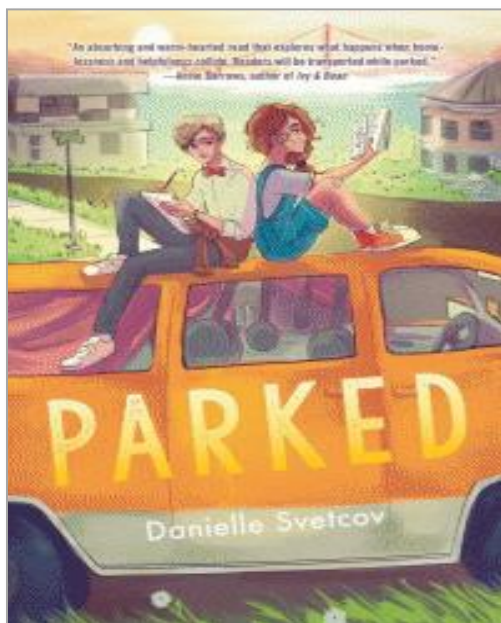

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Rebecca Stead meets *The Westing Game* in this scrappy, poignant, uplifting debut about family, friendship, and accepting help enough to help yourself.

Description:

Twelve-year-old Jeanne Ann has doubts when her mum spends their savings on an old orange van and bundles them off to San Francisco to chase Mum's dream of working as a chef. There, they camp on the street while her mother looks for a job she never gets. Before long, Jeanne Ann realises that this van is the closest thing she has to a home. Across the road, twelve-year-old Cal watches the homeless community parked just beyond his big house. Cal's mum is busy with the upscale restaurant she owns, but they've always been close - until Cal does something his mum just doesn't understand. Then Cal and Jeanne Ann meet. Cal is too tall and too weird and too rich and wears all his feelings on the outside of his skin, and he just wants to help. Jeanne Ann is smart, she is funny, she is stubborn - hers is a royal-looking chin, in Cal's opinion - and she does not want his help. But a quirky, meaningful friendship develops. And as it does, the pair is buoyed by a remarkable cast of nuanced, oddball characters who let them down and lift them up.