

## **The Watch on the Fencepost**

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Mysterious puzzles appear in a continuous thread in this very interesting and easy-to-read book. The prologue describes the main character, Kathryn Frasier, who is recovering from the loss of her parents, and has close friends and advisers helping her. The list of characters in the story grows immediately, keeping the reader focused and eager to find out more about the new characters and their attachment to Kathryn. The puzzles that tie the story together are vague and difficult and draw the reader into trying to figure out the solutions. The characters become more complicated quickly, as do “real life” relationships.

“The Watch on the Fencepost” keeps the audience up late in order to finish the book and find out the answers to the puzzles. It’s fun to read! I thoroughly enjoyed it and appreciate the author’s ability to tell a story without profanity or a great deal of violence. Descriptions of characters paint mental pictures very well. The story moves along and keeps the reader’s focus. An aside: I love the title, too.

Writing this review so as not to give away any part of the mystery, but sharing something I think is very funny, I offer the following excerpt. My favorite paragraph in the book is in Chapter 39. I laughed out loud as Cece described lunch with Kathryn and two gentlemen:

*“Well, that was certainly interesting,” said Cece. “Watching Phil and Mike glare at each other was a lot like a National Geographic wildlife special on mountain goats. I thought they were going to butt heads any second.”*

Clever humor!

From the beginning, as the story proceeds, more and more puzzles come to light. Answers are eventually found, and mysteries are solved. Relationships develop and the end of the story is satisfying. There are emotional moments that might even draw a tear or two and there are moments that will make it difficult not to laugh out loud. “The Watch on the Fencepost” is a “family friendly” book, and the author is adept at presenting a completely woven story for any reader. If you are looking for a book to read and enjoy, this book is for you. But I warn you, you will be staying up late. Be prepared!

I hope Kay DiBianca is writing another book. I can’t wait to read it.