

MAYA RUNNING
By
Anjali Banerjee
Wendy Lamb Books/Random House, 2005

A Partial List of Reviews

"Stunning...beautiful and complex." - *Philadelphia Inquirer*

"Lush, delicious diction, surprising, delightful similes...fresh and original." **Highly recommended****** - *Canadian Review of Materials*

"Eloquently composed...insightfully written...Banerjee's is a promising new voice...compelling and imaginative." - *The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

"Delightful...a wonderful story...Perfect for multicultural collections." - *KLIATT*

"Details of the cultures and everyday life of both India and Canada are integrated seamlessly...readers will see themselves in the realistic characters." - *School Library Journal*

"Terrific, funny and inventive." - *Paula Danziger, late author of over 25 books for children*

"Authentic, engaging...Teenage readers will find much to identify with in (Maya's) captivating journey of self-discovery." - *BookPage*

"An endearing book that heralds the voice of a bright new author." -*The Pioneer, New Delhi*

"A neat twist on the standard children's tale of growing up; (Banerjee) writes like a Judy Blume acolyte and finds unusual solutions to Maya's dilemmas...Not at all preachy."
- *Business Standard, New Delhi*

"With its humor, magic, and realism I would recommend it to many students and teachers for units on multiculturalism, Canada, or for literature circles." - *Library Media Connections*

"Banerjee incorporates her life experiences into this imaginative tale...an enjoyable read." -*VOYA*

"Captivating account detailing brilliantly teenage angst." - *Hindustan Times*

"Touching debut novel...featuring fantastic elements of Indian lore." - *Publishers Weekly*

"Delightful." - *Deccan Chronicle*

"Heartwarming... finely crafted, immensely sensitive as well as funny." - *INDOLink*

"A unique story with a dream-like quality." - *The Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of the National Council of Teachers of English (ALAN)*. ALAN chose MAYA RUNNING as a **BILL'S BEST BOOK for Jan. 2005**.

"An enchanting story...a book to read in one sitting and reflect upon." - *Lisa DuMond, SF Site*

“Banerjee does a fine job of describing Maya’s life and the people who inhabit it.” - *Booklist*

“Banerjee’s novel effectively juxtaposes the cultural ins and outs of being Canadian of Indian origin, with the universality of teenage longings.” – *Children’s Literature Comprehensive Database (CLCD)*

“Maya’s primary dreams and heartaches are vividly drawn and should ring true for young adult readers.” – *The Bremerton Sun, The Olympian*

“A lively story...Maya reminds me of every girl in the world growing up into adolescence...Maya is everyone – you, me, the little girl at the bus stop, or the one sitting in the front of the class.”
– *Fife Free Press, Tacoma Weekly*