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Ernieca Edwin says

I seriously annoyed by this story.. I don't like Drew and Kelly.. mcm mo tmpr ja dua2... I would have punch them both... and Raven... I dislike her the most... what a b**ch... Her bf deserves more... what was she doing.. like everytime its her part, i just felt like skipping it bcuz i couldn't stand her.. a cheater and a b**ch...

Keri says

First of all, The Crushes should be called The Cheaters because that is all any of the characters did throughout the entire novel. Raven, in a relationship with Horace, falls for Blake, her new next store neighbor and pro skateboarder. Sydney is dating Drew, the love of her life, but Drew is really in love with Sydney's best friend Kelly, who returns Drew's feelings. While this angers Sydney, Sydney is crushing on Quin, her co-worker at the local children's hospital. Only Alexia's storyline does not involve some sort of cheating. Instead, she stresses over taking her relationship to the next level with Ben, her boyfriend, before he goes off to college.

The characters were also very shallow, as well as one-dimensional. It was so hard to keep the four girls straight because there were no distinguishing personality traits or character conflicts. They were cookie-cutter. They talked the same and the author spent paragraphs describing what each girl chose to wear each day. Those paragraphs could have been used to actually create a deep, feeling character. As a result, it made it hard for me to care about them. Finally, the storyline was simply too cliché. I expect cliché in young adult literature and I have nothing against it. Sometimes, I love a happy ending or a forbidden romance, but this novel exceeded the cliché quota to the point where it ceased to be a cute, easy read and verged on annoying.

Katie Janz says

I was very disappointed in this book after reading the Heartbreakers. I have a review for the first book where I explained how much I loved it because I read it at the beginning of high school and thought this stuff was good to know. Any way, I fell in love with Drew and Sydney because I thought they were "destined" for each other and their storyline in this book turned me off from them. By the end of the book I was so done with this novel.

♥ Honey♥ says

This book was soo good and I read it over the weekend!! This is the second book and it was good, just like the first book. This book gets you thinking about your relationship with your boyfriend. Sometimes I wish that all the guys are like that in this book, and if they where girls will be in trouble but at least in love. Not sad or crying and make the right desicions. I hope you read this book and like it because I did. I really do not like girly girl books, but this book proved me wrong and I really enjoyed reading this book. Hope you do to and think really closely about you relationship if he is worth realling to die for.

Anushka says

This book is about four best friends, Kelly, Alexia, Raven and Sydney. They have always been together through good times and bad times. This book is set in the summer and through the summer their friendship will be hard to keep when they are spending more time with their boyfriends. Kelly is the only single one in the group so the girls come up with some rules to make her turn any crush into a boyfriend. The rest of the girls decide to use these rules to put the spark back in the relationships they have already. Soon the girls realize they are starting to use the rules on the wrong guys. I really liked this book because it shows what strong friendships can go through just because of guys. This book is mine so if you want to read it ask me.

Cherrylea says

This book was pretty good. It was just, like the last one, a bit too "cutesy" for me.

At least this book didn't have a "happily ever after" ending, like I expected. I mean, it just seems like a normal fluffy, drama-filled weekend read, but it turns out that the book has slightly a bit more depth. I mean, we learn a few important lessons about people, and ourselves. And it's a much more natural, realistic ending. Come on - how many times in real life do we have perfect relationships with boyfriends, friends, and family? It's much more real to be broken up about everything, but realize that you still have to move on with life.

(view spoiler)

I recommend this to anyone who likes chick lit, since that's exactly what this is. Don't expect too much plot (or worry about ALL of the guys introduced in the beginning - it was much and totally unnecessary, but it's all good in the end). The ending was a pleasant surprise - it made the book a bit better in my eyes. It wasn't a happy or sad ending - more bittersweet. That pretty much sums up my feelings towards this book, actually - bittersweet.

Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Cat for TeensReadToo.com

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It's been a long time since I read a book that made me cry, but Pamela Wells does such an incredible job portraying the roller-coaster ride of emotions that come with young love. Whether reading about Alexia's uncertainty about losing her virginity to Ben, Raven's desire to remain faithful to the boy she loves while feeling intensely attracted to someone else, the thrill of new flirtations, or the pain of ultimate betrayal, I was transported into the emotions of each characters' journey.

THE CRUSHES is an excellent, heartfelt novel about friendship, first love, and surviving the difficulties life throws your way.

Rachel says

Way to much extra description that just distracts from the book. The characters lack depth and there is not a lot of emotional resolution. Note some content may not be suitable for all readers. Reviewed for VOYA

Destiny says

Even for a time-waster, this was a #Nope.

Ella Perkins says

There are 4 friends, 3 boyfriends, and 41 rules. Have you ever had a relationship that revolved around rules? Well 4 girls Raven, Kelly, Sydney, and Alexia made up 41 rules on how to keep your relationship up and going. But when some friends go behind other friend's backs and cheat with other people it gets a little scary.

I can make a text to text connection with the book Something Borrowed, by Emily Giffin. I can make this because both of the books have some of the back stabbing/cheating in them. The friends break up then, they get back together and it ends happily. If you read The Crushes then you should also read Something Borrowed.

I would give this book 5 stars because it was very interesting how many points of view there were. Also the author was very good at showing what was going on through out the book. I would recommend this book to people who like novels and mean girls.

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Marisa says

One thing I loved about this book is that it really got into the girls and their personalities but also their relationships.

Spoilers:

I am so annoyed by the typical love triangle between two girls and one boy but this book did it nicely and I actually rooted for other relationship of Kelly and Drew more it was done great. I also like that it was done realistically and not just for the drama because even in this first book I saw it and thought it would be a good relationship.

catherine james says

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I find this book alright because it talks about 4 friends who have problems with their boyfriends. It's something us girls as teenagers do now a days.

Linda *Rapunzel* says

This sequel to "The Heartbreakers" was crazy. Still though it felt like everything that happened was for the best and what it was supposed to be. A choice between a friend or a boyfriend should be easy, but sometimes it's not. Choosing between a friend or boyfriend is something I never ever want to go through. Everyone is going through chaos about what they want or who they want. The Crush Code is supposed to bring the friends closer, but it does the opposite. Now the girls are fighting and splitting apart. In the end can everything be right and come back together?
