

Denver's summer is off to a terrible start. He's stuck at a remote mountain lodge far from his robotics club and friends, and his clingy, overly cheerful little stepbrother, Harlan, has been following him everywhere, causing disaster after disaster. Lots of people find Harlan charming, but to Denver he's just a big chore and an exhausting reminder of all the changes in his family he never asked for.

When Denver escapes to the woods, he discovers a marvelous secret: The trees at White Pines talk. And Spiro, a lonely old pine, has an idea. He can give Denver the space he craves for an afternoon . . . by turning Harlan into a tree. At first, it's perfect—but when something goes terribly wrong, Denver must find out what happened to Spiro to make him so disconnected from the other trees in the forest to fix it. But to do so, the change Denver might have to make first is within himself.

Full of magic and adventure, *Reach* is a heartfelt story about family, friendship, and finding your place—even when everything around you is changing.

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