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Winnie Perry is fourteen now, and the countdown to high school is shaping up to be as eventful as an entire year of middle school. Not only are things shaky with her boyfriend, Lars, but BFFs Dinah and Cinnamon have been acting weird, big sister Sandra is college-bound, little brother Ty has smuggled a stolen penguin home in his backpack, and new baby sister Maggie has everything turned upside down. It's a lot for anyone to handle, and loyal Winnie is so busy worrying about everyone else that she hardly notices that she might just be struggling a little bit herself.

With humor and honesty, Lauren Myracle brings us another pitch-perfect novel featuring the characters that her legions of fans have grown up loving.

## **Thirteen Plus One Details**

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## Ellie says

It is interesting and an add on to thirteen

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## Olivia says

Let me just warn you, this book doesn't follow the format of the first three. At the beginning, Winnie turns 14 and she makes a list of things to do before high school, and each chapter is her accomplishing something new, with the title of the goal as the chapter title. So the book stops in early September, at her high school before she goes in. Winnie is almost 14 1/2, so it only covers half a year. I was a little sad it wasn't her whole 14th year and didn't have 1 month for every chapter, but I could get used to it. Before, her life was too general, and now it covers each event more closely-as she gets mad at her boyfriend, her older sister graduates from high school(and she finishes middle school) she goes to camp to preserve sea turtles with Dinah and Cinnamon, meeting new people, and then talks to Amanda again. Winnie is a girl easy to relate to, but I found her a little whiny and superficial in this book-she gets so mad at her boyfriend because he gave her a Starbucks card for her birthday-and she just has to have her precious little cupcake. I actually started reading it a while ago-2+years-and I never finished it, I got so bored in the middle with all of the sea turtles! I started it again, and yeah, it was good, but I would recommend the other books more. Now I just need to read Ten, even though I'm a little old for it. It's funny, I read these books starting a great deal younger than Winnie(5 years, maybe?) and I always wished there were books about her at younger ages-now there is, but now I'm too old for even that!

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## Dania710 says

This book is just as great as the other ones. The only thing about it is, the older she gets, the more the vocabulary gets more adult-ish. But everything else is DELIGHTFUL!

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## Lydia LaPutka says

I have loved the Winnie series until now. This one was a disappointment. Something's up. Did Lauren Myracle get a new editor? Is she experimenting with her format? This book was very disjointed. Prior to this installment, Myracle was following a formula that worked. Changing it up is not a problem as long as it works. This didn't.

First of all, there were several strange things from the get-go. All of the characters started saying y'all. What? They didn't say that in any of the other books . . . Also, on her birthday there was a casual mention of Winnie having a cell phone and hoping for a new one for her birthday. The other books didn't mention cell phones at all! Having a cell phone is HUGE in a tween's or teen's life. It should have been mentioned earlier in the series.

Then the author took a generally likable main character and made her extremely unlikable. That was unfortunate. She became that ridiculously overly sensitive teenager who reacts stupidly to everything. For example, when her boyfriend says to have fun with her friends on the night of her birthday, she thinks to herself, "Where did he get off, instructing me to 'have fun'?" Ugh. I get that she has self-realization at the end of the book, but really? She was a snot throughout, and it was very irritating.

As for appropriateness of content, which is why I embarked on this series, there is a part where Winnie is wondering what it would be like to have a penis complete with erections that felt totally unnecessary and dumb. Also, one of the campers is described as butch because she's gay.

But what rankles me the most in books is when a story based somewhat in reality contains implausible content. The part about the penguin was ridiculous. Also, that parents who have so far been characterized as responsible would drop their hormonal young teenagers off at a remote location with only one adult to supervise. At a coed camp. And that one adult NEVER checks up on them. And . . . nothing more than kissing happens. Nope. I don't believe it.

There WERE a few redeeming points to this book though. I enjoyed the turtle refuge setting. I also loved when Winnie told Amanda that she hates when people use the word "retarded." I dated a guy in high school who had a sister with Down's Syndrome, and I feel the same way about that word! The whole cat incident at the end blew me away because I had a very, very similar incident with my old best friend and her cat Ace. Bizarre.

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### **Nithusa says**

This book is really really good. I wish that I read the first 4 books. I would recommend this to everyone you likes books about friends.

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### **Cindy says**

So much disappointment.

I remembered that I really liked *Eleven* and *Twelve* back when I read them in 6th grade, so when I found out about this I was all for it. I mean, it was a break from all this nonfiction analyzing literature that I had to do in APLAC class!

To my dismay, I found that this particular installment of the series is not only bland and boring, the plot is an empty shell. Winnie has transitioned from an insecure adolescent who had boy problems in the past books to... What?! A completely bratty, selfish freshman-to-be?!?! Please.

The majority of the book has her crying pathetically over her birthday present from her boyfriend Lars, which was a \$25 Starbucks card, when she really wanted a cupcake. She refers to the card as a "stupid piece of plastic". Yeah, it's a stupid piece of plastic that can get you like, I don't know, 8 mocha frappuccinos. Suck it up Winnie. GOD FORBID HE GIVE HER A STARBUCKS CARD. OH, THE HORRORS. I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING WORSE IN THIS WORLD OH GOD PLEASE HOLD ME NO I CAN'T STAND THIS.

I can't even shake off this overwhelming feeling of disgust and pure disappointment. :( You can do better than this, Lauren Myracle.

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## Carol says

I was disappointed by this book. Even though it was very cringey, I still expected an actual plotline. In 13, there was a kid who had cancer, and her mom was having a baby, and there were Friend Troubles. With that in mind, I expected something. But no. Here's what happened.

And we're back with the fourth book of Adventures With Winnie P1! (keep in mind I don't actually remember what happened in 10, 11, or 12 as I was in 2nd grade when I read them.) Anyway let's get right into the news.

1. Winnie turned 14!!! It's a Super Huge Deal because she got an iPhone. it's hard for her to press the buttons when texting though.
2. Winnie comes to terms with the fact that she is very self-centered.
3. Winnie writes a list of goals she has. Now, instead of each chapter being a month, it's titled with these goals.
4. Dinah helps a girl named Mary to store the stuff she shoplifts. She gets suspended for 1 day because she helped Mary, and is sad because she lets Mary (and other people) walk all over her. They have a heart to heart, and there is (finally) some nice character development. YAY!

Sami has enlightened me on the fact that this is the fifth, not fourth, book in the series.

sorry 'bout dat

It's time for AWW! How exciting.

1. Winnie wants to go to a sea turtle camp where they help baby sea turtles get to the ocean. This is exciting.
2. Winnie has some Bonding Moments with her sister.
3. Cinnamon is salty about Winnie and Dinah going to sea turtle camp without her. Poor Cinnamon.

Nothing has really happened so far, so here are some predictions.

I predict that Amanda will also be at Turtle Camp.

The End

AWW! Here's an update on the book

1. I'm about 2/3 of the way done with it and NOTHING IMPORTANT HAS HAPPENED. It's not even cringey anymore (well, it still is, because it's the cringe book), but it's SO BORING.
  2. Winnie and Dinah arrive at Turtle Camp only to realize: Cinnamon is also there! OMG! Cinnamon was keeping it a surprise.
  3. Once there, they meet some Hot Boys. Oh my, more flirting for Winnie! \*gag\*
- Cya!

Now, for the final update on Adventures With Winnie.

Winnie is almost finished with Sea Turtle Camp. She is still mad at Lars because for her birthday, he got her a \$25 Starbucks card. THE HORROR! She knows it's stupid to complain about, but does she realize that she needs to move on? Nope. She mopes about it ALL BOOK. Then, she finally calls Lars to tell him why she's angry. When he asks her what she DID want, she doesn't want to tell him. Then, she finally tells him what she wanted. Do you know what she wanted? SHE WANTED A CUPCAKE. A. CUPCAKE. (and then she hangs up on him) but a CUPCAKE. I would have taken the gift card. Like, I get the fact that she didn't get a

cake from her family or her friends and she's salty about that, but she could have gotten a cupcake at Starbucks. Maybe even taken Lars and gotten him a cupcake as well? Did that even occur to her? No. No it did not.

ANNNNnyway, she hangs up and goes to a campfire where she sees a guy she has been flirting with all summer who I think was named Alphonse, but I'm honestly not sure. Then, Alphonse reveals that he wants to kiss her. Winnie is surprised. My question is, why? She had been flirting with him all summer, so should she really expect something different? She apparently can't make friends with a boy without flirting with him, so...

ANYway, then Lars comes to the beach and brings her a cupcake and they have a heart-to-heart. The End. BUT WAIT! Amanda's cat, sister of Winnie's cat, has died! Oh no. Winnie goes to help her bury the cat and they have a heart-to-heart also. All loose ends are tied up, and everyone is happy. The end.

Well, that was an experience. Please never make me read that again.

Thanks for taking the time to go on this cringey adventure with me! If I've inspired you to read these books, I pray for you. Good luck.

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## Anna says

Co udělá knihomol, když se mu seskupí plno nových knih k přečtení?

Ano, správně, sáhne přesně po té, kterou četl už četl nejmí? padesátkrát...

I když má "14ka" vždycky z celé série pítahovala nejmí?, znovu jsem si připomněla, proč tahle série tvořila vrchol mého čtenářského žebříčku prvního stupně.

Lidi, ten styl psaní... Je dokonalý! Holíč, roztomilý, poetický, nakažlivý (!!!!!) a zároveň plný neotřelých a trefných obrát, empatie a humoru.

Viki patřila vždycky mezi moje nejoblíbenější hrdinky ze všech knih vůbec, ale zbožňuju i Danu a Amandu.

Když se zamyslím, doopravdy si nedokážu bez těchto knížek představit svůj 9.-12. rok života.

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## Elizabeth says

Thirteen Plus One by Lauren Myracle is the fifth book in a series called "the Winnie Years". They all are based around Winnie Perry and her growth as she gets older. I remember liking the books before Thirteen Plus One but I found Myracle's latest novel boring, and therefore skimmed much of it. I didn't find the plot line very compelling or interesting, and never felt sure if Myracle was trying to paint Winnie as a self-absorbed character or a "good" character. I thought that she sort of switched between two personalities and it confused me. I don't recommend this book.

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## Olgaod96 says

Winnie is now officially 14 and her countdown to high school has now begun. She finally has almost everything she's ever wanted, and iPhone, an awesome boyfriend, 2 BFFs. The one thing more that she needs is a chocolate cupcake from Sugar Sweet Sunshine; a perfect gift from her x10 perfect boyfriend. When he doesn't show up with her perfect present, she gets upset. But, that's not the only thing turning her world

upside-down. Dinah starts talking to weird Mary Woods, her mom doesn't have enough time to back her a cake, and Dinah gets suspended because Mary Woods turns out to be a shoplifter. She also hides her stuff in Dinah's locker. Dinah's dad gets mad and sends her off to boot camp, which he says that, "he only wants the best for her". So, Winnie, Cinnamon, and Dinah start looking up the boot camp that Dinah's dad is sending her to. It doesn't look so good. Will Dinah rot in boot camp or will Cinnamon and Winnie come to her rescue?

I loved this book because it was heartfelt, funny, and sweet. You could feel the sadness in the air in some parts, and others, you could feel as if Winnie was there with you. I read the entire series and I can't wait until the next book comes out!

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### **Elsa R says**

I loved this book so much because it is about Summer camp. This book is perfect for 4th grade and up. In this book Dinah and Winnie go to summer camp to save baby sea turtles and they have a surprise waiting for them there. This series is similar to the Mostly Miserable Life of April Sinclair.

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### **Sarah says**

A review of Thirteen by Lauren Myracle

Many teenage girls experience many new things that they may like or not. Just like Winnie. She is beginning to experience middle school. I can remember my first day of middle school just like she explained. Walking in and looking up at all of the eighth graders, talking to new people and much more. Many teenagers will enjoy seeing life through the eyes of thirteen year old, Winnie Perry.

The novel Thirteen does have a lot of fun adventures, but it also explores the relationship between Winnie and her boyfriend Larson, or Lars as she calls him. Winnie experiences some trouble with Lars because while she is beginning to find the ins and outs of middle school, he is already comfortable with middle school because he is in eighth grade and he is a year older than Winnie. While Winnie and Larson's relationship is adorable and cute, there is much drama that occurs. For example, when Winnie and Larson are fighting about Larson's new friends, Winnie says, "If you don't start to treat me better, I'm going to have to break up with you." After this Winnie and Larson didn't talk for at least a month, and it made you want to keep reading to when or if they would ever talk again.

People wish and hope for a great friendship and Winnie has exactly what people wish for. She and her two best friends Dinah and Cinnamon are always there for her and they are always laughing and having fun. They go through everything together, like going to middle school together and going to their first real high school party. There is never a dull moment, and they always have something fun and interesting going on. For example, when they went to the Bobbi Brown makeup stand for makeovers, or when they went to Larson's house and hung out with high schoolers. They help each other with everything like when Winnie and Lars have problems or even just when they need help with their outfit choice. They are the ideal friendship that everybody wants. They may fight occasionally, but they always forgive and forget. This book may not have much action and suspense, but you will be able to relate to Winnie, and it almost feels like she is talking to you.

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## Emma says

I really loved this book. I was a great sequel to the other books in the series. The book starts off as Winnie prepares a list of things To-Do-Before-High school and achieves them throughout the book. Then, at the end of Junior high Lars fails to give Winnie a good birthday present. When he tells her he is leaving for the summer she becomes very disappointed. Then Dinah is caught for keeping somebody's stolen make up products in her locker, which caused her parents to decide to send her off to a disciplinary camp. Winnie seizes the opportunity and accompanies Dinah at a camp program where they rescue baby sea turtles. To their surprise Cinnamon joins them. Through the summer Winnie meets Alphonse who tries to kiss her at the end of the book, but Winnie stays loyal to Lars and resists the temptation. The book ends with the summer over and Winnie and her two BFFs move on to High School.

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## Marla says

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\* Ty smuggling a penguin

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## Katrina J says

Thirteen Plus One is a terrific book because there was a lot of mystery, a ton of drama, and it was relative to girls.

Winnie made a to-do list before high school, it has a lot to do with spending time more friends and acting older. Winnie just turned fourteen, and her boyfriend, Lars, gave her a crappy gift for her birthday, when she gave him all signs she wanted a cupcake.

During the Summer, Winnie finds out Lars has to go to Germany with his Mom. So, Winnie decides to go from Georgia, to South Carolina for a camp with her Best Friends, Cinnamon and Dinah. They meet really cute guys, Winnie met one too, but can't get Lars out of her head.

Will Lars and Winnie break up? Will they stay together? Will Winnie Get her cupcake? Will Winnie Get all things crossed out her List? I recommend this book to any sixth grade girl. I think the most important thing I learned was that old friends do come back. They will come back, eventually.

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