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Dork Diaries
Tales from a not-
so fabulous life,
should get the Hard
to Be a Kid
award. Being a
kid can be hard
right? This book is
written and illustrated by Rachel
Renée Russell, is a great book
because it helps kids know that
a new school doesn't have to
be just scary. It can mean meeting
lots of new and dorky friends-
even when **everything** goes wrong.

It all starts when Nikki
moves to a new school called
Westchester country day.
She feels really scared and
unhappy that she has to move

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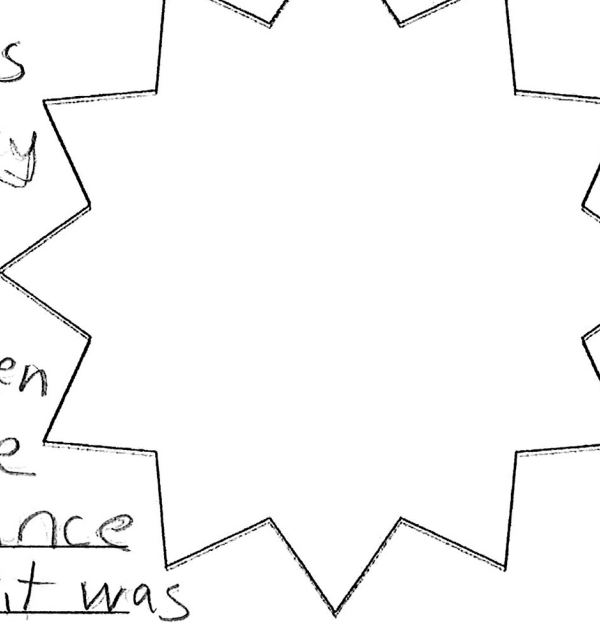
to a new school because she misses her friends. It is really bad because she is the only one who does not have a cellphone.

Mikki buys a phone to try to look cool, but then it isn't very cool. For example, when the CCP girls—they are cute cool and popular—see it they scream, make it go away! They think it is really dorky.

Another reason it is good is that bad things just keep happening—it is kind of funny! The next bad thing is in gym class. When Nikki does make some friends, everything doesn't get

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perfect. Nikki finds
Cole and Zoey. They
help her get more
comfortable in
the school. But when
it is time for the
kids to do a dance
routine in gym it was
supposed to be ballet thought and
did a wacky dance instead.
The substitute gym teacher
was not happy. The friends
felt terrible but it sure
was funny!

When you are a kid things
can be really hard. Rachel
Renée Russell knows that
kids can really get their feelings
hurt. But when a kid has friends
those friends can make things

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better, if you are
a kid like
Nikki read this
book and see
how dorky friends
can save the
day.

