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Bruce Patman has chosen Jessica to be the lead singer in his rock and roll band. But Elizabeth discovers that he is only using Jessica because the band needs a place to rehearse and must decide whether to tell her sister the truth.

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Synopsis: Things Jessica Wakefield is brilliant at:

- Psycho Cunt-ery Manipulation
- Ballet, and dancing in general
- Surfing
- Changing up her appearance
- Getting revenge
- Getting her way
- Singing
- Being popular
- Caring for kids
- Caring for dogs

Things Jessica Wakefield sucks at:

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So, Jessica Wakefield wants to be a rawk star! Yippee and rainbows! I know this won't last more than one book, so I'll enjoy it while I can. After the latest Melody Power concert, Jessica is convinced her destiny is "rock star." So she wears a lot of pink and even more scarves (I thought she was trying to impersonate Melody Power, not Aerosmith). Wouldn't you know that at this very moment Bruce and his cronies have decided to start a band and are looking for a girl lead singer. The fact that Bruce actually wants a girl to front his band means that maybe he's not a COMPLETE douche. But... just wait.

Jessica, naturally, doesn't want to be herself. She wants to BE Melody Power. It's not enough to dress like her, she must also give up her "sweet voice" (Elizabeth's words) in exchange for Melody's throaty growl. This makes Jessica sound like a cross between mating wolves and a dying cat. Not quite like the rock star she wants to be. Bruce's band is named NRG (energy, get it?) and Jessica takes GEM as her stage name (not to be confused with her JEM cookies). They audition three other people besides Jessica, including Dana Larson, future lead singer of the Droids and super-fashionista. Jessica, singing as Melody, is horrific, but Bruce and the boys pick her because they can use her basement (Bruce has been evicted from his basement due to his mother's social calendar). I felt really sorry to know that Dana couldn't even win over Jessica in this situation. Her voice was obviously much more fantastic.

Bruce and NRG know that Jessica suck. They use her to create posters for publicity, bring them drinks and snacks, carry their equipment, etc. It is Jessica's poster that gets them their first gig at a 5th-grade birthday party. Bruce seems to forget all the effort Jessica has put in, however. She has missed several Unicorn meetings and TWO PARTIES, ya'll!!! Lila, especially, is getting mighty sick of Jessica's rock star ambitions. Bruce plans to tell Jessica to come later in the day so that she misses the gig entirely and no one has to be

subjected to her wail. Liz overhears this, duh, and buys Jess the correct outfit to fit in with her bandmates.

Meanwhile, Jessica listens to a tape recording of the band. She, thankfully, realizes how awful she sounds. She starts quietly practicing on her own - in her normal, angelic voice. Barf. Liz overhears her practicing and realizes how good Jessica has become. She is even more conflicted about whether or not to tell Jessica about Bruce's awful plan to humiliate her. Liz is a douche. Jessica would just get revenge, anyway, she wouldn't even care that Bruce tried to humiliate her. But Liz gets an easy out when the phone rings the day of the gig and Jess is stuck in the bathroom with her hair in curlers. She asks Liz if anyone called for her, and Liz casually mentions to Jess that it was Bruce and the time of the gig is actually 2 instead of 3. Liz also helps Jess put on the right outfit. That Liz sure is a saint for always managing to do the right thing without ever doing the right thing! If you know what I mean.

NRG is super bummed when Jessica shows up. Oh well! The band is sucking and Jessica saves everything with her excellent voice. She even cures world hunger! Well, almost. She does totally save that kid's birthday party though. He must be relieved. Liz and Lila are at the event and are suitably impressed. The next day or thereabouts, Jessica is sitting in her basement with the band when Liz notices that Bruce is now the one running all the errands for Jessica. He brings the band cookies and drinks. They are all boasting about how they will get so many gigs now that Jessica as GEM is a hit, but Jess immediately quits the band. She misses the vapid Unicorns and vapid parties and doesn't want to do anything meaningful with her life.

All's well that ends well!

Alternate Title?: "The Throaty Singer"

Tagline: "Can Elizabeth keep her twin from putting on a terrible performance?" (Well, Liz does get a 100% in meddling.)

On a Scale of 1-10, How Annoying is Elizabeth?? 6. She won't tell Jessica that she sucks and that Bruce sucks.

On a Scale of 1-10, How Obnoxious is Jessica? 5. She isn't sociopathic in this one to the extent that you hate her, but she does exercise the meaning very well. Sociopathic people are always searching for the "next" thing. They're never satisfied or happy. When Jessica gets the applause and praise she craved, she abruptly quits the band.

The Big Deal: Jessica's first gig as a "rock star" at a 5th-grade birthday party.

Lingering Questions: Why have we never heard about Jessica's magical voice before?

Cover: Good or Bad?: Aww, Jessica looks brilliant in these early covers! The guy to her right actually looks a wee bit like Josh Hutcherson.

Quotes from the Book: "Jessica entered the kitchen wearing her new Melody Power t-shirt, her shortest miniskirt, electric-pink tights, and pink high-top sneakers. In addition, it looked as if she had put on every scarf and necklace she owned. It was all too much to believe!"

I really want to see this outfit in action.

"Some friend you are. You're just jealous because I'm going to be the next Melody Power."
'Dressing like a rock star doesn't turn you into one, you know!' Lila exclaimed."

Lila has a point.

Moral of the Story: If Jessica Wakefield sucks at something, there is perfectly logical explanation because, in reality, she doesn't suck at anything.

Final Rating: 2 stars

Jodie says

I just simply love all of the twins adventures. Some people are addicted to chocolate, I am addicted to Francine Pascal.

Jenny says

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4 original

3 good topic

5 fast read

4 plot

3 opinion

Taylor Troncin says

I had read most of these books a long time ago - but I still remember loving them!

TRACE says

In this one, Jessica just got her life at a Melody Powers concert and decides that she, too, is boutta be a rock star also (weeks after dedicating her life to becoming a Hollywood actress)! Neato fresh and truly wild! Jessica decides to do this by imitating everything Melody Powers does, which results in her voice sounding like a throat shart.

When she auditions to be the lead singer of a band full of middle school douchelords, they accept her but only to use her house for band practice and she herself as a secretary.

"Wow!" Elizabeth exclaimed out loud. "Sounds like they're trying to make up for lack of talent with volume."
