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Fresh out of rehab, teen star Morgan Carter is taking a step out of the spotlight. She just doesn't realize how big a step. Morgan's mom sends her to Ft. Wayne, Indiana, to recover. Even with a makeunder, an assumed name, and a fake identity, Middle America is going to mean a serious lifestyle adjustment for this Hollywood starlet.

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Sara says

Ah, teen novels... my recent specialty. I read this because I saw an ad for it as a Lifetime Original Movie (yes, I know, lame). This book reminded me a LOT of *Secrets of my Hollywood Life*, in that the plot revolves around a teen actress who goes undercover at a high school. In this book, she does this because she recently OD'd outside a nightclub, went to NA, and is now in Fort Wayne, IN, trying to get away from the drug-laced Hollywood scene and her old crowd there. The backdrop for this novel was a little heavy, but it was handled really well. The author did a good job showing how difficult trying to be "good" can be and how quick judgments can be made and how you end up trusting others with secrets you wish you didn't have.

I'm not sure which of the two similar novels I liked more. I liked this one because it had more depth in the background and dealt with bigger issues, and I liked how the main character detailed everything in a journal. Well done. I'll read the next book in the series and catching the movie on TV when it re-airs.

Aneesha says

I was not that satisfied with this book. There were times I enjoyed reading this novel, and then there were times I did not enjoy reading it. I liked how the author used third person point of view throughout the whole novel. I got to see how the main character felt and what she was thinking about throughout the pages. I did not like that the novel had a lot of drama. It just didn't seem appealing to me. This novel was a little difficult to read because the book is the main character's journal so events would bounce all over the place. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes juicy drama or romance and if that person is you I hope you enjoy the book more than I did.

Jessica says

See more of my reviews on my blog [Thoughts At One In The Morning](#).

My Thoughts:

I picked this one up at a thrift store since it looked like a more modern YA novel. When I read the mention of Ft. Wayne as the city of choice for Morgan to go to, I couldn't not buy it. I have several friends who live there. Shrug the shoulders, sure, let's see how this turns out.

At first I was enjoying it, the starting over in a new place thing, not knowing who you really are and trying to make friends. Morgan's personal struggles probably held the story together best. The incident that lead her to Ft. Wayne involved alcohol and drug abuse. There was more to Morgan than just being a Hollywood star, she was a teen who dove too far into the deep end before she knew there is something better. This new place was real. Really real, not something she would get in the bigger cities with her fellow celebrities. Her classmates are regular people and she's actually part of it.

I expected a little more from this book and more from Morgan. She did have a little bit of an attitude adjustment in the expected ways but nothing else seemed to phase her. I did appreciate how she faced certain things head on and became a more real person. I wasn't a fan of the way it all ended up. The whole story was rushed, certain scenes felt thrown in there, and the ending didn't appease me. There was a sequel, and even though I didn't like where it left off, I was hoping to read the sequel and get some sort of conclusion. I tried to look it up and somehow couldn't find it, until just now. Goodreads had it listed as another version of the first book. Goodreads Fail.

Despite all the issues I had with it, I did enjoy it to some degree. It was definitely along the lines of books I used to pick up back when I read mostly fluffy pre-teen/not long after pre-teen novels. I liked the idea of that when I bought it but the more I think about it, the more I realize that it's not the type of book I want to read anymore. I've adapted a bit in my tastes, and I want more out of my books than just some thrown together "confessions of a something or other" that uses references to whatever the "something or other" is that's being featured (in this one, Hollywood and celebrity references, and from 2005 too).

Bottom line: I didn't hate it, but I didn't love it or like it either. I liked aspects of it (the seriousness of what got her there in the first place and the little things she learned along the way), and the ending wasn't horrible (I kinda feel I need to read the sequel for some sort of real end). Not something I would pick up again, or necessarily recommend, unless you want a really easy read.

Side note: Found out it was made into a movie.

My Rating:

It's Okay: It can wait until tomorrow

Sara says

3.5 stars

This was a little difficult to get into because it is written like a journal so it bounces around a little bit.

Jennifer Girard says

This book had been in my TBR since forever... I should have read it sooner. I'm sure I would have LOVE it if I read it a couple years ago but today it's ... meh.

I read the Secrets of My Hollywood Life series a couple years ago and It's way better than this book. and there's a sequel? No. I won't read that.

Morgan/Claudia was such an annoying character. At times she acted like a 12 years old and seconds later like she's 30.

Claudia L. V-B says

I adored this book! I loved the plot and all the characters! Trudy was loving and kind, and would be an amazing mother! Eli was compassionate and smart, and made a truly wonderful love interest! Emily was full of fun and ideas! I loved her different personalities and I wanted her to be my best friend by the end of the book! Debbie was horrible from the very beginning and you automatically hated her from the start! She was a rude brat and a terrible person for *SPOILER ALERT*: Selling out Morgan! All the characters were so well thought through and I felt as if I was watching this book take place right in front of me!! It got me confused many times during the book, that her undercover name was Claudia! Claudia also happens to be my name so I was talking back the book way more than I normally would have during a good read! I did find myself talking to the book other than talking back about the whole "Claudia" thing!! 5 stars and a very entrancing read! I would recommend this book to anyone searching for a good dramatic read with a small romance! Some swear words here, or there... but altogether a great book!

Meg says

I loved this book. I saw the movie thats based on this book more then once and I love the movie and the book but I like the movie a little more then the book. This book was interesting the whole way though I couldn't put the book down. Although it took a while to finish the book I loved the book.

Nina says

Had I known this would have a sequel I would have bought them together!

So. Hollywood starlet Morgan Carter is the total party girl. Along with her best friend Marissa Dahl, she drinks and dances like there is no tomorrow. However, after an almost-fatal incident in one of the clubs, Morgan was placed in rehab and subsequently sent to live in a small town under the guise of Claudia Miller, seventeen-year-old high school student. The plan was to live in hiding for a year, write everything that happens to her in a journal, and write a tell-all book to make the perfect comeback.

This book is such a smash that if I was only allowed to bring one thing in a deserted island, I would bring this book and never mind the comfort that sunscreen, my laptop, my iPod, my e-reader, or another person could give me. Okay, so I might be exaggerating a bit if this book is the only thing I would need, but if asked to pick one book I would pick this. This book is perfect for just lying around (under the sun? Under the stars? Take your pick) and helping pass the time. BUT that does not mean that this is just another of those light-reading young adult books that you can finish and forget about within a minute of reading it. This book may not be listed under the 'ground-breaking, emotional, and heavily intelligent novels' either but to read this story, it gives the reader a good laugh, a good story to share, a good kick in the butt (everyone could relate to what Morgan/Claudia went through), and a good lesson to ponder and practice.

I am all praises for the author's crafting of Morgan's/Claudia's character. She was the stereotypical shallow teenager in the beginning of the story but you sense the underlying insecurities and longing that every teenager also feels. Underneath all her wealth and fame, she was just a regular teenager longing for her mother's affection, a father's guidance, and normal friends who would laugh and cry with her and with whom she could share some silly and some profound experiences apart from doing drugs and alcohol. Her voice in the beginning was whiny and diva-ish, but progressing through the story, her voice changes to that of a

regular angst-filled teen whose main concerns were getting all the homework done. But don't get the idea that a major change would take place in her character just so the author could point out that this is a coming-of-age book. Morgan/Claudia still retains some of her diva personality and learns to put it to good use. She was also able to use her experience in the movie industry in order to help her friends, complete projects, and use as topics for her homework.

But Morgan/Claudia aside, I thought the other characters were great too. They exhibited a very likable and realistic personality, even those stereotypical characters like most of the antagonists. Anyway, that's what we love to hate about villains anyway, right? That they are cast from the same stone - which the reader only sees and not the characters themselves which makes it more interesting, because in this story, I kind of predicted some of the events already and who would be the biggest villains and although I already guessed them, I was still blown away at how things turned out.

With regard to the story, it was just a simple story but what made it interesting was that the author made the plot a bit different from what we are used to. There were some unexpected surprises here and there which made a more exciting read and kept me turning the pages until I found that I have come to the end. It was simply, yet tastefully, smartly, and cleverly written that when I finished, my first impulse was to clap for the author. The second was to go scurry off and find Book Two.

And that is why I hate books with sequels. Most of the time, they're so brilliant and I can't find the next book fast enough.

I'll be sure to update you once I've gotten a copy of More Confessions of a Hollywood Starlet. It's going to be fun!

Brooke ♥booklife4life♥ says

As i live in Indiana, i like to read books that either are set there or someone in the book visits there, usually it ends up making me mad because they are so off on how it really is to live here, but we'll see.

Ellie says

I thought this was a great book. The point of the book is you are reading it from the point of view from her diary so you really get to feel what she felt during this book. She is an under cover Hollywood starlet and is trying to fit in as a normal girl. She finds out some shocking things while she is under cover like she finds out that her mother got married to her manager while she was away. And she finds out that she might actually be in love with one of the boys there. She makes great friends and I think that I am in no way similar to the main character. She is pretending to be someone she is not and I felt that she over reacts a little to much. But the main thing is that she is very mean to her friends. I would recommend this book to anyone.

Angie says

I watched the Lifetime movie (I know, I know) but I loved it, so I want to read the book. I'm a YA fanatic! It was, as most are, much better than the movie!

Bri Norton says

I didn't expect at this book would be an actual memoir of a celebrity!!! But I must say this was a very good read, and so accurate to the actual high school life!!

Maddison says

Okay i'm sorry i was only so close from liking this(EVER SO SLIGHTLY) but 10 things stopped me

1. MARRISA COME ON NONONE IS THAT SHALLOW
2. HOW SHE LIED TO ELI (HE IS SUCH A GENTLEMEN IT'S LIKE A ENDANGERED SPEICES)
3. THAT DEBBIE ACKERMEN AGAIN NONEONE IS THAT SHALLOW
4. EMILY'S DANCE GAME ADDICTION (IT'S NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL)
5. SAPPEY (WHY IN THIS BOOK IS EVERYONE SO SHALLOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)
6. HER TRIP TO CHICAGO (WHY LIE TO THAT NICE LADY TRUDY)
7. MORGAN MISSED SCHOOL SO OFTEN IT'S NOT FUNNY
8. MORGAN AND EVERYONE ONE ELSE WAS SOOOOO UNGRATEFUL (EXPECT FOR ELI AND TRUDY AGAIN ENDANGERED SPIECES)
9. JANET MOORE'S INVASIONS OF PRIVACY (UGGGGGGH NOW I SOUND LIKE MORGAN)

AND FINALLY.....

10. HOW TRUDY GAVE MORGAN UNDERSERVED KINDNESS (IF I WAS HER I WOULD KICKED HER OUT ALREADY BY THE CHICAGO TRIP)

I ONLY WROTE THIS IN CAPITALS BECAUSE NOW I AM DEPRESSED OF ALL THE TIME I WASTED ON THIS BOOK "SAD CRYING HERE"

Linda says

This was cute and fun. I didn't realize it was a young adult book when I got it but found it very enjoyable.

Leahjohnston says

This book was right up my alley, and i enjoyed every line of it and honestly could not put the book down. As the main character Morgan Carter has to change her awful habits she has developed through money and fame she is sent to live with her Aunt trudy in indiana where all that a normal life that is normal would be, in the book Morgan discovers her true self, and her true friends. She also makes a crush along the way which keeps her a stable human, and in the end we see the dramatic downfall of the lies she told to fix up her life come crashing down, but what will happen to Morgan??
