



Claire's wild and wacky hair can pretty much do it all, but can it make her best friend laugh again?

Laughing feels SO good and can even be "just what the doctor ordered." Claire and her BFF have a tickling good time coming up with incredible ways to use her tangled tresses. Her woolly mane can tie up bad guys, double as a jump rope and offer a home to many a critter. And the best part — it makes them double up with laughter and only needs washing once a year! However, when Claire's best friend becomes ill and loses his hair, the laughter goes missing. Claire gets a great BIG hairy idea to bring back the laughter, and maybe a little hair too...

Children's literature now allows kids to be exposed to situations and events that used to be considered too sensitive. *Claire's Hair* is a relatable story of empathy and kindness, and brings back the importance of the classic notion:

Laughter IS the best medicine!

Illustrated by the talented Sara Weingartner, who turned out a perfect 10 on the visuals, *Claire's Hair* manages to combine the heart and soul of a sensitive topic with humor and love.

BOOK INFORMATION
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"Claire's Hair is a masterpiece! We have read it many times at our house. The theme of a child losing hair due to illness is handled with such care."

— Parent and teacher,
Kelly Johnson



ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Mary Bleckwehl loves to laugh as much as Claire, but sometimes she laughs AND cries over her own hair! She admits a kinship with Claire as Bleckwehl did not like her mother washing or combing her hair either. This is Bleckwehl's third picture book where

friendship, imagination, and childhood fun hang out together. Bleckwehl lives in Northfield, Minnesota where she writes, snuggles with her rather large golden doodle and is always planning her next school author visit.

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ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR



Sara Weingartner has had some crazy hair — some of it down to her waist, an '80s triangle perm, and once, like Claire's friend, no hair because it all fell out. Working on this project was not just any job; it was a personal connection with the book's characters and

situation for Weingartner. This hope-filled story reminds Weingartner of the openhearted people in her life who fill her with joy. Sara and her family live in Minneapolis, Minnesota and has illustrated many projects.

Her art can be found at www.saraweingartner.com.



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