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Good friends are hard to come by and even harder to keep. C.J. Taylor learned this the hard way when she discovered her best friend had been keeping a secret from her. And it's kind of awkward. He's in love with her.

In this coming-of-age story of friendships, first dates, and chick flicks, this publicly accused “tease” is forced to deal with the awkward and often humorous aftermath of rejecting her best friend’s romantic confession. There’s her (former?) best friend, Presley, who’s a total sweetheart of a jock but with a dorky charm that goes unnoticed by the female population, the tragically shy, Cindy, who has a massive fear of boys and a secret desire to be noticed, the hopeless anti-social, Hamp, who’s deceptively cute and is particularly allergic to all things school-related...And then there’s her mother’s fiancée, Anthony, who thinks her only purpose in life is watching teen soap operas.

But C.J. isn’t ready to give up. Faced with the hopeless reality of her now strained friendship, C.J. is determined to set things right. And she thinks she knows the perfect way get things back on track...she must find him a girlfriend.

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From Reader Review Social Misfits for online ebook

Fran Zoch, LSoR says

This is a cute coming of age story, you have CJ and her best friend Presley who admits he is in love with her but she shoots him down and now their relationship is very strained what's a girl to do? Find him a girlfriend that's what.

Presley only wants her but I think it is just she is there, then there is Hamp who CJ wants to help but ends up liking him , this is a typical high school teenager story which I found cute

Sharon Jones says

Reviewed on behalf of Three Degrees of Fiction book blog

I want to start off this review by saying that this is an exceptionally well written story. I would go as far to say it is one of the best written books I have read in quite some time. The reason I only gave this book 4 stars, and admittedly this is just my personal preference, is that I don't like when a story's POV jumps from character to character without warning. Every time this happened it took me a few sentences to realise that I was now reading about a different character.

This book also took me back to my high school years, and am I ever so thankful that I am not that age anymore. CJ is a popular girl, and surprisingly very nice. She just wants everyone around her to be happy. She goes as far as playing cupid to help her friend Presley who seems to think he wants CJ as his own girlfriend. Then there is Hamp who she sees as a poor lonesome boy that very rarely attends school, so she tries to take him under her wing, but ends up having feelings for him. Add in a few more angsty teens and this book has drama aplenty. As I said before, this book is extremely well written and I wouldn't mind the author writing another story with all the characters and where they are all at ten years from now. Very enjoyable story.

Savannah (The Book Prophet) says

I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review. This in no way effects my overall rating of this book.

I'm very torn about this book. Overall I enjoyed it, but also... I was very annoyed. By the antics of the main character, the decisions and attitude from the side characters... I found myself more annoyed than anything else.

This is unfortunate given the fact that I was really looking forward to reading and reviewing this book. Not everything was bad, of course. I found the idea of the popular girl finding a girlfriend for her best friend she rejected interesting.

But she only wanted to do this so that her friend would stop being mad at her for rejecting him and so that he would hang out with her again like they did before he confessed his feelings to her. Selfish, much?

Also, she was constantly talking like you'd expect a girl with privilege to. She was always annoyed at people that didn't take time from their lives for the benefit of hers. I can't respect a character like that, even if she does realize how selfish she was by the end (which upped this read a star for me).

I felt like a lot of this book and the character's relationships were superficial. This does make sense considering the fact that it takes place in a high school. But literally all of the characters are low-key jerks.

The only characters I found myself liking were Cindy and Presley and then Presley ended up acting like a complete jerk when C.J. rejected him. She was being as nice as possible while doing so as well. But he kept on applying force, kissing her while she's literally screaming at him to stop. I get the entire hormonal teenage boy thing but this is not right. And it wasn't handled very well by the author given the fact that he invaded her personal space and it took her screaming stop like three times for him to stop.

This takes me to my next problem. There was a character that I know the author was trying to make into the stereotypical popular jock that is kinda a jerk to all the girls but he still gets them all, but he truly rubbed me the wrong way. A lot of sentences made it seem like he was a rapist and I'm starting to think that he was. But the author never did anything about this.

Maybe I read this the wrong way and am blowing it out of proportion but I'm pretty sure this character was raping girls at parties and everyone just kept on ignoring it and doing nothing about it.

Despite overall enjoying the book (it was a quick and easy read and kept me engaged throughout) a few things didn't sit well with me so I couldn't bring myself to rate it any higher. There were a lot of interesting concepts that I liked the idea of but the execution could have used some work. A sensitivity reader might have been a good investment for the author as well.

Despite that there was also some language used that could be potentially harmful. I don't remember what the words or phrases were exactly because I forgot to make a note of them but I told myself to mention it in the review for possible future readers.

The writing itself I found to be good but needed a bit of brushing up. I also noticed that the perspectives between characters seemed to suddenly change without prior notice. It was never properly divided by chapters or sections so we would be put into the mind of a different character for let's say a paragraph before going back to the main character.

My Rating: 2.5 Stars

Overall this book was a quick read. I had my issues with it but if you're looking for a contemporary set in high school and would like to support a new author I'd recommend it for you. Given that it was the author's first book, I can definitely see her next book being better.

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Spunky N Sassy says

Spunky N Sassy Rating: 5.0

~~~~~Lindsey's Review~~~~~

This book was fantastic. I could really relate and I know there will be other readers who will as well.

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### **Book-Lover Book Blog says**

Well this is definitely something different from my norm and I was pleasantly surprised but at the same time, a little disappointed. The blurb seemed really promising and had me intrigued but by the end, I felt a little bit let down.

I didn't like C.J. at all. To me she was extremely manipulative and self-centred; everything I hate in a girl really. She never really understand when she was in the wrong and that's another pet hate of mine; people not admitting when they're wrong. My favourite character was probably Presley, though even he had his traits where I had to roll my eyes.

I couldn't rate this any more than 3 stars because it was hard to keep up with who was saying what. It was all jumbled together and it was confusing. There's no set part for each characters and instead the character switch is made throughout the book in the same paragraph as someone else. I didn't like that very much.

I did enjoy the story. I love reading books that are set in high school or college, same as I like to watch them as films or TV programmes too. But the confusing way its written took the enjoyment away.

Some of it was a little rushed, some scenes could have been described a little better but overall, I enjoyed it. I wouldn't say I was hooked but it was an easy, laid back kinda read.

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### **Donna says**

This is a really fun read. It takes you back to the high school drama of trying to find your place in life and finding that first love.

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### **Clarice says**

Well I have to say, this book felt like it was meant for younger teens although the kids In the book were around 16 or so. CJ was very dramatic, to say the least. She did seem very selfish and had some definite family issues. Her mom being married so many times was a biggie and I can honestly see why she acted the way she did to everyone. Trying to hook Presley up with Cindy was purely for her own gain. And then there was Presley who cared more about what people thought. I think I liked Hamp the most. He didn't seem to care much about what others thought and seemed very genuine. In the end, all of the teens seemed to show character growth and it was really nice. A great ending!

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## **Amanda Gillespie Shock N Awe Book Blog says**

I really wanted to like this story but I already have a hard time with keeping my focus, and when a book jumps around from character to character and I have to keep re-reading sentences to make it make sense, then it takes away from that ability. It did not deter me from wanting to read other things this author has because the idea was good, just the way it was presented could have been a little more thought out.

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## **Amanda McCalip says**

*Social Misfits* was a fast paced, really cute coming of age novel. C.J. was definitely that bratty teenager who just doesn't quite know what she wants in life. She was a popular girl who was very dramatic throughout the book, just like most teenagers around her age of 16 or so. This definitely brought you back to high school, the drama, the different groups of popularity, etc.

I wasn't a big fan of C.J. but I absolutely adored Presley. He was all around an amazing guy, who really cared for C.J. I really believe that she thought she was trying to do what was best for Presley by trying to set him up with a girlfriend but I think ultimately he knew in his heart what he wanted. C.J. was kind of selfish but I enjoyed watching her evolve.

It was a good read, and I would rate it a 4 star. I will absolutely look for more books by Kelli Nicole! Nicely written, and she stayed true to a coming of age novel!

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## **Shirley Cuypers says**

Original review

*This book was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review. Thank you Kelli Nicole!*

*Social Misfits* tells the story of C.J. Taylor and her friends. You have Presley, the guy that loves C.J. but is also her best friend, Maxie, her other best friend, Cindy, an awkward and shy girl, and Hamp, an anti-social guy that C.J. can't get out of her head.

*Social Misfits* is a book about true friendship and first love. C.J. doesn't know how to deal with Presley, she doesn't know how to help Hamp and most of all she doesn't know what she's doing wrong. C.J. discovers a lot of herself throughout the book and she grows as a character.

I really liked *Social Misfits* because it was such a fast-paced, easy read. Once I started reading, I couldn't stop. I really liked the story and the characters. You get to know a lot about friendship and I got back to my high school feels. The characters were all so different, yet so relatable. I really liked C.J. because she understands what she did wrong and she does everything to change that. I can also totally relate to Cindy because I'm awkward and shy myself!

*Social Misfits* is a really good book but there's one negative point: it was kind of annoying that the author mixed the multiple perspectives in the book without really showing who is thinking what. Most of the time, when an author uses multiple perspectives, they use a perspective per chapter or they clearly put the name

above the paragraph. Kelli Nicole didn't use the naming system so it was often a little hard to figure out who was thinking/talking. That's the only negative thing I have to say about *Social Misfits*.

Overall I really enjoyed *Social Misfits* and I cannot wait to read more written by Kelli Nicole!

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### **Linda Dunn says**

Oh, to be sweet 16 again!

This is not my usual genre, but I found it refreshing to read. This story is about C.J. who has a heart of gold, but ends up messing up the lives of her closest friends. She means well, but she causes a lot of drama and angst. She sees herself as wanting to help everyone, but along the way she gets lost in all the theatrics.

This story brought me back to my highschool days. I tend to remember school through rose coloured glasses and then I remembered it wasn't all fun and good times.

This was well written, and the characters were a delight. If you are looking for a light fun read, this is the one for you.

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### **A Book Lover's Emporium Book Blog says**

*Social Misfits* by Kelli Nicole was a good story and if you are looking for a pre-teen read this one would be it.

C.J. and Presley had an inseparable friendship from Kindergarten through high school. Until Presley told C.J. he loved her and tried making a move on her. I thought C.J. and Presley were a right bratty pair and certainly needed a good slap at times. I did find it confusing that characters seemed mixed up; at times I wasn't sure if the story was talking about C.J. and Presley or Maxie and Chad.

The characters didn't always seem to follow what you would have expected from their prior experiences and I didn't like when Mr. Campbell asked for opinions on Hamlet, what Presley then had to say. I didn't expect her to have her feelings hurt so easily after what happened between them.

This is the first book I have read from Kelli Nicole and although it was good, I thought the book was lacking excitement and a connection with the readers.

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