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Valentina Hunter's parents think they've just hit the jackpot; when her mother invents a product that makes her family millionaires overnight, they buy a new house and new cars, and enroll their daughter in the ultra-exclusive Palm Lake private school. The school comes with an excellent resume; more Palm Lake graduates go on to the Ivy League than any other private school in the area, ninety percent of them start college with at least a year's worth of Advanced Placement credits, and they earn more perfect ACT scores per capita than the students at any other high school. Valentina's mother and father are ecstatic, but Val doesn't share the sentiment; she would rather go to the local public school with all her middle school friends. Events only increase her desire, as Valentina quickly finds herself embroiled in bitter social battles and hostile vendettas, leaving her to question whether she'll even be able to survive the first month.

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Kane Smith says

4 stars only because its not my usual genre

Gabs {My Full Bookshelf Reviews} says

A free copy was received from the author in exchange for an honest review.

I had a major problem with this book, sadly, and that was the MC.

Val, the aforementioned MC, may be one of the most unlikeable character I have ever come across. The worst part is, she never ever truly realizes it. She thinks she's nice and blames other people for being mean to her, when it is obviously her fault. For example, she calls her 'friend' Jenny ugly and says no guy will ever like her except a 'nerd' named Noah. (At this point, I should mention that someday these 'nerds' will be running the country. Noah would have probably been a better boyfriend than any of the other guys in this book. But I will get back to that later.) Jenny slaps her and gets suspended, while the only thing Val has to do is apologize for provoking her, something I found extremely unfair, mostly because she tells the principal she 'felt so bad afterwards.' But then when she is explaining the fight to her parents, she takes basically NO responsibility, and when her mom tells her she said some awful things that could seriously screw Jenny up, Val responds with, "But what I said was true!" Okay, Val, I think you have proven that you don't feel that bad.

She claims that she wishes that she could live in a world where there was "no drama or mood swings or emotional outbursts". However, since she is the one who is the cause of 90% of the drama in this book, I found that claim extremely hard to believe. Basically, she is the girl always complaining about drama in their lives while simultaneously causing it.

Her class president speech, and I am not joking, as that everyone should vote for her because she is nice and pretty. And they do. She wins. Mind you, this is AFTER she got in the fight with Jenny and called her ugly to her face.

Every single guy in this book was either a jerk or a perv. And they almost all tell Val that she is 'perfect', 'beautiful', or both. There is basically one guy who doesn't do that, but instead just teases Val about her nose, which is apparently 'too long'. All of these were quite one dimensional. The one guy I didn't mind as much as the other ones, Keenan (and trust me, he still had some issues) she ends up cheating on...with his brother...whose girlfriend broke up with him because of Val.

Val does start to realize she is getting mean, but instead of taking responsibility for her actions, she blames it on the school. Believe me, it is NOT the school's fault, Val.

The ending is...I don't know if it was supposed to be a cliffhanger or something, but it was not very good. Basically, (view spoiler)

So, that was what I didn't like about this book. I am afraid I could not recommend it.

Poppy Hills says

Loved this book! There were so many scenes that were just perfectly written! Mrs. Williams, if you read this, please write the sequel soon. That cliffhanger was crazy. I promise if you do I'll be the first one to buy it.

Monique Morris says

I got a copy from the author for an honest review.

1/5 stars!

sigh Ok. It's time to finally review this book.

Let me start by saying I thought this was going to be a fun, light-hearted read, and I had no idea that I was going to read such a roller-coaster type of book. I know, I know, I should've guessed from the blurb, but come on! "Bitter social battles?" I thought it would be a funny clique thing. After all, she's only a high school freshman.

I have no complaints against the author's story-telling ability. It was really easy to read and understand everything that was going on. However, the story she chose to tell is beyond me.

The set up was good, but then things started taking a turn for the worse.

Warning: The Love Triangle is strong with this one.

I hated the main character. She was unbelievably rude and her "best friend" was a jerk. All the "love interests" were jerks as well. I was unimpressed with all of them.

Valentina, is a perfect example of "Little Miss Perfect" in my Why I Hate Love Triangles blog post. You can go read it if you want to understand a bit more of what I mean. <http://somethingtobrowse.blogspot.com...>

The cursing didn't help raise my opinion of this book. The only good character was Carrie. This book would've been much better if she had been the main character. She is practically the only character that was likeable. She isn't as pretty or popular as the main character, but she's nice, smart, and sweet! :) Heck, even Avery (the antagonist) would've made a better main character.

I was really interested to know how the author was going to fix the mess in the end, and I was really disappointed with the cliffhanger I got instead of a proper ending. Is this supposed to be a series? Can we switch the main character to somebody else?

Again, there was nothing wrong with the author's ability to write, it was the story she chose to write that I disliked. That's just my honest opinion

If you don't want spoilers, I highly suggest you stop reading at this point.

For all those who stuck around, here's a few more details on why I didn't like this book.

1. Oh, Valentina? Everyone loves her!

Random guy selling food

Pizza guy

Her boyfriend's brother

Random jerks

The scary part is that I'm not even exaggerating.

2. Oh, did you know that Valentina is perfect?

"You don't have a big nose, by the way, it's just about perfect." - Keenan (her boyfriend)

"You're just about perfect." - Random man from food place (I'm not even kidding!!!!)

"But I don't think she has a long nose," Davis' cheeks flushed. "It's just about perfect." -Davis (random nerd)

"I think you're the perfect age for me, Val. Perfect height too, and perfect name. Come to think of it, you're just about perfect." -Ethan (random jerk)

"No, you're perfect." -Keenan (her boyfriend)

3. This quote basically sums up my thoughts.

"Your wannabe boyfriend is here."

"Who?" Keenan asked interestedly; it was better than Val's question, which one?

Yes, Valentina. Which one? That is an excellent question.

4. Major issue: Valentina's love interest is not her boyfriend. Wait for it.... It's her boyfriend's brother, Porter (who also has a girlfriend) Way to keep it in the family, Valentina! lol!

This is how he treats her

"Val, don't you get it? I don't care about you- no one here does. Why don't you just go play with your retarded Gentry friends and leave us alone?"

"Mean? I'm not being mean, I'm just being honest. The only reason I ever gave you a second look is because you threw yourself at me- 'Do you think I'm attractive, Porter?" he mocked.

How irresistible!!!!

5. That awkward moment when you try to get your girlfriend to see that you're not a cheater, so you take the girl she thinks you're cheating on her with out for lunch to talk, but *gasp* that only makes it worse!

"I was trying to fix things, and now they're worse than before."- Porter

6. You know you hate a main character when your favorite part of the book is when the antagonist gets her revenge.

"Your life is over- and if you disagree, that's just because you haven't realized it yet."- Avery (the antagonist)

Yay!

7. Another major issue: What's so bad about being a virgin at 14/15? Maybe I'm old-fashioned...

"You, trying to pretend you have more experience than you do. If anything, I bet you're a virgin," Jessie smirked.

PS. Jessie is also one of the jerks who likes Valentina! Go figure!

8. That awkward moment when you're only a high school freshman and you're contemplating playing strip-poker.

"We wouldn't even make you go pass your underwear, and we'll count your dress as three clothing items."

Something about being called a prude, even by a boy she'd only just met, irked Val. "Fine, we'll play."

It just wasn't my type of book, read at your own risk!

Rai says

I try to find something redeeming in every book I read. and I'm usually very good at it. this however is not a book that had any redeeming qualities. it's plot was... horribly mundane interactions of high schoolers of various maturity levels. Val is just as vapid as you are supposed to believe popular girls are... But almost all of her interactions come from boys. mostly boys talking about how hot she is. and we're probably supposed to feel sorry for her, as she experiences sadness and doubt and other crap...

I hate rating a book so low, but if it hadn't been such a simple read, I would have probably given up. it wasn't even enjoyable.

also, the boyfriend who says he loves her on the... third? date.... and then wants to sleep with her on the fourth. In return, she has been lusting over his brother, and promptly decides to get relationshipy with him at the first available moment. and then the book ends. that's it. no more.

I don't blame the author, because it's a big thing to write anything, particularly a series of chapters all heading the same direction... But I really question who would ever publish this, and let it go through editing without ever finding an actual plot.

Nadire says

This book was such a disappointment to me.

I started off the book very open minded since there were not too many reviews about it, but halfway through the book I was starting to skip over some parts just to find out what happened and get it over with.

The main character is Valentina, a high school freshman starting out at a new school since her family has come into a lot of money. I felt like she and all the other characters were very one dimensional.

Valentina hated how many of the students at the new school act very mean towards others, but she is so easily swayed to act mean and continue to act mean towards one girl, even though she supposedly "feels bad about it".

Finally, the ending of this was horrible. There was no sort of resolve for any of the characters. I mean the final sentence was "Where do we go from here?" I prefer happy endings for my stories, but for this book I would have preferred any kind of ending other than what I got.

S.D. Curran says

Kind of boring. I couldn't really relate to the main character, Val. She is supposed to be popular, and she was in middle school, but here at her new school she is little more than someone who goes along with the crowd.

Suzy says

Good story, I loved how the drama and romance were intertwined to make it feel like the whole thing was actually going on.

Dessie Ness says

Definite plusses. The main character didn't always feel entirely believable, but other than that good book
