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By Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor
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By Shaina Rudolph and Danielle Royer
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By Shane Burcaw
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RULES
By Cynthia Lord
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But the summer Catherine meets Jason, a surprising, new sort-of friend, and Kristi, the next-door friend she’s always wished for, it’s her own shocking behavior that turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal?
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