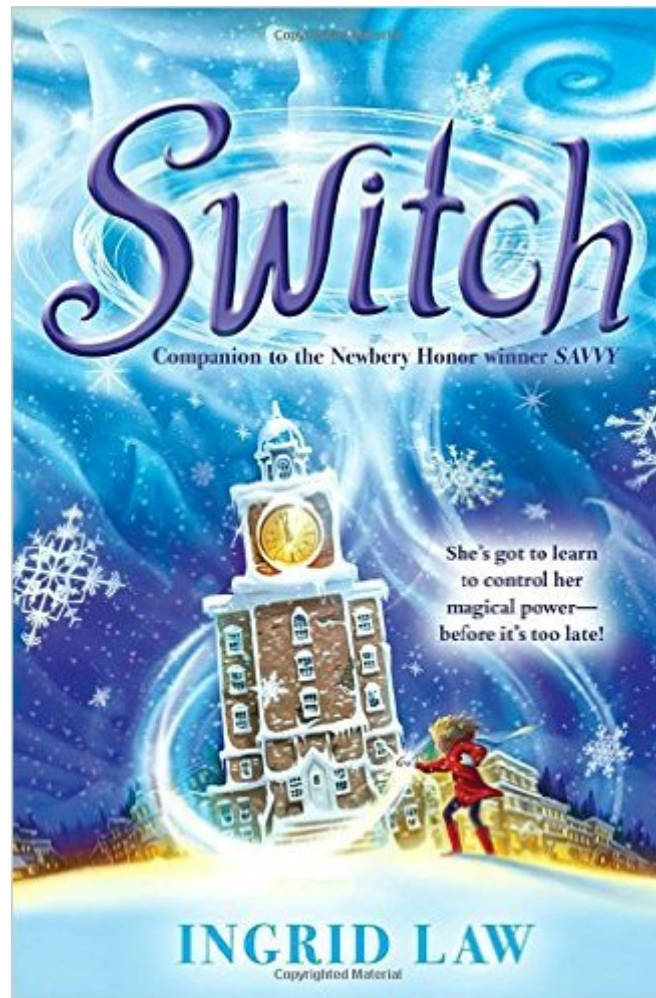


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# Switch



## 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 whirlly-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*.

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## Customer Reviews

Great third book! I admit I only glanced at the beginning of the second book and never finished it because it didn't grab my attention like the first book. This one is reminiscent of the first book, in a good way. Gypsy's character development was believable and surprisingly sophisticated yet easy

enough for the target audience (middle school readers) to understand. I also appreciated all of the secondary characters - I felt connected to all of them, even the ones who only make a brief appearance. It is impressive that the author is able to create such great characters and develop the relationships so deeply in a relatively short book. I took off one star only because it was a bit predictable and certain parts seemed a little too similar to the first book, but otherwise a fun read!

Another great book for students to enjoy. It makes me just a little sad that I am no longer a school librarian so I could present this book to my kids. I know they would love it. This is the kind of book that helps to create life long readers. The story is interesting and a bit unusual. I enjoyed reading it and will do my best to share it with some young readers. I liked the magic aspects of the book very much. This book absolutely belongs in a school library and the children's section of public libraries. It is really good.

A long time ago I read the beginning of this trilogy, Savvy and Scumble. I was happy to see that there was another one, even though it had been quite a few years in-between. In that time, I felt I had grown out of the age appropriate level for this book, but I could not help reading it, because I remembered how much I liked Savvy. Gypsy has an unusual family, where everybody gets a savvy, a special power, on their thirteenth birthday. But what Gypsy got is not what she had hoped for, and as things get even worse, such as having her grumpy grandma move in with them, things end up switched. As everything that happens starts developing in uncharted territories, even Gypsy's parents cannot help. I found this book to be a sweet coming of age story, it is definitely for someone younger than me. One thing that I did not like about this book was how stressful it was to read. It was one of those books where the characters spend the whole time trying to prevent something, which can be very stressful and frustrating for the reader. Overall, I give this book four stars because it book is good, it just is not great.

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" than 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.

If you enjoy a beautifully crafted story don't miss Ingrid Law's new entry in the Savvy series, Switch. I love these books because they are so imaginative and fun while at the same time revealing of less than ideal family circumstances. Gypsy Beaumont, age 13, has a savvy that gives her visions of both the past and future. This savvy has brought her anxiety instead of happiness. When she envisions her Grandma Pat falling from a clock tower, Gypsy knows that she needs to try to protect her grandmother even though Grandma Pat is cranky and suffers from dementia. Much to Gypsy's horror, her grandmother comes to live with her family and everyone's lives--and savvies--are turned upside down. Ingrid is a true wordsmith and I have always loved how she balances humor with tough circumstances. Hey, and if you're an adult, give these wonderful books a shot. You certainly won't regret it!

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!

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.

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.

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