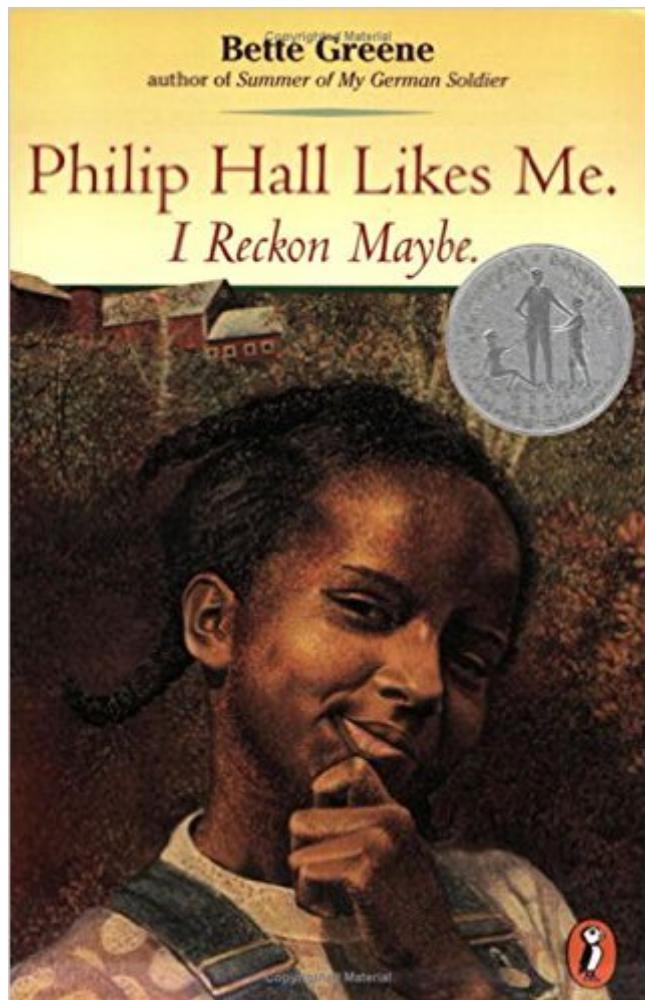


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Synopsis

The Newbery Honor-winning book from the author of *Summer of My German Soldier* Philip Hall is the cutest, smartest boy in the sixth grade, and Beth Lambert loves him. The fact that he beats her in classwork, sports, and almost everything else doesn't bother Beth at first. Then she realizes that Philip might be best because she's letting him beat her. Beth knows that she deserves to be Number One--and she's going to prove it! This funny, universal story of a girl learning that she matters in the world has delighted readers for over twenty years. A *New York Times* Outstanding Book, An ALA Notable Book, Kirkus Choice Award, and

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PLOT SUMMARY: This novel, which is set in Pocahontas, Arkansas, is told from the point of view of a young girl, Elizabeth Lambert. Elizabeth, who has a crush on a classmate, Philip Hall, who doesn't yet seem interested in girls, strives to make him like her. Willing to do almost anything for Philip, Elizabeth purposely lets Philip be the best student in class. She is disappointed when Philip doesn't invite her to his birthday party, which is only for boys. Eventually, Elizabeth decides that she must

concentrate on her friends and forms the Pretty Pennies club, which is in constant competition with the Tiger Hunters, the boys' club headed by Philip Hall. At the end of the novel, Elizabeth finally beats Philip in the 4-H calf-raising contest but is still not happy until she, at last, realizes that she and Philip can still be winners and be friends. **ELIZABETH:** Elizabeth struggles with what she thinks is her inability to be the best student in the class. She is frightened that Philip will not like her if she beats him in the calf-raising contest. After her mother suggests that maybe she is allowing herself to be "second best" so that Philip will like her, she denies it, but as the novel progresses, Elizabeth begins to strive to do her best, even if that means beating Philip and losing his friendship, and she eventually beats him in the 4-H calf-raising contest. **PHILIP HALL:** Philip Hall is an eleven year old boy who is so concerned with what his friends think that he shuns his best friend, Elizabeth, when the boys are around. At the beginning of the novel, Philip takes advantage of Elizabeth's affection by letting her do his stable chores for him and then fails to invite her to his birthday party.

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