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You know that amazing moment when the guy you've been crushing on finally notices you? And you have a fantastic conversation? And then, the next day, he doesn't even recognize you, let alone drop to his knees and declare he'll be yours forever? Yeah, that hurts. And that's pretty much Blueberry Waller's life.

Freshman year might have started off as zero for Blue, but when she gets a part in the school musical as her crush's mother, it's her chance to get noticed by him. Yes, Heath is much cooler than she is. Yes, he's a senior, and she's a freshman. And yes, he has to kiss another girl in the play. But when he runs into Blue at a cast party, suddenly, she's on his radar.

Things are moving fast, faster than Blue is prepared for. It takes her three best friends, and a very hot senior named Colin, to help her figure things out....until things suddenly become a lot more complicated than she ever intended...including a first kiss that's all wrong. Or is it?

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Maeve says

This was not exactly what I had been expecting. I understand that at 24 I am not the target audience, as it's clearly aimed for Middle-High School Age girls.

But still.

The entire plot is clichéd, which makes it a good book to read if you don't want to think. But the outcome is predictable after the second chapter. Which is a shame, as I had hoped the narrator, Blue, would have a stronger sense of self after growing up in such a supportive family environment. But she has no interests or cares besides boys. I mean, when I was in high school I wanted boys to like me, but I also cared about music and literature and studying Spanish. I spent time discovering who I was. Yes, she tries out for a school musical, and that takes guts, but it doesn't add to her character. It's inconsistent with her self throughout the novel.

The novel itself needs a serious edit. The repetition and over-explanations of everything make it frustrating. This author does not trust the reader at all. At 14, I was reading The Great Gatsby and The Catcher in the Rye in my freshman English class. Teens are smart and do not need to be belittled with constant reminders of Blue's feelings about certain things; yes, her parents are embarrassing, yes, she feels less beautiful than her friends. It doesn't have to be repeated every chapter, or told straight out. This author needs to work on the "Show, Don't Tell" aspect in writing and challenge the clichés in the Young Adult Romance genre.

Kendall Earl says

I understand that I'm an adult reading a book written for young teens but I've still enjoyed plenty of books written for that age group. I wouldn't want my girls reading it because I don't want them acting like the girls in this book.

Brad says

Let me start by saying I am not the target audience of this book. I am not female, nor a teenager.

Having said that, I found the book entertaining. The story-line was some what clichéd: Girl falls in love with cute bad guy, when the nice boy is right under her nose. But it was handled well, and nothing bad happens to anyone.

Heather says

Blue is a new freshman at high school, crushing on the senior in her school play. Her awesome friends are there for her whether she needs cheering up, emergency makeovers, or advice on thongs. This is a fun read

similar in tone to Angus Thongs and Full Frontal Snogging, with a group of close knit friends like The Traveling Pants.

This book took me right back to high school when boys were everything! I think this would be a great read for a pre-teen, there are so many positive messages for girls. Although Blue and her group of friends fail the Bechdel test, I think this first book sets up their friendship really well and shows how solid they are. I'll definitely be reading the rest of the series for when I need a light read that puts a smile on my face.

Susan Bazzett-Griffith says

This was a freebie from some Kindle deal and I have to say it was a surprisingly endearing read. A modern day version of the Sweet Dreams YA romance novels of the 1980s, with way more self aware characters and a story line much less ingrained in patriarchal traditional love story old school norms, I really liked the character of Blue, her loyal and reliable posse of girlfriends, the whimsy of the not-quite-believable first love narrative and just the overall FEEL of this book's writing for the tween/middle school audience- there is not anything that even stricter parents could really take issue with in terms of grittiness or overt mature themes, yet it was still a story I think most young girls would absolutely inhale. 3 stars because Im 39, but I bet a lot of 11 year old girls would rate it five stars. Highly recommended for moms to get for their daughters, aged 9-12.

Adrienne Mondino says

Brought me back to high school ?

This book was fun to read and I read it non-stop only taking a few hours. It made me laugh and I could identify with many of the emotions that Blue had throughout the book. A very good read ??

Cindy Wise says

Blue is an angsty freshman girl who's not whiny and has great friends. She starts the story with a huge crush on a senior who she believes she has to have. Meanwhile she meets another boy who gets to know her for who she really is. She wants the first one and can barely see beyond this crush. She ends up falling for the second. But it almost doesn't happen.

Greg Dixon says

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A fair read for people who are in to the series recommend that you read the book and draw your own conclusions about it I'm going to read the next one of the series hope it's a little better

barbara liddle says**Teen will love this**

A great book for teens n preteens! O I'm 42 and I loved it too me bk to high school loved it funny n charming characters WO you love and every girl would create to every girl should read this especially if you lied anus thing n perfect snogging!

Ivana says

This was a nice little teen romance novel I enjoyed reading. If I had read it in my teens it would have been even more entertaining . It was predictable (therefore the 4 stars) but funky dialogue and Blues voice kept me interested. I like it when girl characters have a spine and a bit of sass even when they fall in love :)

Vickie Raynor says

I seriously was chuckling and smiling through this whole book! How refreshing to read a love story that is wholesome and wonderful all at the same time. I could relate to Blue on a personal level. Only life wasn't tragic like it is for a teenager. I just was put in a happy place and stayed there. Amazingly done and totally believable. Definitely a book to recommend.

Rebecca says**Meh**

It was cute but completely predictable. Character development and relationships were lacking but it's come to be what I expect with these types of books. True rating 2.5 Stars. Nothing terrible but nothing great either

Hendrix Eva says

Very sweet.

Top Quotes:

"...boys aren't worth the effort it takes to realize they are alive."

"Why couldn't everyone be snuggled up in one happy pile?"

"I concede defeat."

"I knew he was okay with me and I was okay with him."

"My life was a sewer."

YBx says

I don't get why the name of this book was changed from the original title Putting Boys on the Ledge is a lot more fitting than The Truth About Thongs. It took like a third of the book before I figured out why they called it that. Despite having the word "thongs" in the title this book is really squeaky clean. It was a cute, funny, fast read. Blueberry was quite entertaining, her squad was great too. I'll probably check out more of the books in this series to get more story on them.

Z says

This read like pulp middle school fodder trying to be edgy and mature, but falling flat. I was expecting to enjoy wacky hijinks about a high school musical in which the stout matron attempts to woo the guy playing her son, but the casting itself simply doesn't make sense. Unless Blue was supposed to be plus-sized, or perhaps just particularly tall and curvy for her age, a believable high school production wouldn't cast a freshman as the mother when the student playing her son is three years her senior. If she were, I didn't pick up on that at all.

If this book tipped a little more toward the upper end of the YA market in terms of mature content, or gone completely in the other direction where it targeted primarily preteens, I might have enjoyed it more, but as it is, it seems like it just sits in an uncomfortable middle zone where the plot isn't unique or interesting enough to make for good teen lit, but is probably too mature, strictly speaking in terms of potentially objectionable content, to wind up on the shelves of an elementary school's library. But as for the plot, forget it. As soon as Blue's farm replacement is introduced, you'll know exactly how this story's going to end. The whole thing read like a hundred pages of missed opportunity and unmemorable characters. I don't think I'd even read the rest of the series as a joke.
