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Nikki Maxwell's worst nightmare comes true in book nine of the #1 *New York Times* bestselling Dork Diaries series!

A certain member of the CCP girls Dork fans know *all* about has gotten her hands on Nikki's diary and has decided to share some thoughts of her own...Find out what happens when Nikki's worst nightmare becomes a reality. Welcome to Mackenzie's world!!

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Julija Zivanovic says

I thought that this book was absolutely great because in the previous books in the series we only heard of Nikki the protagonist's side of the story but in this book we heard of Mackenzie the antagonist's side of the story. Both had strong feelings on why they thought they were innocent and found out about how Mackenzie really feels about Nikki, and how she thinks that Nikki purposely got her in trouble and made her clean the showers. Overall, I think this was a great book and I recommend it to you with 5 stars.

Lylianna says

I LOVE DORK DIARIES LIKE CRAZY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Liv Herondale says

I honestly don't think that any young 9-15 girl wouldn't like this series. This book wasn't necessarily my fave in the series, but the way Renee Russell writes is fun, quirky, and true to every girl! I recommend this for just a quick read, I started it an hour ago and finished it! Nikki Maxwell (main character) is so "dorky" and a geek, but that's what makes her an awesome protagonist! Great series, GO BUY IT!!!! ;)

Maci Kaye says

This is a very sweet and awesome book that is filled with many cliffhangers. I would especially recommend for girls. I encourage anyone to read this book because it teaches readers to not judge someone until you know their personal, daily life. Somebody may look like a rose but on the inside their life could be like a garbage. Treat others not out of envy or revenge, but out of love. Treat others as you would want to be treated (Golden Rule).

Anna says

Nicci lost her diary and it is Macenzie the one who stole it.... Thank God nobody suffered a stroke and we - readers - have the unique opportunity to get inside Macenzie's head, since she is the one who writes in the diary for almost half of the book!

Another nightmare-in-high-school adventure from the series that I so much enjoy!!!

Terry says

I grew up with this book! Started when I was younger (like eleven years old) than Nikki and now I'm in my senior year of high school! It's already been that long?!

Anyway, at first I was thinking that maybe I'd outgrown it, because a lot of the drama in the first few pages could be solved through just communication. But then things got CRAZY and... Yeah there's a lot going on in this installment. All the things Mackenzie did to others just made me CRINGE. Like when Brandon was waiting for Nikki at the shop? EESSHH...

I was also worried Mackenzie wouldn't be a very well fleshed out character, that she'd be just that stereotypical diva and nothing else. Her character building was very subtle though, as you read about her extremely spoiled, yet still imperfect life. (Her little sister is a lot like Brianna.)

I think Mackenzie just finally moved because she finally figured out she could never win against Nikki, and she didn't want to graduate middle school having to face her obnoxious "humiliation" of having a "dork" stand her up from the very beginning of the series to (what I'm assuming) is the very near end of it.

As always, Russell's potent power with words and language was superb, and it made me laugh out loud, cringe, giggle, smile, and (this rarely happens to me with many books, especially with something not even meant for my age group) care for the characters. Heck, I ship BrandonXNikki. What is it, Bikki?:P I dunno, I'm bad at that sort of merging.

Props to the author for also reminding us that Brandon isn't just some nice guy, he has feelings who doesn't just let anything slide. When he said to Nikki "with friends like you who needs enemies?!" I was just like "ooohhhh, she better get some ice for that burn!"

Now for Chloe and Zoey.....:D

Fef (hatius hatius) Peixes says

THIS ONE IS ABOUT HOW MACKENZIE STOLE NIKKI'S
DIARYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY

Pinky says

The Dork Diaries is one of the series that I grew up with. I really loved this book because it was really different from the other books. This book was told through the perspective of the antagonist and it was really interesting to see what they were thinking. There are so many things that I liked about this book. I didn't have any problems with it and I never usually do.

The Dork Diaries is about a teenager named Nikki, who is going through all these different things while she is in school. Her enemy is the queen of the CCP (Cute, Cool and Popular) girls and her name is Mackenzie. Nikki has a huge crush on a boy named Brandon and she has amazing friends named Chloe and Zoey. When Mackenzie found Nikki's diary, she decided to read it and personalize it into her own diary. The whole story

revolves around Mackenzie and how she sabotages Nikki's life and basically the reader is waiting for Nikki to find her diary.

A lot of people compare this series to the Diary of A Wimpy Kid, but I completely disagree. Although the format of the book is similar, with the diary pages the stories are different. Everyone says that this is a girl version of Diary of A Wimpy Kid but it's not. Greg and Nikki's lives are a little bit similar but the writing and everything is super different. I don't know if I am the only one who feels this way but it doesn't matter. I only read this books for my own enjoyment so I don't really care about these things. I just want the books to be interesting and fun to read.

There were so many things that were easy to relate to in this book. For example, Nikki's little sister is almost exactly like my younger sister. And Nikki's friends are so nice to her and that's how most of my friends are. Luckily there are no CCP girls at my school and if there are, I haven't met one. But even if I did, I doubt that we would be enemies.

Nicki, Chloe, Zoey, Brianna, Brandon, and Nikki's mom and dad are all amazing characters. Mackenzie is a mean person but it's hard to believe that she won't change because people learn from their mistakes. But Mackenzie is one of those girls who never learns from her mistakes. The plot is so different from what I usually read in Dork Diaries.

I read this in one sitting because it was fast-paced. Me and two other friends loved the Dork Diaries because it was a really funny and fun read. Once you start reading, you won't want to stop. I would recommend it to those who enjoy Diary-Formatted books and those who want to laugh. I enjoyed this and I hope you do too!

Carly G says

This book is about an eighth grader named Nikki who is in love with her diary but loses it and it falls into her enemy, Mackenzie Hollister's hands. While Nikki is looking for her diary, Mackenzie learns Nikki's most deepest, darkest secrets and starts writing in it herself. One of them were that Nikki was Ms. Know it all. A website that kids in her school would write to her with their problems and she would give advice. But since Nikki writes her password in her diary, Mackenzie logs in her account as Ms. Know it all and cyberbullies kids. Mackenzie also finds out that Nikki has a huge crush on a guy named Brandon who she also likes and causes conflict between Nikki and Brandon. When Nikki finally finds her diary she has a tough decision to make to either turn in her diary to Principal Winston and get Mackenzie caught or turn in her diary and get Mackenzie caught but also get expelled.

I would give this book four stars out of five because it is full of drama and it would keep you at the end of your seat. I recommend this book to girls who lie the diary of a wimpy kid series but want a more girly version of that book. My favorite part of this book was that not just Nikki was talking but also Mackenzie so it changes up a bit. I recommend the whole Dork Diaries series because even though Rachel Renée Russell isn't a teenager like Nikki but she makes the book become real and if I would pick a book to read every year, I would pick this book.

Ellie says

rated it 5 stars and rated to read

[Shai] The Bibliophage says

Mackenzie's entry in Nikki's diary is a gateway for readers to have a glimpse on the life of a bully. Aside from the 8th book, I consider this as one of the best in this series. I hope that the subsequent books in Dork Diaries are much better or at par with this book.

Jaylean Carrillo says

The *Dork Diaries* series is great! The series is so relatable. And what I like about this specific book is how the author was able to change the point of view in the middle of the book. I would recommend this book to anyone who is into *realistic fiction & drama*.

Hallie says

I was in the bookstore, searching the right book, when I saw copies of *this* book stacked. I took a copy, read the summary on the back, and then placed it back from where I took it. *Okay, so now I have three books which I borrowed from the library before coming here, and I have to search an unknown book for myself along with a known book for my brother, at the same time, make it fast because Dad is getting impatient.* These words ran in my mind. I sycophantically made my parents search my brother's book so that I could relax and search for a book. It was fun searching for it among Robin Cook, Stephen King, Lauren Kate, but none of them, I believed, would be "the book which should be in my house as my own." Finally, when my impatient father began to rush things, I walked back to where I saw Dork Diaries: Drama Queen, took the copy with my fingerprints on it, and told my father I was done.

Later...

I was in the rear seat of the car, regretting buying the book.

This is all your fault, Dad! You were the one rushing everything, and you didn't let me think for the perfect book. I'm gonna blame it all upon you. If not for you - !!!

Boy, was I mad and tensed! I was sweating, and I could have actually saved the world from water scarcity by just sitting in the car! I reached home, decided to read this at the end, and finished my other books.

I opened the first page, and my mind began to cry.

**This diary belongs to
Nikki Maxwell
Mackenzie Hollister**

I felt so sorry for the girl. I then moved on and, well, um... **I was worried for nothing!**

The book just so nice, and Nikki was literally making me laugh, and that is one great accomplishment since I'm not a humorous person whatsoever. Subsequently, Mackenzie takes over Nikki's diary, and claims that she did not steal it, but instead, had "saved Nikki's diary from being stolen." And I had to remind myself that we were talking about Mackenzie here, not a sane human being.

From this, we can very well find out that even a school's Queen does not have a perfect life. She just makes it seem that way. However, by reading her vicious actions such as sabotaging Nikki's Miss - Know - It - All website, making Brandon's note time leap, stealing her diary and mentally torturing Nikki with her words, I'm now convinced that Mackenzie is the **diabolical incarnation of Satan's younger sister!**

Q. E. D. I was worried for nothing!

Colette says

The way the "mean girl" Mackenzie was portrayed made this book seem like a bad book for kids. She obviously had issues, but the moral of the story never came and the lesson seemed to be "hate the mean girl."

Karina Young says

I recently read the book 9th book in the Dork Diaries Series: Tales from a NOT-SO-Dorky Dorky Drama Queen. This book was very well written and I really enjoyed reading it. This book is by Rachel Renee Russell, who is my favorite author.

The story in this book takes place in WCD Middle School, which is the school Nikki Maxwell (The main character) attends on scholarship. Nikki writes all about her life in her diary including about her best friends Chloe and Zoey, her crush Brandon, and everything else that goes on in her crazy life. Nikki is obsessed with writing in her diary and just absolutely goes bonkers if she ever loses it.

One day she leaves her locker open by accident and rushes off to class, her arch Nemesis Mackenzie Hollister takes it out and reads her whole diary!!! After this, the diary starts being written in by Mackenzie and you get to read all about her life and all her personal drama going on. She also finds out what Nikki's username and password is for her Miss-Know-It-All advice column in the school newspaper and responds to the letters sent to it. She writes horrible advice and is super mean to all of the students who wrote asking for advice.

I rate this book 4/5 stars because of its great story line and unpredictable ending. I can't wait till the next book comes out in the fall, Book 10!!!
