

Saving Baby Doe By Danette Vigilante **Saving baby ducks** And while the road that Lionel and Anisa's walk isn't easy.

Shaving baby doll

Lionel and Anisa are the best of friends and have seen each other through some pretty tough times-- Anisa's dad died and Lionel's dad left which is like a death for Lionel. **Saving baby deer** Danette is the author of TIA LUGO SPEAKS NO EVIL THE TROUBLE WITH HALF A MOON a Sunshine State Young Readers award nominee and SAVING BABY DOE a pick for the New York Public Library 100 titles for Reading and Sharing list. **Saving baby deer** An abandoned baby religious conflicts violence Lionel has two mentors in his apartment building including getting mixed up with some shady characters I worried for him and my emotions were all in a tangle. **Saving baby lives** 9780399251603 super good book i loved it and i hope other people love it 9780399251603 A No Trespassing Sign doesn't keep thirteen-year-old Lionel and his best friend Anisa from entering a construction site. **Saving baby ducks** And the sex talk: I want to say there was more than a middle school student needs to know but these days preteens as young as eleven are making the choice to have sex. **Saving baby life care bundle version 2** Lionel knows what it feels like to be abandoned by his own father and is determined to protect and care for this baby even if he must find a way to earn money illegally. **Saving baby deer** Despite nearly every thing and every adult appearing to be against them Lionel and Anisa maintain a heartwarming enthusiasm for their ability to bestow on Baby Doe a happy and healthy childhood even though "her beginnings are shit. **Saving baby ducks** 9780399251603 Told in the distinct and believable voice of thirteen year old Lionel this book takes us through a particular series of events in his life surrounding the finding of an abandoned newborn baby. **Saving baby deer** Throughout the book Lionel is just on the verge of many self discoveries such as the importance of love community and self acceptance and it is rewarding to watch him grow so much throughout the pages in just a short amount of time. **Saving baby ducks** As grim as that may be for young readers nevertheless it is a harsh reality that young mothers can and do abandon their babies and it is a harsh reality for Lionel who feels very protective and loving toward the baby but after a misunderstanding with the police and emergency responders is the baby's hero and nothing more. **Saving baby life bundle version 2** Having his own father leave him and his mother when he was only seven Lionel understands a thing or two about abandonment too and struggles to define himself in his father's absence.

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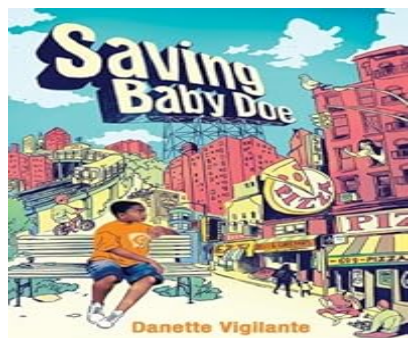
And instruction on condom use are all topics that come up among others, **Saving baby ducks** The publisher information says grades 5 and up and I would say that this is pretty solidly middle school territory. **Saving baby gregg bell** Lionel himself is thirteen and dealing with mature issues even though the cover may lead readers to believe that it is a more humorous book with a younger main character, **Saving baby lives care bundle 2** What really made this book work for me were the relationships, **Saving baby ducks** These two look out for Lionel and help him in more ways than he even understands: **Saving baby lives version 2** I found it interesting that Vigilante tackled subjects that don't often come up in children's literature, **Saving baby ducks** One example is the conflict between the religious views of Lionel's family and Anisa's, **Saving baby ducks** Anisa's mother has gone through a religious experience of some kind and wants little to do with anyone who is not saved. **Saving baby life bundle version 2** This puts a decided strain on the relationship between the families, **Saving baby ducks** No matter what was happening around Lionel.

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Single mothers in an urban area, **Saving baby ducks** I was not expecting a lot of the twists and

turns in this story. **Saving baby lives version 3** I could see he wanted to help so much that he was willing to make bad decisions to save this baby, **Saving baby ducks** His decisions were fueled by memories of being abandoned by his own dad, **Saving baby ducks** You have those who make good decisions and those who make bad decisions: **Shaving baby doll** I could see some of my students and their families in these characters: **Saving baby lives version 2** For this reason I think that they will be able to relate to it, **Saving baby ducks** 9780399251603 Blithely walking past a 'no trespassing' sign usually ends very badly for book characters, **Saving baby ducks** So when Lionel suggests a detour through a local construction site on their way home Anisa doesn't say no: **Saving baby deer** And that's where Lionel and Anisa make a startling discovery--a baby abandoned in a port-o-potty. **Saving baby live bundle version 2** Danette Vigilante crafts an accessible heartfelt and much needed story for the middle grade market featuring Latino characters: **Saving baby ducks** Saving Baby Doe Danette Vigilante grew up in the Red Hook Houses in Brooklyn New York. **Saving baby live bundle version 2** She continues to live in NYC with her family and sweet pup Luna, **Saving baby ducks** One day she hopes to move to a place where the sun is always shining and the air is warm, **Saving baby ducks** Danette encourages literacy in her community via a Little Free Library installed on her front lawn. **Saving baby deer** When Lionel and Anisa find a new born baby in a PortaPotty everyone's first thought is that it is theirs. **Saving baby live bundle version 2** Instead of being recognized as heroes their parents come down on them hard even when it is proven not to be theirs. **Saving baby gregg bell** Finding the abandoned baby brings up all kinds of issues for Lionel whose father left when he was seven, **Saving baby ducks** Lionel is trying desperately to be a good person but is in danger of falling in with the wrong friends, **Saving baby ducks** His heart is in the right place but the wrong choices can change his life forever: **Saving baby life care bundle version 2** Danette Vigilante sure knows how to grab a reader's attention and keep it: **Saving baby life care bundle version 2** The first page drops you right into the presence of a mother giving birth. **Saving baby deer** There are flashes of humor here and there but the book often has a high level of intensity: **Saving baby ducks** I was rooting for Lionel throughout the serious complications that life threw his way, **Saving baby lives** He is a young man who cares about his friends and wants to be helpful, **Saving baby ducks** He doesn't always make the best choices as he tries to help but he certainly has good intentions and a big heart: **Shaving baby doll** Vigilante has delivered a fairly gritty book for the middle grade audience, **Saving baby ducks** Is it appropriate to admit that I cried while reading this book? It happened. **Saving baby deer** This is a book that will stick with readers as it touches their hearts: **Saving baby lives version 2** I would recommend Saving Baby Doe for fans of realistic fiction or issue books and those who don't mind a bit of a cry: **Saving baby lives version 2** Lionel doesn't want to think about what could have happened to the baby girl: **Saving baby deer** But he made choices that made me shake my head and say out loud This boy knows better: **Saving baby deer** I guess his abandonment issues kept him from thinking straight: **Saving baby deer** This is a middle-grade book and I think of that age range when I look at the cover but some of the content, **Saving baby lives** Although there was very little profanity I was surprised to see it at all. **Saving baby lives version 3** Because of this it would have been nice if Lionel's mother included abstinence, **Saving baby ducks** There are small parts (pages 31 & 170) about God and church that could lead a reader to believe a person doesn't have to be saved to get into heaven: **Saving baby ducks** I feel obligated to share the truth: No it's not enough to be a good person: **Shaving baby doll** For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16): **Saving baby life care bundle version 2** Believing Jesus gave His life as a ransom for many and accepting Him as Lord and Savior - that is what gets a person into heaven. **Saving baby gregg bell** Saving Baby Doe has valuable lessons for young people and adults: **Saving baby life care bundle version 2** Vigilante addresses teen pregnancy single parenting abandonment drug-dealing and friendship: **Saving baby lives version 2** The message that stuck with me was how important it is for boys to have a good male role model. **Saving baby lives version 3** 9780399251603 This book isn't that preachy but it FEELS preachy: **Saving baby deer** Also I thought there was just a little too much

going on in the book and none of it was really explored that well: **Saving baby ducks** So I like what it was attempting to do more than what it actually did basically, **Saving baby ducks**
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Thirteen-year-old Lionel and his friend Anisa cut through a Brooklyn construction site in their Hispanic community and find a newborn baby in a Porta-Potti. **Saving baby lives version 3** The story could have ended on a negative note but I had good feelings knowing this Brooklyn community knew its kids were good and cared for them: **Saving baby life care bundle version 2** In fact one neighbor gave Lionel piano lessons to help keep him out of trouble while his mother worked: **Saving baby ducks** This type of community helps dispel stereotypes about kids raised by poor it's certainly not as dire as one might think: **Saving baby ducks** Hearing a noise like a dying cat they find an abandoned baby still warm and covered in blood: **Saving baby lives version 2** They're poor there's a baby to take care of and they're in trouble with the law: **Saving baby lives version 2** " While a quick read this isn't a light read for the reader adept at finding all of the nuance and sharp criticisms of our modern society, **Saving baby ducks** Vigilante has the expert eye for inner city setting and side characters as well as intimate picture of growing up while poor and not white that makes this novel a must-read. **Saving baby gregg bell** The situation becomes his nitty-gritty --the time for him to step up and confront the choices and issues in his life both internal and external. **Saving baby deer** 9780399251603 What's not to love about this amazing story of a boy Lionel (named after Mr. **Saving baby lives version 3** Richie) who must find out what makes a man a man after he and his best friend Anisa discover an abandoned newborn baby in a port-a-potty, **Saving baby lives care bundle 2** Luckily for Lionel (and us Vigilante's readers) there are a bevy of strong interesting supporting characters in Lionel's community in the Red Hook projects of Brooklyn. Saving Baby Doe is labeled middle grade. Lionel and Anisa have a friendship that anyone would envy. They will do just about anything for each other. The adults in the story really appealed to me too. Aside from a loving mom.

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Miss D and Mr. Owen. Miss D gives him piano lessons and love. Mr. Owen listens to Lionel and shares himself. 9780399251603 I received a copy to facilitate my review. The opinions expressed here are my own. I was impressed with Lionel wanting to save the Baby. I see kids like this in school. The characters were well drawn and realistic. There are a mixture of people from all walks of life. You have your haves and have-nots. You have your religious and not so religious. This should be on every school library shelf. They stick together no matter what. Anisa and Lionel spring into action. And in saving Baby Doe they end up saving so much more. Recommended for grades 6-8. 9780399251603 My review copy was an ARC from the publisher. My emotions were involved early on in the book. It is living up to the label realistic fiction. Things are not sugar-coated. The review was originally posted at <http://readingtl.blogspot.com/2014/02>. They see more than huge tractors and diggers. There is a new born baby girl wrapped in a T-shirt. Lionel knows what it feels like to be abandoned. His father left when he was seven. He wants to be the one to take care of her. Some years ago I read The Trouble with Half a Moon. I was glad to see another novel by this talented author. Lionel was wise beyond his years. His hard-working mother taught him right from wrong.

His father stayed on his mind. I felt for him. Sad but true. That 'a good heart' is all that's needed.
And it's not enough to believe in God alone. We are all the better for getting to know them.
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