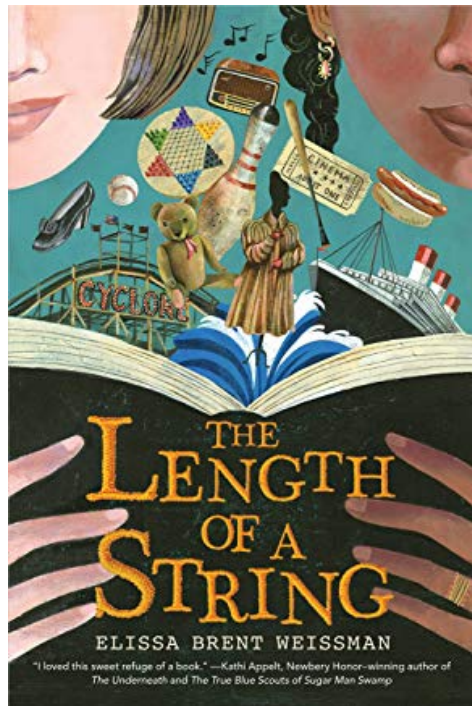


Title: **The Length of a String.** 2018
Author: **Elissa Brent Weissman**
Genre: *Young Adult fiction*
Subject: *Transracial adoption*
Hook: *Pre-teen conversations and behavior ... very realistic*
Reviewer's opinion: *A book to trigger teenage thoughts about the importance of family*

Reviewed by **Carol Barrington**
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In this young adult reader's book, a **12-year old black girl, who has been adopted by a caring, white Jewish family,** struggles with her desire to find her birth mother. Then through the discovery of her adoptive mother's, grandmother's diary she begins to understand that loving families can be formed in all kinds of ways. Pre-teen conversations and behavior is very realistic. The **great-grandmother's story of the year 1941** is very poignant. This is a book to trigger teenage thoughts about the importance of family.