

Impossible Things by Robin Stevenson  
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Cassidy Silver is in grade 7. She is not having a good year. Her father is far away in the Middle East working as an engineer. Her mother is too busy working at a hospital and being a successful artist to be concerned with the painful details of Cassidy's life at school. School is horrible. Cassidy's best friend Chiaki has joined forces with the meanest girl bullies in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Cassidy is their victim. But then hope arrives in the form of a new girl named Victoria. Here is how it happened.

Read page 1 – I probably... to page 2....choking back a laugh.

Victoria and Cassidy become fast friends. Then comes the day they were both late for school. Mr. McMaran (who is known by Mr. McMoron by the kids) makes Victoria and Cassidy stand in the corner. Here is what happens next.

Read page 19 – McMoron strode towards us..... to page 20... Seriously weird.

After much questioning and cajoling Cassidy finally gets the truth from Victoria. Victoria has an ability called telekinesis. Her brain can cause things to happen to objects or people. Victoria makes Cassidy promise never to tell anyone what she can do. Her family just moved and is now in hiding because of her ability. Cassidy is totally intrigued. She begs Victoria to teach her how to use her brain to develop this awesome power. She wants to get back at those bullies from school. However Victoria becomes more and more fearful. She is afraid someone will find out where her and her family are hiding. Then she really starts to panic when she notices that there is a guy in a red car following her.

Will Cassidy be able to learn telekinesis?

Will she convince Victoria to use her powers against the bullies?

Why is Victoria's family in hiding?

Who is the man in the red car?

To find out what happens next you have to read Impossible Things by Robin Stevenson.