April’s sister, Myra Sue, has been hiding something and sneaking around. April needs to find out what is going on before her silly sister gets herself into trouble again. More important, will April find the grace she needs to handle her topsy-turvy life and forgive past wrongs? Girls will fall in love with April’s humor and completely relate to her as she deals with family, friends, drama, and both the humor and the heartache that are part of growing up.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

KD McCrite grew up on an Ozark Mountain farm along an old dirt road, just like April Grace Reilly in

the Confessions of April Grace series. She loves writing stories that make people laugh and think. For a while, she worked as a librarian, but these days she sits at her desk and makes up stories.

Great end to the series. I bought the first one probably about 3 months ago because I had read all the books I own at least once and a visit to the library was not until about a week... plus I was bored. But anyway, "In Front of God and Everybody" was on sale for \$1.99 so I went for it. It was great! Well, soon enough we saw the second April Grace for only about a buck! We got the third one for around the same price and they were all super good. I don't know why these books were so cheap, but I'm not complaining ;) And just to clarify, these books (especially the last) were absolutely perfect!! You will love them. I think I liked the 3rd was the best. It perfectly ended the series. The first one was second best but in the second, not much really happened.... but I still loved the series. I'd recommend for girls around 8 to 13. I'm twelve and I loved them. Oh, also, in another review, someone said that April Grace calls her sister a lot of names, but really all she called her was like, a dipstick, dumb, and a drip. I don't think anything else. And she never called Myra Sue any of those to her face so it's not like she was actually insulting her. Myra Sue also said a few mean names, but that's just naturally what siblings do. And the review I referred to above said the name calling went basically unpunished, but it was mostly in April Grace's head or away from adults so unless their parents can read minds I don't see how they would know. But like I said, even if they did know, that's just natural with siblings :)

April Grace's experiences in this book, as in the others are touching, with some humor and lots of tear-starting empathy. Learning to tolerate and accept people. Learning how much family means. Learning how to love the unlovely and find them lovely in the process. April and her best friend have their eyes opened to being tolerant and accepting at a tender age; that lesson will serve them well. April and Myra pass through another 'sisters' stage. The story is told from April's point of view, but there are more characters who learn the life lessons along with her. And Myra learns a few life lessons of her own. New baby brother, Eli, creates a sweet pivot point for the family and friends of Rough Creek Road to gather round. They all come together, do what needs to be done and help each other generously. Everyone of them makes some quiet change that supports others and strengthens the bonds they are building. If you have this series on your shelf, you will be offering a good read to all age groups. I highly recommend it. The time frame is in the 1980s; as the author explains, she wanted to have the characters work out their lives without dependence upon technology. Plus we all know about 'retro'; those and other good old days are intriguing to younger

generations. The author has done her research and she doesn't leave loose ends to distract you. The editors are good -- if there were any typos, I missed them. I read this book in the paperback format, 'borrowing' it before I tuck it into a Christmas package of the series. I am acquainted with the author, but purchased the copy. I am under no obligation to write a review, positive or negative. I will be reviewing it on Ozarks Mystique.

There aren't enough words to describe how much I love the April Grace books. I grew up in the 80's so reading these in such a nice trip back through memory lane. April Grace is faced with a mystery that she just HAS to solve. Her sister, Myra Sue, is acting all sneaky and just not at all like herself. To top it all off, a relative she didn't even really know about shows up one day, throwing her world into a real tizzy. The author manages to capture the duality that only siblings can possess: the rivalry and deep love. As I am the oldest of three girls, I am Myra Sue. And I can so relate to her. When it comes to privacy and my room, heaven help the sister who dares to breach either of these things. As I read the fights between Myra Sue and April Grace, I found myself laughing. My sisters and I sounded JUST like they did, from the name-calling to the "Oh HUH!" and "Nuh UH!" and the blackmail that if I told on them they would tell on me, etc. However, when it comes down to the nitty gritty, we love each other deeply as do Myra and April. It just may take awhile to figure that part out ;)

I have read all 3 books in this series by KD McCrite and I would love for her to write more books with April Grace as the narrator and character of characters! These books are as enjoyable for adults as they would be for teens. Many times I busted out laughing even though I tried not to because my husband was asleep. Just couldn't help it!!! Please publishers.....more April Grace. I am begging!

This story is a continuation of the April Grace series. The books make you laugh at loud and then bring a tear to your eye. I love every book this author has written.

My daughter is what drew my interest to this series and it has been refreshing to see details from the first two books flowing smoothly throughout all three. I enjoy the emphasis the books give to family and keeping faith at the heart and center of it all. I would highly recommend this book to girls 4th-6th grade and anyone else that enjoys or happily remembers the 80's.

Light; uplifting; and, at times, laugh out loud comedy! The stories of April Grace will keep you

entertained and longing for more. Honestly, the best light-hearted books I have read in my entire life!

Great Job KD, my daughter and I loved the book. April Grace is funnier than ever! April Grace is an 11 year old girl growing up in the country during the 80s. It is a good story with good morals and not too overly christian. If you read books to your children (around age 7 or older) or have kids who love to read get this book, get all 3 books. This story does lean more toward girls but if you read aloud I do believe boys would enjoy this story too since there is a lot of comedy.

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