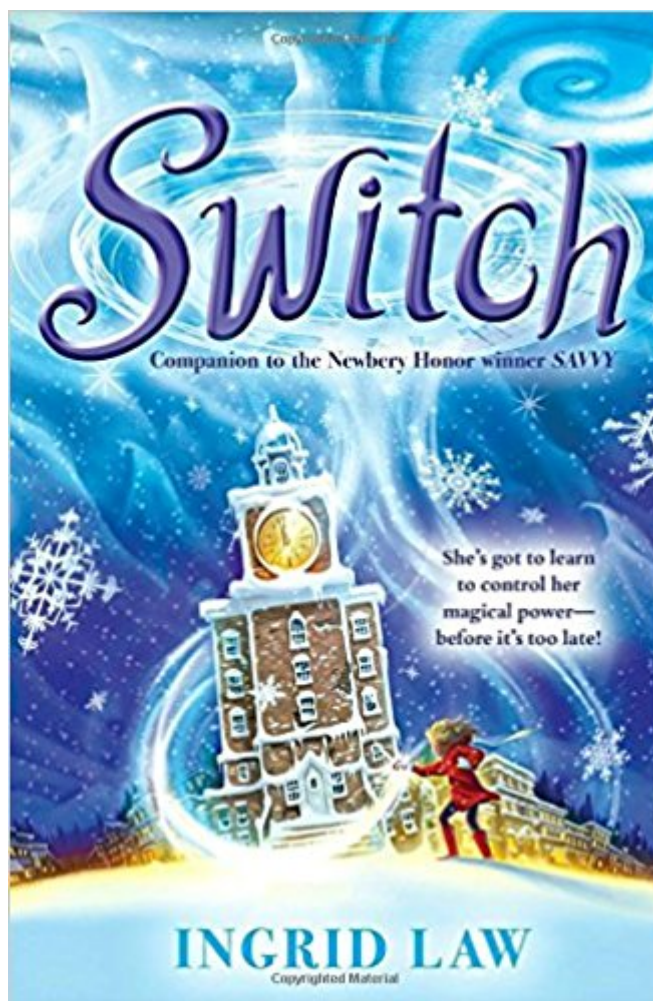


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# Switch



## Synopsis

Ingrid Law delivers another heartwarming story about the magic of friendship and the power of family in this companion to her Newbery Honor-winning *Savvy*. Gypsy Beaumont has always been a whirly-twirly free spirit, so as her thirteenth birthday approaches, she hopes to get a magical ability that will let her fly, or dance up to the stars. Instead, she wakes up on her birthday with blurry vision . . . and starts seeing flashes of the future and past. But when Momma and Poppa announce that her very un-magical, downright mean Grandma Pat has Alzheimer's and is going to move in with them, Gypsy's savvy along with her family suddenly becomes its opposite. Now it's savvy mayhem as Gypsy starts freezing time, and no one could have predicted what would happen on their trip to bring Grandma Pat home . . . not even Gypsy. With her trademark style and whimsical, beautiful language, Ingrid Law has written another wonderfully moving companion to her Newbery Honor-winning *Savvy*.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Another magical tale that emphasizes every person's unique gifts. Some years have passed in the Beaumont household, in which each family member has a "savvy," or magical ability that manifests itself around age 13. Now it is Gypsy's turn, but her savvy for seeing

flashes of the past and future causes her more anxiety than happiness. A vision of her Grandma Pat falling off a clock tower terrifies her, and she determines to prevent it. Worse yet, the curmudgeonly woman has Alzheimer's and will come live with the Beaumonts. This dreaded event has switched everyone's gifts. Gypsy now stops time, her brother Tucker can grow, brother Samson can start fires, and their perfect mother now is clumsy and accident prone. Navigating the new reality, saving Grandma, and accepting her savvy are on Gypsy's to-do list. Law's signature writing style is evident in her third story; whimsical word patterns dance around her savvy characters. Gypsy and her family seem to be in constant, unusual motion, rather like a Willy Wonka elevator. And, much like authors Deborah Wiles or Patricia Reilly Giff, Law contrasts warm family support with personal despair and hardship, nicely balancing her dramatic action with stability and optimism. Gypsy's family will always love her, even if she sends a car into the river (oops). There are a few coincidences and a tidy ending, but overall, Law has again told a story with as much heart as creativity. VERDICT Highly recommended and a must-have for libraries with the previous volumes. —Caitlin Augusta, Stratford Library Association, CT --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Praise for Switch: "Along with turning her increasingly self-confident protagonist's fondness for spontaneous twirling into a thematic leitmotif, [Law] salts the narrative with wonderfully silly words and the cast with helpful, warmhearted allies." —Kirkus Reviews "Much like authors Deborah Wiles or Patricia Reilly Giff, Law contrasts warm family support with personal despair and hardship, nicely balancing her dramatic action with stability and optimism." | Law has again told a story with as much heart as creativity. —School Library Journal "Law tenderly handles the challenges of having a grandparent with Alzheimer's, highlighting the power of familial love." | Readers will be caught up in this snowy, magical adventure and the characters' efforts to balance their true, sparkly selves with growing up. —Booklist "Eccentricity abounds, with vibrant supporting characters." | Gypsy carries on the family traditions with aplomb. —Horn Book Savvy Accolades: Newbery Honor — Winner ALA Notable Children's Book Boston Globe-Horn Book Award — Honor New York Times — bestseller Savvy and Scumble — have been nominated for over 30 state awards Oprah's reading list pick Al Rocker's Book Club for Kids selection Scumble Accolades: New York Times bestseller Kid's Next List selection Kansas State Reading Circle Recommended Read A Chicago Public Library Best of the Best Books Selection A Smithsonian — Notable Book for Children

Not as good as the first two. Starts slow. Everything has be explained all over again - again. When writing a series, subsequent books should not be explained like a first book. Do a synopsis at the beginning to summarize what needs to be remembered, and then more forward. If someone hasn't read the previous book(s), then they shouldn't be reading the current one (including children!). The story actually gets rolling about halfway through. Between the "switch" and certain natural laws pertaining thereto, it seems like a cheap grab for a sequel. Gypsy is so resentful she's hard to like or even sympathize. Many bad decisions that can't necessarily be explained by "resentful, panicking teenager." Bottom line: OK ... 3-1/2 stars

I loved this new edition of the series featuring Gypsy. Where Ledger Kale of Scumble was all fumble, hormones and savvy driven infatuation Gypsy was really refreshing. She was a strong lead struggling with giant problems. On one hand she wanted to fit in and be considered grown up, on the other hand she was struggling to come to terms with a cranky grandmother in an impossible situation. Finally she became more "grown up" then the friend who had spurned her could hope to be for many years to come. Gypsy was an admirable character full of determination and wonder, she fought with the need to prove herself to others and came out on top- something Ledger never did. I would recommend this book to anyone who found the first book amazing, even if you found the second (as I did) kind of a weak follow up. Switch comes back strong and was all the more enjoyable for the contrast.

A great final book to a wonderful series! I loved learning about Gypsy Beaumont, and had a great time reading about the crazy adventure she and her brothers went on. Ingrid Law did not disappoint in this exciting final book, the last in the Savvy series. If you liked this book as much as I did, try reading Drizzle by Kathleen Van Cleve. It had a similar "finding yourself" message to it, along with a hint of magic!

This book was one of the best books I have ever read! I did not want to stop reading it! I love all of Ingrid Laws books because they are always filled with adventure, love, suspense, and more...

Good story awesome writing it was da bomb. I would take this book to a desert island if I was a castaway cool beans

My students were so very grateful that the magic of Savvy (book 1) continued into this book. I love to watch them get lost in a good book.

Excellent book. The book arrived Friday and my daughter grabbed it upon coming home from school and read it cover to cover. My wife and daughters are not reading it together.

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