

The Great Gilly Hopkins

Gilly Hopkins changed a lot throughout the book. In the beginning of the book Gilly didn't like her foster mom Trotter. Gilly would insult her other foster sibling even though she knew that Trotter hated that. Gilly also didn't like their neighbor, Mr. Randolph. Things started to look up for Gilly. She had gotten a letter from her mom. This made Gilly want to run away to her mom. But how would she get the money for the bus? She got half of it by stealing it from Mr. Randolph and Trotter and she got the rest by working (she would clean the dust in people's houses). Because she was running away and she had stolen the money the cops came after her but Trotter protected her. After this happened Gilly started to change her mind about Trotter. This was especially true when Gilly's grandmother came and Gilly still wanted to live with Trotter and not move in with her grandmother. When she finally decided to go live with her grandmother her grandmother decided to invite Gilly's real mom (Courtney). But when Gilly met her mom she thought her mom was really mean and she wanted to go back to Trotter's home. Gilly had also found out that her grandmother had paid her mom to come. Her mom had never really wanted to come and see Gilly. Gilly turned to Trotter for help. But when Gilly called Trotter on the phone Trotter said it would make her proud if she went to live with her grandmother so Gilly decided to do that just for Trotter. Gilly learned that family isn't always just the people that are related to you, it's the people who love and care for you.