

Rule #1: Don't stick a spatula down your best friend's throat.

Rule #5: You can't let your family move into a haunted house.

Rule #2: Don't get a pet that poops in your hand.

Rule #3: If you don't want a secret spread around, don't tell it to Scott Stampfley!

Rule #8: Don't put your cat in a suitcase!

Rule #4: Brothers - and parents - can be very insensitive.



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You and your friends

Four empty, irregularly shaped boxes with red outlines, intended for drawing or writing names of friends.

Allie's got some rules...do you?

ALLIE FINKLE'S RULES FOR GIRLS

(your name here)

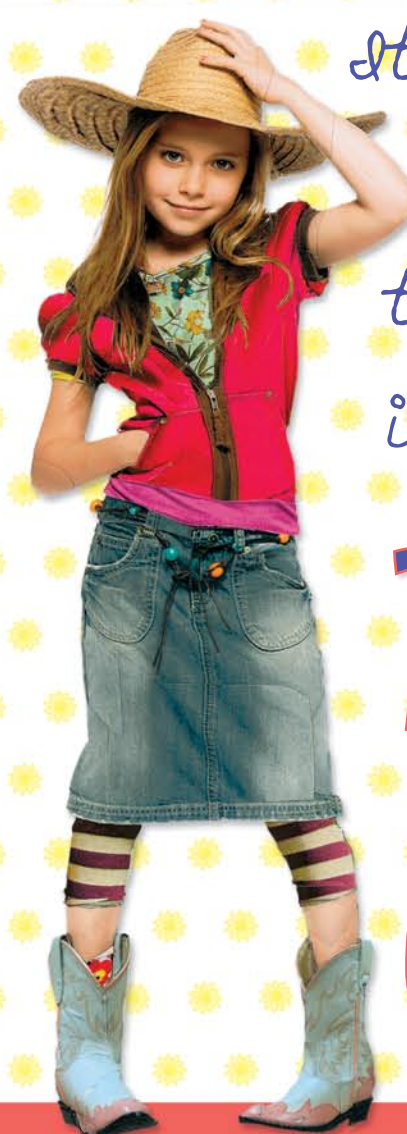
Rules to live by!

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2. _____
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Allie Finkle's

in deep trouble. Her mom and dad bought a new house she doesn't like, her younger brothers are driving her crazy, and she's worried about fitting in at her new school. In fact, the only bright spot is the new kitten she's been promised.



It just doesn't seem fair. It seems like there aren't any rules to depend on. That's why Allie is writing

RULES - for - GIRLS

Moving Day

I like rules. What I'm not so crazy about is everything else.

When nine-year-old Allie Finkle's parents announce that the family is moving, Allie's sure her life is over.

She's not at all happy about having to give up her pretty pink wall-to-wall carpeting for creaky floorboards and creepy secret passageways...not to mention leaving her modern, state-of-the-art suburban school for a rundown, old-fashioned school just two blocks from her new house.

With a room she's half-scared to go into, the burden of being "the new girl," and her old friends all a half-hour car ride away, how will Allie ever learn to fit in?

