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The 12th Candle (Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins 10/8/19) explores

BULLYING vs. community **KINDNESS** in a heartfelt and humorous story

featuring the big three: A family curse, an “innocent” prank, and a magic candle.

SYNOPSIS

Since birth, Sage Sassafras has been under the thumb of the family Contrarium Curse, aka the curse of the opposites, and she’s pitted against Priscilla Petty, the tall, rich, basketball star. When Priscilla lands dunk shots, Sage throws bricks. When Priscilla has a good hair day, Sage gets tangles, and when Priscilla’s daddy is promoted to president of Goldview’s First National Bank, things go really sour for Sage’s daddy. At least Sage is a stellar artist, and she’s determined to win the Doodle for Noodler art contest and fame before Priscilla can—it’s her big shot to change her family reputation from infamous to famous!

So, when Sage is given a magical candle on her twelfth birthday, she seizes the chance to turn her luck around and reverse the curse. But are wishes always wise?

In this *Freaky Friday-ish* realization that the grass might not always be greener, Sage’s life gets better in some ways—but other things tank. Really Tank. Now, with the candle’s magical wax running out, Sage needs to win back her friends and rally her frenemies. Because if they don’t figure out how to break the curse—and its reverse—Sage will be doomed to a life of opposites forever.

BIO:

Kim Tomsic enjoys the combo of being a grand gesticulator and a word wrangler. She’s never met an exclamation point she didn’t love! Kim was born on an American military base in Italy and has lived in various parts of the United States thus forcing her to find her way as the new-kid at many schools. Now, she is a declared extrovert and enjoys helping others connect. She splits her time between Colorado and Arizona, and loves yoga, hiking, and sunshine. Kim is the author of *The 11:11 Wish* (2018 Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins), *Guitar Genius* (April 2019, Chronicle Books), *The 12th Candle* (October 8, 2019 Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins), and *The Elephants Come Home* (2021 Chronicle Books).

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CRITICAL PRAISE:

“A thoughtful look at curse versus choice and an encouragement to youngsters to make their own paths.”—
Kirkus Review

“Friendship, magic, and pink lightning—this book is a wish come true!” —***Lauren Myracle, New York Times Bestselling Author***

"Tomsic demonstrates that wishes have a power of their own, no matter the good intentions behind them. [Sage has a] colorful group of friends whose engaging dialogue and ever-evolving relationships capture the essence of middle-school interaction." —***Booklist***

“Sage is a believable feisty twelve-year-old, who has been trying to outrun her family’s tarnished reputation for as long as she can remember, and her vulnerability to the preening Priscilla is keenly relatable.” —***BCCB***

“This sweetly magical novel is a lesson in kindness. There is magic in all of us.” —***Kristen Gilligan, owner, Tattered Cover Book Store***

“A heartfelt and humorous story about the ups and downs of middle school, touching on the ways acts of forgiveness can change an entire community. The 12th Candle is a wish come true!” —***McCourt Thomas, Head of Youth Services, Lyons Regional Library District***

“An enchanting and heartfelt story for anyone who has ever tried to wish away their problems!” —***Ida Olson, Library Media Specialist, McCormick Junior High School***