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Mean Girls meets High School Musical from the author of I Was a Non-Blonde Cheerleader!

Everyone loves KJ Miller, especially the geeks. She's pretty, smart, and super nice to everyone, which has made her the geek pied piper of Washington High. If only Cameron, the star of the basketball team, would follow her around and worship her the way her dorky entourage does.

As the stage manager of the spring musical, *Grease*, KJ has to deal with a few geeks, but she also gets to hang out with Tama, queen of the popular crowd and star of the play. Tama has the solution to all of KJ's problems: get cruel. After all, the nice girl never gets the guy. Can KJ actually pull off a transformation into a mean girl?

## Geek Magnet Details

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## From Reader Review Geek Magnet for online ebook

### Anneceleste says

Above average romance for adolescences (3,5 stars). I gave it to my 15 year old daughter as a present and started reading it instead.

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### ♥ Sarah says

So. Freaking. Cute.

Honestly, this book was all kinds of predictable, cliche, and over-the-top *cheesy*. It was the epitome of a "feel good" chick-flick, middle-grade "coming-to-age" kind of book. But it was also so cute and sweet and made my insides swell with nostalgia and fluffy sweetness. But unlike the quickly dissipating sweetness of cotton candy - melting in your mouth at first with its' sugary goodness, then disappearing into nothing, leaving you with a sinking emptiness (and ultimately hunger) - this book left a perfectly pleasant impression at the end of it all. I was more than satisfied.

If I'd read this when I was younger - junior high or even high school, I probably would've appreciated it more. Though I don't think my group of friends were considered "nerds" or "geeks" - I had an incredibly eclectic group of friends (for the most part). I was in ASB and the drama club, but my best friend at the time, was a cheerleader and a pianist; other close friends didn't fit any one mold or stereotype, either. It was so weird. But it worked, somehow.

Sadly, now, I don't keep in touch with many of my HS friends. Not even those who were so close to me; the ones I thought I'd be friends with forever. Even that one best friend who played piano, and was a cheerleader, and knew all my secrets, and who I spent most of my weekends with - teaching each other how to put on makeup, picking out our first bras together, then moving on to buying various push up bras every other weekend, going over "boy" strategies, etc.

We ultimately drifted apart, but reading this book kinda felt like being with my old bestie again.

I didn't know it at the time, but this story reminded me that despite our differences, she really was that One True Friend.

And just like that - this "lighthearted" read turned into so much more than a quick, fluffy YA romance. It was about friendship, finding oneself, dealing with family drama, and so much more.

Also, it was written SO creatively! Every chapter was a SCENE, IN WHICH Something Awesome Happened.

#### **The story:**

The MC, KJ Miller, is the run-of-the-mill heroine with the Nice Girl Syndrome. She has all these dorky/geeky friends who embarrass and semi-harass the living daylights out of her. And they are apparently ruining her chances with Hot Jock Cameron.

But we all know how THAT turns out.

It doesn't.

Well, it does, but not really.

One of the popular girls, Tama, sort of takes KJ under her wings, and "helps" her ditch the nerd herd and get with hottie Cameron. But KJ feels guilty about dissing her friends - as nerdy and socially awkward as they are. And then there's Robbie (an old friend who was an could probably be popular if he wanted), who makes her feel comfortable and happy and proud all at once.

That, my friends, as confusing as it may sound - reminded me SO MUCH of my own experiences.

I didn't realize it then, but I do now: high school was *awesome*. Despite all the drama, uncertainty, and awkwardness, I don't think the friends I made in college or even now, as a grad student - could ever compare to the kinds I had in HS.

There was just a certain innocence about me - them - us. A longing to connect, to fit in, to be liked, and to like, to have fun, and just be young and wild and carefree and boy crazy and stressed about SATs and everything else in between.

This book captured all that and more. I really liked the message of this book. It IS in many ways, your typical "feel good" book. But so what? I loved that the Hero of this book wasn't your typical All American Boy Next Door/ Homecoming King. The true hero wasn't perfect - wasn't the most popular kid ever, and wasn't the nerdiest nerd either; he was just real. So real that I could 100 percent relate.

If all the awkward references to big boobs were edited out, and replaced with more one-on-one dialogue b/w KJ and The Boy Who Shall Not Be Named (as to not give the ending away) - this book would've been P-E-R-F-E-C-T.

But even if it wasn't perfect, I decided to just go for the 5 star rating. Perfection is overrated anyway.

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### **Rita L says**

"Geek Magnet" by Kieran Scott, is a book about a girl who is followed by geeks all her life, and she just wants to get away from it all. In the story, a girl, KJ Miller, has been followed by geeks her whole life. When she meets drama star, Tama Gold, her life changes and she becomes a completely new person. But what KJ doesn't know, is that Tama only befriended her to get the lead role in there school musical, GREASE. Tama and KJ start to spend a lot of time together. Her friends, Robbie and Stephanie, try to talk her out of going to party's with her, and being a jerk to all the geeks. One night when her father gets in a car crash, KJ realizes that Robbie and Stephanie where right about Tama, she realizes that her true friends are the one's that stuck by her through everything. On the night of the performance of GREASE Tama, the main lead, bails of the cast and now KJ has to play the lead. Her friends, Fred, Robbie and Stephanie help her through it all. Will KJ make it through the performance? Will the geeks forgive her?

The two main characters in my book are KJ Miller and Tama Gold. Both of these girls go to West High High School. They befriend each other during Drama practice when Tama finds out who KJ likes. These two girls

are fairly different, Tama Gold is a rich, skirt wearing, drama star. While KJ is the stage manager, tomboy, not so rich girl. In my opinion, KJ Miller was most interesting and entertaining to read about because I was able to relate to KJ more than Tama, so I could tell how she was feeling through out the story. Also because KJ wasn't one of the wanna be characters, and at first she doesn't really care about what other people think of her, what's most important to her is what she thinks of her self.

I would recommend this book to girls that like tension and chick-flicks. I would recommend this book to anyone that likes tension because this is the type of book that leaves you wondering what's going to happen next, and makes you want to keep reading and reading. I would also recommend this book to anyone that enjoy chick-flicks because this book is mainly about a girl who tries to find true love, and encounters some obstacles along the way. This book is also about how KJ finally has the guts to ask out the guy she's been dreaming of since the 5th grade, but things don't go the way she plans. She realizes that she's in love with someone else. That is the type of audience I would recommend this romantic, dramatic, "Geek Magnet" book to.

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### **Sabrina says**

*Finally, a book I not only enjoy, but also, teaches a really good (and relatable) lesson*

Geek Magnet was a funny and cute novel that teens should find relatable to their own life. It is about a girl named KJ who is worshipped by the geeks at her school. Although she appreciates their admiration, she is also embarrassed that the school views her as a 'geek magnet' (hence the title). KJ befriends Tama Gold, the 'popular girl' who aids her in getting the geeks to go away. She becomes mean, ignoring her previous friends, all in an effort to impress a guy and rid of her title.

I liked this book so much. I know there are flaws and a review should have **some** criticism. But I don't really care. This book was just too awesome because ...

### **5 (of the 1000) Good Things about Geek Magnet**

~ It's funny. I laughed at many of the conversations KJ had with the geeks and the book never failed to interest me. I don't believe I was bored for even a second.

~ It's realistic. The ending isn't cliche and neither is the romance or the problems in this book. KJ doesn't automatically become the Queen Bee of the school, she gradually changes. I have noticed that many YA authors have rushed their characters too much and change them so drastically in a mere few pages. Geek Magnet does not do that. I can believe it is a like a real high school because kids are mean but there was no stereotypical scenes in this novel.

~ I loved the main character. Whenever you hate the main character, it makes it hard to enjoy the novel. So I am glad that I liked KJ. She was like any other teenage girl. She wasn't whining about her problems all the time, she actually used her brain. And she's considerate of others feelings (even if she does get brainwashed). You can really see why the geeks like her so much. Her character was nicely developed.

~ I found the plot to be at a good pace and cleared up any confusions I may have had. The writing was good

and the details were nice. The author didn't leave you to just imagine what it would be like, she gave us some information. And I have to admit, I loved the story.

~ The author's message. There were so many great things to take from this book. It is about accepting yourself and not letting your peers rule your desision. Being 14-years-old, I have recently experienced peer pressure. It's terrible because you want to do something that your friends and peers don't. And in order to fit in, to feel accepted, you conform. After reading Geek Magnet, I learned much about what conforming to society really does to you and why it is better to be yourself. And the message was not corny and boring. The author incorporated it with humor so it was light yet inspiring.

I did like Geek Magnet. It was funny, light-hearted and very moving. Be yourself because there is only one of you!

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### **Christopher Seifert says**

I had high hopes for this book. Sad to say I was disappointed. Geek Magnet suffers two major flaws: (1) It's way too long -- which is saying something, considering I could only bring myself to read the first third of it. (2) The author is obsessed with a certain part of the female anatomy. This, I am sure, is absolutely hilarious to a great many teenagers. For the rest of us, it gets really old really fast. With a lot of mediocre books, I feel compelled to slog through to the end just to find out what happens. No such compulsion here.

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### **Jennifer Wardrip says**

Reviewed by Taylor Rector for TeensReadToo.com

girl loved by geeks. How can you not love a character that is loved by people who secretly drive her insane?

KJ Miller is a nice girl. She's nice to everyone. She doesn't have a mean bone in her body.

Until she meets Tama Gold. And becomes friends with her. The popular girl. The girl who teaches her how to "stand up" for herself. Or, basically, more or less, teaches her how to be mean!

KJ finally gets the chance to go out with her wildly popular crush and realizes something. But what exactly?

Is Tama really her friend?

And is her crush really her crush?

GEEK MAGNET is definitely the 2008 summer must-read! I adored KJ right from the first page. There are serious issues in this book, but they are portrayed in the most fabulous way. Funny! A book everyone should read this summer!

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## **Jacob Proffitt says**

I almost abandoned this book in the first couple chapters (they're short, so that's not as long a statement as it might have been). I'm so glad that I didn't.

The introduction to KJ is more than a little bit rocky. We start with her becoming stage manager for the year's production of *Grease* at her High School. More importantly, we see her gaggle of geeks that are involved with the production of the play in different capacities. They're all various kinds of doggedly anxious to please her, and one is outright creepy. This whole introduction, KJ is frustratingly "nice"—which would be okay if it were *actually* kind, but it isn't. She's that kind of "nice" that is a doormat with no other goal than to avoid even a hint of conflict. This is *very* uncomfortable.

She's frustrating, is what I'm saying. And the geeks are varying shades of oblivious edging into creepy. Things smooth out considerably once we meet Tama. Tama is cast as Sandy in the play and is one of the "cool" kids—though not slavishly so as she has her own sense of style. Tama is individualist enough to be in the play, even though that's not really something the cool kids do. Tama notices that KJ is interested in Cameron (crown prince of the popular crowd) and offers to help her snag his interest—starting with helping her lose her geek posse with lessons in being mean.

The plot more or less writes itself from there—though with the added weight of KJ's dad being what prior generations would call a "mean drunk" and what anybody would label an out of control alcoholic (however "functioning" he might be vocationally). It isn't hard to trace the roots of KJ's non-confrontational attitude to dealing with a father she can't predict and whose attention is rarely good (even when it's not angry—which it mostly *is*).

So yeah, KJ needs to learn to discern real friendship as she figures out how to be firm without sacrificing actual kindness. There's a particularly powerful apology she makes towards the end that struck exactly the right tone and made the book worth reading all on its own—without being unnaturally eloquent or forced or alien to her character. Add a fantastic HEA, and you have a novel I couldn't put down, even though it was way past my bedtime.

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## **Sarah Hadd says**

This was basically a waste of my time. Oh and to any and all teenagers who decide to read this book? If someone makes you feel uncomfortable about your body, yes you do have every right to tell them off. Tell them to stop, don't be nice about it, and tell an adult. Please please don't be like this author and give a girl the impression that she has to apologize to a boy because she was "mean" for telling him to back off when he kept trying to touch her and make her feel uncomfortable. Seriously. That's what happened.

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## **Becky says**

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Okay, so I was dizzy with power. Can you blame me? It was the first day of rehearsals for the spring musical, *Grease*, at Washington High and I, KJ Miller, was the stage manager. The woman in charge. The

first junior ever to be granted this most prestigious position.

KJ Miller. How to describe KJ? Well, there's the obvious. She's a geek magnet. She draws some geeky undesirables close to her. Fred. Glenn. Andy. Perhaps because of all the buzzing geeks near her, KJ is not quite as popular as she'd like to be. She's not in the outer rings of the social strata, but she's far from being "in" with the in crowd of beautiful people. With great power comes great responsibility. KJ now has some power at least when it comes to the drama folks. And this new-found power has brought someone new to KJ's life: Tama, Tama Gold. And Tama has something KJ wants more than anything: power and sway over KJ's crush, Cameron. KJ loves Cameron. And Tama, well, Tama sees that as her "in." As the "star" of the show, Tama, wants--no, needs--KJ to be on her side.

Tama easily agrees to setting KJ and Cameron up. Knowing that by 'befriending' KJ, the power to rule the show, rule the production, would be within her reach. After all, boys can be distracting.

The first rule Tama sets for her new best friend is that KJ has to stop being nice to the geeks, to the nobodys. She had to start being mean, being firm, being direct. KJ needed to cut free and clean from those holding her back. Who would want to date her if all her friends were dorks and geeks?

There is one person, however, that KJ still listens to. Robbie. The male lead of the play. Robbie. A guy she sees as being so wonderfully himself. He didn't hang out with the cool people, the beautiful people. But that was his choice. And that choice makes all the difference to KJ. She sees him as anything but a geek. Robbie wants Tama. KJ agrees. This requires much plotting together. This cozy together time that is oh-so-predictable.

If Geek Magnet has a flaw it is that it is ultra-predictable. That's not necessarily a bad thing. I'm sure some folks will find it enjoyable and satisfying. To me, as an adult, I found KJ a bit too self-absorbed. KJ wasn't exactly shallow. Far from it in some areas. KJ's life isn't easy. She has an alcoholic father, a mother in denial, and a younger brother that is absent-though-present. (It's weird how many scenes this brother is in, yet he never made an impression.) While KJ's relationship hate-and-angst filled relationship with her father takes up some space, the rest of her family just fades into the backdrop.

The romance. Well. I thought it lacked a bit. I thought Robbie and KJ definitely had some chemistry. But, predictably so, they were almost the last ones to know it. And the resolution, the closing scenes where they're drawn together...well, they technically get the job done, but I was hoping for a bit more fireworks.

Where Geek Magnets might pick up some fans is in the drama department. For readers who have a love for drama, for theatre, for musicals, for Grease in particular...I think this one might work better. It does spend a good majority of time behind-the-scenes pulling together a musical production. Actors. Directors. Props. Costumes. Dress rehearsals.

I think other readers would probably like this one better than I did.

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### **Myndi says**

This is a really cute book for teen girls. It shows that the things you think you want based on appearances may not really be what you want after all. Especially in friendships and relationships. Just because someone is cute or popular doesn't mean they are nice or even compatible with you.

KJ learns this lesson in both ways. First, she thinks that being friends with Tama will bring her popularity and get her away from the geeks who seem to be infatuated with her. Then, she thinks she wants a relationship with Cameron in order to be happy. What she finds, is that what we think we want isn't always what's best for us.

I love the drama setting the story is told in. Each "chapter" is titled like an act in a play. I also enjoyed the setting because my daughter (16) is heavily involved in drama and it was easy for me to relate to the story in this way.

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## **Books and Literature for Teens says**

KJ Miller is a geek magnet. And to prove it, she's got not one, not two, but three geeks following her every move. Sure they bother her, especially Glenn with his constant rude remarks, but deep inside KJ just can't be mean. Or can she? When KJ unexpectedly befriends high school starlit, Tama Gold, she suddenly finds herself in the "in" crowd; but hanging with the populars comes with a price. Ditch the geeks or never hook the high school football Cameron Richardson. With her homelife and friendships fraying, and the Grease production on the brink of disaster, is KJ really ready to kiss her greekdom friends goodbye? This charming story about one girl's quest for love, life, and forgiveness is sure to bring out the "geek" in everyone.

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There I was scouring the "New Releases" shelf at the library when I bright pink cover caught my eye.  
[Ooooo shiny!:]

When I pulled it out, to my surprise it was Geek Magnet (and also to my surprise the geeky guy on the cover looked an awfully lot like a certain person I know-spooky).

From the beginning of the book I knew I would rate it 4 BLTs. The characters were funny, KJ's emotions were very relatable-especially her homelife problems-and the chapters were set up in scenes like a production. Speaking of productions, amidst KJ's problems she was also the stage manager for Grease, which was a great addition to the book. Though the end was fairly predictable, Geek Magnet did manage to keep me on the edge of my seat. KJ kept making wrong turns and creating the perfect mess. I was mad along with her, frustrated with her, happy with her, knew what she was going through-what a great relatable character KJ is, huh?

TINY SPOILER.....

I can also that Tama Gold just burns my toast! Boy what a brat, and thankgoodness KJ turned out to be a smart girl after all. The best part about Geek Magnet was forgiveness and that being "popular" is not important.

Okay, now I can truthfully say I Am a Geek. After all, we **ARE** the smart ones.....

**4 STARS:** *Mild crude humor, family violence, references to teen drinking, and mild language. Appropriate for teenagers fourteen and up.*

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## **Nicole says**

I took two months to read this book, not because it was boring, but because I always forget to bring it around me. This book is kinda different than other books, despite the fact that it has girl dramas, friendships problems and etc.

*Geek Magnet* by Kieran Scott can be categorized as a typical teen book, but what it has and other doesn't is the reality of high school. In the book, KJ is a geek magnet and she was never considered 'cool', well because she was a geek magnet. lol. but at one point of the book, KJ actually chose 'cool people' over her true friends. I think that is really realistic because people in real life still do that.

Sometimes you just want to fit in for once and you'll do anything to reach that goal. KJ did the same and she left her friends. I dont think she notice who were the real friends standing next to her no matter what. and that's what we tend to do. We don't seem to realize who are the people that are worth our time and who are the people that don't.

This book told me that we should probably appreciate more in life. Especially in friends. Even though my friend can be a little bit annoying, that's who they are. In the book, KJ had a friend named Stephanie. KJ started to noticed all Stephanie's flaws when they drifted apart, but she forgot all the times they've been through together.

I think this book is a big wake up call. Even though I'm not a geek magnet and etc, the theme of the book really got to me.

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## **Stephanie Strohm says**

Confession: I was a high school drama dork. Not surprising follow-up confession: I loved this book. Kieran Scott perfectly captures the magic that is the high school musical, right down to the scent of the stage, while also deftly addressing some more serious issues. Add in a swoonworthy guy I was crushing on from the moment he appeared and a group of loveable (and some not-so-loveable) geeks, and this book is irresistible (kind of like K.J. to a geek.) Couldn't put it down.

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## **Rebecca McNutt says**

*Geek Magnet* was kind of funny, but I didn't really enjoy it too much. If anything, it was just predictable and boring.

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## **Susan says**

What I found appealing in the title of the book was "Geek Magnet". At first, this title caught my eye because the first thought that came to my mind was that the story would be about a girl who had trouble dealing with boys who liked her at school. However, in the story, it talks about a girl named KJ Miller. In the book, her motive is to ear the spot as the stage manager for the high school production of the play, "Grease". There are

several other conflict that happens in the book, KJ's father is an alcoholism, she attracts nerds, and she has a crush on this popular jock named Cameron. In the end, she has to deal with teenage problems such as if she really has feelings for Cameron or she just has a crush on him because everyone in the entire school knows who he is. Also, I really liked the part about how KJ struggles with problems with self-image. I feel like teenagers these days can relate to a lot about what is being said about in "Geek Magnet".

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