



Picture Books

**Big Bouffant**

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“This class needs some fashion. This class needs some fun. I’ll find a hairdo to impress everyone.” Annabelle doesn’t want to be like everyone else at school and her desire gives rise to, among other things, some really tall hair. Unsurprisingly, it becomes a big hit and before long the other girls (and even a boy) are styling the same “unique” dos. Annabelle, however, is not a one-trick pony, and thus a series of antics ensue, all designed to establish her independence. This book deals with a serious issue—defining one’s place among one’s peers—in the most entertaining way imaginable. Ages four to eight.