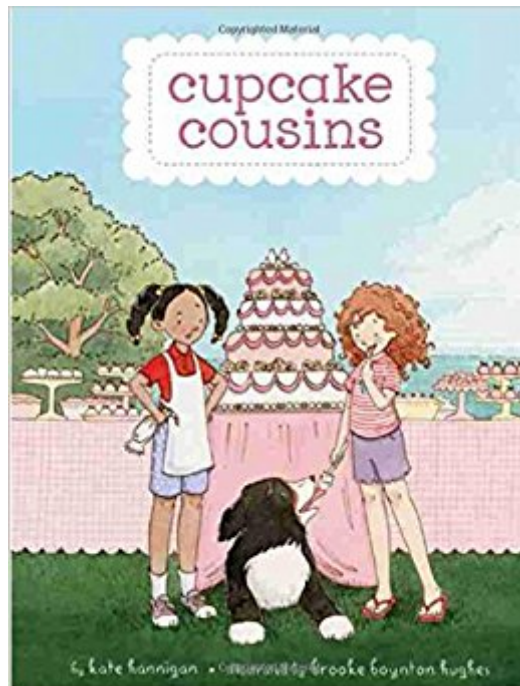




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# Cupcake Cousins, Book 1 Cupcake Cousins



## Synopsis

Baking a fluffy pink cupcake is awesome, but wearing a dress that looks like one? No, thank you! Cousins Willow and Delia can't wait to spend a week vacationing together with their families. Their aunt is getting married, and Willow and Delia are hoping their tasty baked goods will be enough to get them out of being flower girls in the wedding. But with a mischievous little brother, a bacon-loving dog, and a misbehaving blender in the mix, their treats don't exactly turn out as planned. When a real emergency threatens to ruin the wedding, will their baking skills be enough to save the day? Join Willow and Delia in the kitchen by following their scrumptious recipes for whoopee pies, peach pancakes, and other tasty treats! Praise for Cupcake Cousins "[D]ebut novelist Hannigan has assembled all the ingredients for an entertaining and gentle-natured family tale." -Publishers Weekly "Hughes' cheery black-and-white illustrations capture the cousins' exuberance, highlighting both misadventures and sentimental moments. . . . Hannigan's lively tale celebrates family and friendship." -Kirkus Reviews

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## Customer Reviews

Willow and Delia are nine-year-old cousins and fast friends who love spending their family vacations together in Michigan, and hate their flower girl dresses for Aunt Rosie's wedding. They want to

prove that they can contribute more to the event by baking the cake than by parading down the aisle in bubblegum-pink dresses, but their early attempts to help the cook range from unpalatable to disastrous. Meanwhile, Delia's biracial family is dealing with tensions following her father's layoff from his job. In the end, the cousins triumph as flower girls, pastry chefs, and problem solvers. While the book's conclusion is more rosy than realistic, the characters are engaging, and young readers caught up in the story may find it entirely satisfying. Pencil drawings appear at intervals, and, for would-be cooks, recipes (blueberry smoothies, bacon-wrapped dates, frosted cupcakes) appear after certain chapters. This sweet chapter book is Hannigan's first novel. Grades 3-5.

--Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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A fun story as two cousins make their way through a summer vacation that doesn't go quite as they had imagined. With a wedding, lots of family members, cooking mishaps and a bacon-loving dog, there is a lot going on. The book includes the recipes for the things the cousins bake during the story, which is a fun bonus! I highly recommend it for 2nd-5th grade readers.

I just received this book today but I can tell it will be amazing. I was just skimming through and I love how it talks about different places in Michigan. Also I thought it was really cool that included in the book there are recipes they use. My daughter will be wanting me to make them as she reads the chapters. She is 7 and I know this is right up her ally. I can not wait to enjoy this book with her!

This is a great book for any girl who likes reading and/or cooking. It is very well written, it moves along at a nice pace and makes you feel like you've been to the shores of Lake Michigan. I've never actually been to these places, but my sister has and this book is exactly as she described it. I could not recommend this more highly.

I bought this book for my nieces. Three of my nieces are in the 8 to 11 age group and are well know cupcake enthusiasts. My youngest brothers children are very big fans of their slightly older cousin. When it was time to "go to sleep" they read this book twice and all enjoyed it immensely.

My fourth grader loved this book! She thought the story itself was wonderful, and she can't wait to try the recipes.

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My daughter really liked this book.

Every summer, nine-year-old cousins Willow and Delia look forward to their vacation at Lake Michigan with their families: a whole week of catching fireflies, picking peaches in the orchards and boogie boarding in the lake together. But the best part is that they always get to take over the kitchen to cook up mouthwatering treats for everyone. This year, the family vacation will be extra special, because Aunt Rosie is getting married, and everyone will be a part of the big day. Unfortunately, she wants Willow and Delia to wear ugly, pink dresses and be flower girls for the ceremony. And they're much too old for that. But if they can show everyone how amazing their cooking skills are, they're sure to convince Aunt Rosie to put them in charge of the wedding reception refreshments instead, right? Willow and Delia are best friends who are nothing alike but perfectly matched. Willow is a big dreamer, great at coming up with fabulous and adventurous ideas. Delia is a planner who can find practical ways to make Willow's schemes happen. But even Willow's big ideas and Delia's logical plans might not be enough to overcome exploding blenders and a cranky new head chef. I loved getting to know these adorable cupcake cousins. (They remind me so much of myself and my cousin/best friend, when we were younger!) And the recipes sprinkled throughout the story ... Yum!

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