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When Ruby flees Hollywood to escape the fame of her parents, she tells a lie that could ruin the life she loves at her new boarding school in this M!X novel about courage, families, and finding your own spotlight.

Ruby Miller has it made. As the only child of model-turned-TV-host Celestine Cruz and pro-baseball star Zack Miller, she has everything a twelve-year-old girl could want. Well, except for real friends.

After a disastrous birthday party where she discovers her supposed BFFs are only friends with her because her parents are uber-famous, she finds a place as far from fake and phony Hollywood as she can get: a boarding school in Camden, Maine. In her desperation to distance herself from her star-studded parents and the paparazzi who trail them, Ruby tells her new friends that she's an orphan. She feels awful about lying, but once she starts, it's hard to come clean. Plus, now that nobody's comparing her to her perfect parents, Ruby can finally let her own talents as a dress designer take center stage.

When Ruby finds herself connecting with a cute boy who really did lose his parents, she's torn between who she is and who she's pretending to be. And with Parents' Weekend approaching, she must find a way to keep her secret—without losing her new best friend, the trust of her first crush, and the chance to shine as the designer of her very own fashion show.

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Kimk says

A wonderful middle grade book that I bought for my entire class as a Thanksgiving gift. Real issues that my 6th graders can connect with are dealt with care and authenticity. My most reluctant readers, both boys and girls alike, truly enjoyed following Ruby's coming of age. My students and I appreciated that Ronni Arno respected their intelligence by not having her characters always do the obvious! Very popular in my classroom library.

Hallie says

Ruby Reinvented was a wonderful combination of a light and adorable middle grade read and a thoughtful novel. I would definately recomend.

Abby Cooper says

I had a chance to read an ARC of RUBY and I absolutely loved it! I read it in a couple hours because I had to know how everything was going to unfold. This is a page turner right until the very end. This book truly has everything - laugh out loud humor, a ton of heart, and a main character you'll root for as she tries to navigate her way out of a sticky situation. Can't wait to go buy a copy next week!

Melissa Moore says

Charming middling novel with hope for a sequel...

Jen Petro-Roy says

A *fantastic* MG debut.

Stephanie Faris says

Ruby is the daughter of two mega-celebrities. The kind of celebrities even tweens know about. While that might seem like a cool life to lead, we learn through Ruby's story that it can royally suck. You see, when your parents are famous, people befriend you just so they can meet them. After learning her best friend is just pretending, Ruby arranges to be transferred across the country, where she tells everyone her parents are dead. We get to then watch Ruby emerge from her cocoon as for the first time, people let her know she is both talented and a great friend. Not only does this book have the perfect message for young girls, but it's a super-

fun read!

Morgan B says

Let me just say, that this has to be one of the best books I have ever read! I was lucky enough to have already read this book before it came out, and I LOVED it! This book is filled with suspense and lots of twists and turns, and leaves you wanting to read more. I cannot wait for Ronni's next books to come out! Please read it! I have read this book more than once (4-5 times!) and I will definitely read it again! Let's hear it for Ruby Reinvented by Ronni Arno!

Sarah says

I anticipated fluff and while it definitely has elements of fluff, the character Ruby has far more depth and insight than I would have expected. Although the description reads like the scenario on the set of a Disney television series, Ruby Reinvented is pleasant and surprisingly well written.

Melanie says

I'm always talking with moms who are looking for books for their tween-aged girls, 10 through 13, with topics that will interest them but not be TOO heavy in adult themes. RUBY REINVENTED is a perfect read for these readers.

Ruby is a girl who's desperate to live a normal life after growing up the daughter of famous parents. Chasing this goal, Ruby transfers to a Maine boarding school but doesn't tell the truth about who she is, only to find her lies about her background drawing her into ever-deeper trouble. Maine comes to vivid life in this story, with a healthy dose of fashion that was super fun to read.

If you're looking for a great read for your tween, RUBY REINVENTED offers a wonderful exploration of friendship, family, and what it means to be yourself in a fresh, fun voice that's sure to entertain.

Brooklyn says

Read this BOOK!

Jean says

RUBY REINVENTED will publish in 2015. Squeee!

It's not easy when your parents are two of the most famous people on the planet. But when Ruby decides to reinvent herself by leaving Beverly Hills for a boarding school in Maine, life can still get pretty complicated.

I read an early draft of this book and it is as charming as the Maine countryside. Ronni writes dialogue like no one's business. Young readers will fall in love with Ruby.

Ms. Yingling says

Ruby's mother is a supermodel in California, and her father is a famous baseball player. They are loving and supportive, but very busy! When Ruby overhears her best friend talking to a classmate, she's upset and disappointed-- the girl only was pretending to be her best friend in order to meet her parents. Ruby decides that the only recourse is to go to a boarding school... in Maine! Her parents reluctantly agree, and send her to look the place over, accompanied by family retainer Ellie. Even though it's a lot colder, Ruby takes to roommate Summer right away, and Summer is supportive of Ruby's desires to design dresses. Summer's parents live nearby, and Summer is friends with Connor, a cute boy in school who is an orphan. Big problem-- Ruby told Summer that her own parents are dead, and soon she and Connor are commiserating! Mean girl Cassandra wants to go to the school dance with Connor, but he ends up liking Ruby. Can Ruby manage to hide her parents, or will she have to finally tell the truth?

Strengths: Summer is a great character-- she doesn't care when Cassandra tells her she's weird, her family is fabulously supportive, and she is a great buffer to Ruby's insecurities. Ruby's ambivalence about her parents is realistic, and middle grade readers love to imagine what it would be like to have famous parents. Very enjoyable read which also has some serious matters. I would have adored this in middle school.

Weaknesses: Not buying the idea of a 12-year-old designing clothes. As much as I love the Sew Zoey series, in 18 years I have only had one student who even sewed, and she didn't do her own designs!

What I really think: Love this series. Ordered the book without reading it and was not disappointed! Fantastic that they are available in hardcover.

Talia says

Long, but so detailed. Some parts were so sad

Wendy says

It's sweet and fun. Ruby is a solid main character--she's good at heart and her mistakes make sense for her. The fantasy lifestyle elements (famous, rich parents, boarding school, resources and skill level) all work and would fire the imagination of readers. The story has great themes and I enjoyed it. More important, I would recommend it for its target audience.

Laurie says

This book has been sitting in the number 1 spot on my "to read" list on Goodreads for forever. I'm so happy I finally got to read it. What a treat! Ruby has, perhaps, the most famous parents in the world. And when she finds out her so called friends only like her because of her parents, she wants nothing more than to disappear

to a place where no one knows her famous family so she can finally be herself.

Ruby is adorable and funny and quirky and everything I want in a main character. This book stole my heart from the first page. Absolutely adorable and wonderful. A must read for every tween, and her mom!
