

Maven wants to be known for something great.

So when Maven's teacher announces a district-wide robotics competition, she jumps at the opportunity to be the class's leader. She had been nervous about starting fifth grade after spending all summer with her little brother and cousins. But being in charge is better and cooler than playing make-believe, right? Many people doubt her, especially the boys in her class, but with the support of her friends and Girl Scout troop, Maven is determined to prove them wrong.

Then she goes overboard with her dedication to the competition, and she seems to be disappointing everyone, including herself. She begins to realize, maybe being herself is what she needed to do all along.

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