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A Girl With Her Nose in a Book says

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I really really like this series so far, I love the characters and the voice through which the story is told. I am very interested in finding out certain characters reasons for doing certain things.... Overall, I thought the book was very good, with some interesting twists.

Status: Impatiently waiting for the next book!

monica ? says

4 stars

Masquerade is the 2nd book of Rosewoods series.

In this book Brooklyn starts to do her job as school liaisons. The first assignment for her is to organize the Halloween dance.

Halloween is obviously about costumes. But too bad in Rosewoods Academy there's no such thing. They are not allowed to wear costumes.

So Brooklyn has to think about the alternative themes to make this event successful but not boring.

And she got an idea to make a masquerade ball.

Just like the previous book, this book is fun to read. Brooklyn is still surrounded by 3 hot Westwoods guys and each of them made her confuse.

Brady, the stable boy who is also her coach keeps telling her that they can't be together, yet he also keeps being jealous anytime she is with another guy.

And Brooklyn found a mysterious secret between Brady and the dean.

Dave, Brooklyn's roommate's boyfriend who is apparently also a school liaisons from Westwoods Academy. Since Dave and Brooklyn are school liaisons, so they work together and meet more often for Halloween dance plan. Ever since the first day they met and flirting each other Brooklyn still has a thing for Dave. And it seems like Dave also feels the same way towards her. But they aware that they can't be together, obviously because Dave is her roommate's boyfriend.

Until Dave made an 'incident' that makes everything between them become more awkward.

And then this former child actor, Jared. He made good moves to approach Brooklyn.

They texting each other, even had a phone date. Brooklyn keeps telling herself that Jared is the one for her

because there's no way she can be with Dave or Brady.

And in the Masquerade ball...

Brady with ski mask keeps staring at Brooklyn because she dances with other guy. Dave told him to don't stare at Brooklyn that way because now Brooklyn is dating with Jared. But actually Brooklyn herself still doesn't know if both of them are officially dating. Brady's jealous.

....but then they're kissing

This is my favourite part of this book
Because I ship Brooklyn with Brady

But what will happen to them? Will they be together? Read this book!

And oh! Jared went to Tokyo for his Hollywood thingy event. And this one makes me happy too

The funniest part of this book for me is when Jared just back from Tokyo and wears Hello Kitty mask to the masquerade ball. OMG I can't imagine that big and tall Jared wearing Hello Kitty mask hahaha
Does he look like this? XD

And he gave Brooklyn a surprise gift from Tokyo; Hello Kitty underwear LOL

In this book everything's getting complicated. The other characters' problem is also revealed. Emmie and her unknown problems with Dave that makes Dave so confuse. Kaylee that keeps refusing to go to the dance events. Celia with her grade problems and finally meets new guy. And Chelly that always confident and surrounded by many guys. This is what makes this book is not boring.

Really enjoyed reading this book. I smiled, laughed, and almost cried in some part too.
Katrina Abbott seems so good at making us curious. Because the story is unpredictable but in a good way.
Still hoping for more Brooklyn and Brady moment in the next book

Heather says

I'm totally Team Brady!

If you haven't read book one in The Rosewoods series, go read it first! This review will contain spoilers for the first book.

Masquerade ends just where Taking the Reins left off, with Brooklyn crushing hard on Will/Dave. She discovered at last week's school dance that her crush Will and Emmy's boyfriend Dave are the same person, but it's not so easy to turn off her feelings for him. Brooklyn's new duties as school liaison force her to meet with Dave often, keeping temptation within arm's reach. Complicating matters, she also has a connection with her riding coach Brady and child star Jared.

This book is a clean read that doesn't end on a cliffhanger. There is a teaser twist in the epilogue, but it's not a cliffhanger. Brooklyn is still delightfully boy crazy, but it's endearing and takes me back to the times in high school when exchanging a smile in the hallway could have me swooning over a guy for weeks. She swivels from boy to boy within minutes, in one scene she's literally talking to one crush on the phone about her second crush, while thinking about the third. She shares a connection with each of them, and it's obvious why each guy likes her as she becomes more familiar with the school and starts to come into her own.

The narration was really well done, Ann Marie Gideon's voice is a spot on match for my mental image of Brooklyn. She performs male and female voices, and they're well done. I received a copy of the audiobook, and I'm voluntarily leaving a review.

I'd 100% recommend this book to both teens and adults. It was a great light-hearted read that had me reminiscing about high school. Now if you'll excuse me, I'll be off polishing my Team Brady badge!

Jazmen says

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Twice as nice as the first. In this second installment of The Rosewoods series our MC, Brooklyn; is finally getting the hang of the "Rosewood" life. She's finally "one of them" or at least she's well on her way. She's asserted herself into the school and proven herself to the dean in ways she didn't think possible. Her work setting up school events is coming along even if it is a little awkward. She's happy but she's also sort of caught in a three way love triangle; caught between the boy she shouldn't want, the one she can't, and the one who's darn sweet and kind of caught in the middle of all of it.

Don't get worried about that love triangle thing (for those of you who hate love triangles) it is very tepid. It's not one of those triangles where you're like just pick one already. It's pretty much the climax of the story and once you've read the previous book and this one you'll totally understand, and you'll be rooting for them (at least one of them, Team Brady over here!)

What I really adore about this book and this series is how easy it reads and how likable every character is individually. They all have stories to tell and are very realistic. It's one of the more pleasurable reads that center around prestigious schools.

I love our main character in this one. She's not being shoved around by any of what is going on around her, and she's kind of fierce. I love my female main characters to be sort of sassy or kick ass, and Brooklyn holds her own.

This story continues directly from book one, the boys are more present, and the teenaged issues are more dramatic but in a good way. Things get pretty complicated for Brooklyn, and it could complicate her recently developed friendships; if I can say that without giving too much away.

It's a rare for me but I have no predictions whatsoever on how this one will end but I'm okay with that. I like this whole element of what if. The ending is another cliffhanger and I'm pretty sure what I'm imagining will not happen or will and be better than I expected.

Abbott has a firm grip on romance and teen life. This novel showcases that; in every realistic scenario and adorably cute and teasing romantic moment. She's one to watch.

Rebecca says

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Ok, omg!!!! This author is quickly becoming one of my favourites; I read the first book in this series in a day and couldn't wait to read this one, now that I've finished this one I've instantly bought book 2.5 off amazon.

Brooklyn's love life in this book is really quite confusing (for her)- I on the other hand loved it, complications are what I live on. So 3 parts of the love life of Brooklyn:

Part 1- Brooklyn and Jared now in a casual relationship- they see each other, hold hands and are really quite cute. But Jared gets called to Tokyo for something work related; Tokyo/America = massive time difference= less communication.

Part 2- Brooklyn and Brady (aka at least in my head B team- I like Jared) pretty much same as the first book- are meant to be together but stuff in the way, pining on both parts, jealousy on his, and a very hot kids.

Part 3- Brooklyn and Dave- Dave is still Emmie's boyfriend but is very distant in this book, there is the 'wrong bed accident', which confuses both Brooklyn and Dave and leaves them both wondering about the possibility of a relationship between them.

The girls are pretty much very close in this book with the exceptions of Emmie being distant with Dave and Brooklyn regarding this issue and Kaylee being insecure about Dylan. But they are all pretty much focused on the big dance Brooklyn is organising with Dave in her new role as events coordinator.

The storyline is brilliantly paced introducing new obstacles and confusion into Brooklyn's life at exactly the right time which turned me into the 'one more chapter monster' and kept me reading until the very early hours of the morning.

The storyline is one of those which never fail to entertain me bringing in numerous character developments and complications in love. It left me wondering and wanting to find out who our main character is going to end up with in the end- which I very much hope won't be for at least another 2 books.

Beth C. says

A really good second book The Rosewoods series. Brooklyn is starting to fit in at her new school and as a community service requirement for the school, she is the new activities liaison. She's working with Dave, her first crush at the school, who's also her roommate's boyfriend (umm, yeah - a little uncomfortable). Dave is the liaison from the boys' school Westwoods Academy. They're planning the Fall dance between the schools and she really needs for it to be a success.

If that wasn't keeping her busy enough, she also has her equestrian lessons with her smoking hot Olympian coach, Brady (her second, and real crush) who is a student at Westwoods, but also her instructor. So as much attraction as they might feel for each other, they just can't be together because he is part of the faculty at her school.

Then there's Jared, aka Abe. A ridiculously hot child actor, also a Westwoods student, who she also has feeling for (third crush & potential boyfriend). But when he disappears without a word, what's she to think? She wants to enjoy all her hard work on the dance with Jared, but he's in Tokyo.

Then Dave makes a completely unexpected move on her, and Brady keeps admitting his feelings for her and gives her a mind-blowing kiss in secret... What's the "new girl" to do?

Loving this series! Can't wait to read more about Brooklyn and her boy troubles. Lol! Must be rough!

Faye says

Brooklyn is starting to get used to living the Rosewood life and it continues with her adventures with her friends and the guys.

I'm really a not so fan of love triangles and this one isn't even a triangle but like a square. The focus is more with Brooklyn's relationship with Brady, Dave, and Jared. It may sound simple but it gets complicated since:

Brady is someone she has common interest but at the same time someone she can't have even if their feelings kind of reciprocates.

Dave is the first guy she has a crush on except his is a relationship but well there's an incident that made their relationship more complicated and while she wanted to forget about it Dave can't. At the same time later, Dave was dumped, and the incident made him realized something.

Abe/ Jared someone who's added to the mix and someone she's been dating lately and no problems like the other too.

I kind of disliked the feelings of Brooklyn involving these three. She has feelings for all three guys in her perspective and is having a difficulty controlling whom she really likes even if the two of them is someone she couldn't possibly be in a relationship.

I feel like I'm reading a reverse harem (which normally I enjoy but only in anime) but currently in this situation not so much. Although I do understand her predicament that she is experiencing some difficulty with this three guys not to mention she might ruin one's career and the other, her friendship with Emmie.

Like Taking the Reins I find the ending abrupt I was like, "It was getting to the good part but no!!! It ended at that. Why? Oh, why?".

Well, I do know who I'm rooting for but even I can't predict who she's going to end up with. I also wanted to know more about Emmie's attitude. She's been pissing me off lately. I pity Kaylee and I can't wait to read her book.

But seriously, I need to find out what happened when Jared entered the room. I can't wait to read that conversation.

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Jennifer says

In book 2 of The Rosewoods series, Brooklyn Prescott finally finds herself as a part of the Rosewoods girls and as result is happy and secure. She is the Rosewood Academy's School Liason which puts her in the position to deal with Westwood Boys academy's Liaison quite a bit. Along with finding true friends, she also deals with the many boys in her life who got introduced to in book 1: Dave (AKA-Will), Emmie's boyfriend who clearly is off limits to Brooklyn but as we know -- they had a connection in book 1 and then are thrown together in this book as school liaison's team planning the school dances - things get tricky with this relationship and was my least fav storyline; Jared (Abe), Dave's roommate, who is a total sweetheart and Brooklyn starts dating him in this book; and finally Brady, Brooklyn's Equestrian coach, who due to him being a Coach at the school is off limits but they in my opinion have the strongest connection. So its a love square. I plus a lot of other readers may not love love triangles or squares but in this case its not a huge focus and you will definitely be rooting for just one of them -- totally Team Brady over here! The book does continue on from right where book 1 leaves us but does leave us with a MAJOR cliffhanger at the end!

Christy says

4 Stars!

Another addicting read full of teenage drama!

The very worst thing is finding a series like this, listening to the first two on audio, and realizing NONE of the other 8 books are audio books. Ugh! I guess I'll have to make time to 'read' them soon, I'm dying and to know what happens!

Tiffany Do says

Thanks to the author who provided me a free copy in exchange for an honest review.

In this next installment of The Rosewoods series, Brooklyn Prescott finally finds herself as a part of the Rosewoods girls. Now that she has found a place for herself, she finally feels content and wanted. Along with finding true friends, she also deals with the many men in her life whom still include Will, Emmie's boyfriend; Jared, Will's roommate; and Brady, her Equestrian coach. Many events occur which have Brooklyn questioning her honesty with her friends.

Oh my goodness. This book was great; I thoroughly enjoyed every moment of the second book to this series. I was very determined to finish reading even though I had an early morning and I couldn't sleep until I found out what had happened between Brooklyn and the men in her life. I liked how the pace went in this story; it moved at a very nice pace and the story didn't have any pauses or filters to it. The story was in a way amusing as well as very intense. Even though it was filled with issues that are typical of teenagers, they weren't such boring, dull, and shallow issues. They were actually interesting enough to read more about. I actually liked Brooklyn's interactions with all of the characters and how the other characters reciprocated towards her responses. Her interactions with the boys that are interested in her were very amusing and also intriguing. I'm pretty sure I said this in my review of the first book, but I'll reiterate it again; the boys whom are interested in Brooklyn are all unique in their own way. Will, is still a bit of a question mark due to the fact that he is one of Brooklyn's best friend's boyfriend; however, what happens between them both was not anything that I was expecting. I was laying in bed, reading and all of a sudden :O, my jaw just dropped and it was a little exciting as well.

There is still also Jared; however, he wasn't in the story as much. He is still such a sweetheart though, I enjoyed his presence in this book a lot even though he wasn't really there physically for Brooklyn. Finally, there is Brady. I really don't have any words for Brady. I just love him so much; if he wasn't just a character in a story; I would date him myself; Haha! He's so intense and full of angst for Brooklyn, it's amazing. I feel like he's just so real of a person and he excites me even for a character in a story. Team Brady all the way, unless something major happens in the next book, I am Team Brady all the way.

Overall, everything about this story was enjoyable; from the plot to the characters. It's a very enjoyable YA/NA read and I really can't wait for the next book in the series. Thanks again to Katrina for allowing me to read and review this book. I would gladly read and review the next book if necessary; thank you again.

Natalie says

Read this in half a day what more can I say other than I'm hooked now. The premise of these books is weak based mostly about the love lives of teenage boarding girls and boys schools. Why am I addicted then because I really want to know what happens to these character's. Even though this out of my normal reading box I really did enjoy reading this book. Will defiantly be continuing with this series...

Patricia says

Great again K Abbot writes chicklit but what a great story

Angie says

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My Review: So this series is typical teenage hormonal, love triangle to the extreme, yet it has totally captivated me. I am literally gobbling this series down and I just can't stand to stop reading it. I adore all the characters, they all have great qualities and I honestly can't say that I dislike any of them. Abbott definitely managed to capture me with this series, I will be downloading all the rest of the books out as soon as possible!

anita says

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Jordan says

<http://paperbackprincess96.blogspot.c...>

I received this book in exchange for an honest review.

This is the second book in The Rosewoods series. I loved the first book so I had high hopes for this one. For the most part, it did live up to my expectations. The only real criticism I have is how annoying a few of the characters got (me being picky, not the fault of the author. I'm just easily irritated). For example, Kaylee really grated on me due to her negativity throughout the whole book, hopefully in one of the other books we find out why she is like this. Brooklyn, basically the same reason that she annoyed me in the first book, her inability to say no to boys. When Dave got into bed with her, she should have told him it was her and she shouldn't have kept it a secret from Emmie.

I'm now in a huge dilemma about who I want Brooklyn to be with! I loved her with Brady, I still do, but Jared really melted my heart in this book and I'm happy that they got together in the end, I am still kind of hoping something else will happen with Brady (if she's not with Jared anymore). I found it cute and funny when Jared bought her a present back from Tokyo, although after she had seen him with the Hello Kitty mask on, I guessed what her present was going to be! Put their private jokes together and you get Hello Kitty underwear! I loved this book just as much as the first one and will definitely be continuing with the series, I

honestly cannot wait to read the next one and all the novellas that come with it! 4.5/5 stars again!
