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When she was nine, Megan Meade met a group of terrible, mean, Popsicle-goo-covered boys, the sons of her father's friend -- the McGowan boys. Now, seven years later, Megan's army doctor parents are shipping off to Korea and Megan is being sent to live with the little monsters, who are older now and quite different than she remembered them.

Living in a house with seven boys will give Megan, who has never even been kissed, the perfect opportunity to learn everything there is to know about boys. And she'll send all her notes to her best friend, Tracy, in...

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Observation #1: Being an army brat sucks. Except that this is definitely a better alternative to moving to Korea.

Observation #2: Forget evil, laughing, little monsters. These guys have been touched by the Abercrombie gods. They are a blur of toned, suntanned perfection.

Observation #3: I need a lock on my door. STAT.

Observation #4: Three words: six-pack abs.

Observation #5: Do not even get me started on the state of the bathroom. I'm thinking of calling in a hazmat team. Seriously.

Observation #6: These boys know how to make enemies. Big time.

Megan Meade will have to juggle a new school, a new family, a new crush -- on the boy next door, as in next bedroom door -- and a new life. Will she survive the McGowan boys?

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## Angelica Juarez Gonzalez says

[Observation #1: Tienen un ego del tamaño de la luna... o el sol... o el planeta

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### Tash says

Oh my... <3 <3 <3

I was searching for a non-series book to read and I found this one. When I finished this one, I was craaving for a sequel! By the last pages all I can think of was "No, no, no. this can't be it!". I'm so frustrated right now. \*sigh\* The book is great as well as the characters. But the ending is really asdfghjkl;! Haha.

I liked Megan's character, she's not girly but she's not boyish. SHE PLAY'S SOCCER! Haha. She made a big impact on the boys lives. In some parts, they blame her for the stuff that happened (having curfews, being grounded, the fight between two brothers, etc.). She stood up against them and I liked that about her.

When I was reading, I made a McGowan Boys list. Just to know who's who because there's seven of them, I had a hard time memorizing their characters. This might help you.

(eldest to youngest)

1. Sean- High school graduate, in a band, has a cool motorcycle, one of the 'smart ones'
2. Evan- supposed to be 'The Perfect Guy', has a girlfriend (Hailey, Megan's teammate. She hates Megan), a senior
3. Finn (drool)- Artist (as in he paints but never finished a single painting of his ex-muse, Kayla Bird), junior, sweet and caring, has blue-gray eyes (my weakness. lol)
- 4.5 Doug- Artist (graffiti and stuff like that), hated Megan, sophomore, another 'smart one', jerk, became nice, Miller's twin brother.
- 4.5 Miller- Has Asperger's Syndrome, likes stuff to be arranged according to size, obsessed with the NY Yankees, Liked by Aimee (Megan's best friend and Hailey's younger sister)
- 6&7 Ian and Cabel- Little kids, likes playing pranks on Megan

### My fave line(s)/quote(s):

\* "All I know is, he found out you left and he locked himself in the shed and barricaded the door. No one seen him since,"Doug said. "when I bolted, Sean and Evan were trying to boost Caleb up onto the roof so he

could look the skylight and make sure the kid wasn't dead or something."

\* "Evan stopped completely. He was staring at her with those intense eyes. Staring right into her. Just like he had in those couple of moments when she had thought for a split second, that he wanted to kiss her"

\* "Boys are unpredictable. This maybe not be news, but I'm starting to think it's one of the best things about them."

### **I <3 FINN!!!**

Overall, this is a great read. But the ending!!! I'm still frustrated. Haha.

**SEQUEL! SEQUEL! SEQUEL! SEQUEL! SEQUEL! SEQUEL!**

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### **Winnie says**

"There were purple marks all over the front of her favorite white t-shirt. She picked it up and unfolded it. Drawn right on the front were two huge circles each with a dot in its center. Breasts."

One day you're living alone with parents, next thing you know, out pop the seven dwarfs. Megan is staying with seven brothers for two years, until her parents come back from South Korea. The last time she's seen them, they were eating dirt out of the backyard. Now they've turned into Abercrombie gods, well a few of them anyways. Seven guys, one girl, what could possibly happen?

Imagine yourself stuck with seven monsters. That's what Megan Meade has to live with. Except those seven monsters are boys that range from toddlers to almost adults. Megan's parents are army doctors. They travel from one place to another and are never stable long enough for Megan to have real friends. Their next stop is South Korea. This time, Megan's not budging, she has just found a new best friend and this was the year she was finally ready to flirt with Ben Palmer. There's only two options on the menu. Either moving to South Korea with her parents, or say hello to the McGowan boys. Megan picks option B. She starts off at a bumpy road, but things get better when she gets in contact with the popular and athletic Evan McGowan at home and at school, having to deal with obnoxious pretty girls on the way, that which was definitely not on the menu. This may not be one of the best books you've ever read, but you'll definitely going to remember it. It has such an interesting setting. If you had a choice to replay Freaky Friday with someone, Megan Meade would most likely be your top 5 choices. It's a great book, rather enjoyable and really hilarious.

This book is heavy. It's filled with family, love, hatred, tolerance, laughter, and everything else in a teenager's life. It's one of those books where you'll love the protagonist's setting and would love to give her shoes a try. So pick up the book, press play.

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### **Sasha (seetheworldwithbooks) says**

What kind of ending is that? Ugh..another stupid heroine who still likes the guy even after he treated her like trash and gave her the cold shoulder. Finn is the right one for you and he's been there all along, Megan. How the hell couldn't you see that? When Evan looked at you with 100 percent intensity like he wanted to kiss you, smack him in the head! He fucking ditched you before and who saved you then? FINN! instead of saying "interesting" when Evan looked at you like he wanted to eat your face, you should have run to the

fuckin hills and save yourself! Oh, god. I am so done..so so done. I thought I am gonna like it and I did for like 60 percent BEFORE the ending RUINED everything. I thought she has grown up!! Turned out I was wrong! Ugh! .#\\$€#€\\$€#)>!!!!<.

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### **Gwennie says**

This is a total girl fantasy novel. Take a girl, make her a bright, shy, athletic type, and have her live in a house with 7 boys (not relatives) who have "been blessed by the Abercrombie Gods." Since she has to live there with these family friends while her parents are posted to S. Korea (career Army), Megan decides to make the best of it, and begins sending all her findings about the strange world of boys she now inhabits. Over the course of the first couple of weeks in her new home, she learns to be more assertive and achieves major breakthroughs with various members of the family--the brother with Asperger's begins to talk more, the popular jock brother talks about his feelings, the artistic brother finally completes a painting, the loner spends a little more time with family.... you get the idea. Throw in some romantic possibilities and a "mean girls" style queen bee to take down a peg, and you have a very fun, totally implausible novel. This would make a fantastic movie...and I would totally go watch it.

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### **Olivia O'Rourke says**

I read this in France. It was really weird.

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### **kari says**

#### **First things first.**

**Something that really bothered me was that Finn's comment on his brother, Miller, who has Asperger's, a form of autism, was just wrong. Here it is: "And there's nothing you can say about it because he's sick, you know?" (page 189)**

**Now, Finn and his brothers have grown up with Miller and they would all KNOW that Asperger's/Autism isn't an illness. I would think their parents would have drilled that into the heads, that their brother is different, not sick. I was disturbed that an author would have a character say that and a character who is drawn to be somewhat more thoughtful than some of his brothers. He should have described his brother as being *different*, not *sick*. People with disabilities, particularly those with various intellectual disabilities are NOT sick, nor are they *suffering* from their conditions. They are different. Authors, if you are going to write about a disabled character, please get the language correct. Would you say someone with brown hair was afflicted with brown hair? Or someone suffers from having green eyes? People with disabilities have different characteristics; that's all. They are not sick. Either portray them correctly or leave them out of the story and write about something you know.**

Moving on...

Meagan is something of a goody-two-shoes and she started to irritate me with that. She is shocked when she gets grounded for the first time in her life. Really? I get that she's a military kid and used to rules and all, but she has never done anything wrong at all. I found that hard to believe.

Also, she simply looks up Asperger's on the computer and figures out how to help Miller. Did. Not. Like. This.

First of all, this boy has six brothers, three of whom are older, one of whom is the most popular guy in school and they do not help him to fit in? At all? All of his brothers ignore him at school? How is that possible? Why wouldn't their parents have stepped in and asked them to help him out? He's just an outsider until Meagan comes along and in the space of two weeks magically fixes it. Ridiculous!

Also, Meagan's flaw is that she supposedly has been unable to stand up for herself and say what she thinks and yet, in almost every situation, she does exactly that, says what she thinks or what she wants. So really she is flawless, making her even more irritating. The few times that she doesn't immediately express herself, she later completely blows up, extremely expressing herself. I didn't like how she treated Regina, who is so thrilled to have a girl around.

I was also irritated that Meagan decided to turn tail and run the moment things got really tough. Where was all her newly grained strength and wisdom?

What I did like was that the brother's personalities were each clearly drawn and their interactions with one another felt very real.

The ending was great except for, "*well that's interesting*". Made me want to smack Meagan upside the head. It also showed her to be self-centered and to NOT have paid attention to what happened between the brothers in the past few weeks if she plans to act on "*well, that's interesting*." This line felt tossed in to simply open the door for, you guessed it, a possible sequel.

I think this book would be enjoyed by younger teens, under sixteen perhaps, but I think older teens might do some eye rolling. Having said all that, it was an enjoyable read and I'd read more from this author. I wish I'd liked Meagan's character a little better.

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### **Jennifer Wardrip says**

Reviewed by Jocelyn Pearce for TeensReadToo.com

Megan has always moved around a lot, but this time her living situation has changed even more drastically than usual. When she refused to pack up and move to South Korea with her parents, both in the army, they proposed another option: spending her last two years of high school living in Boston with the McGowans. John McGowan is an old friend of her father's. What makes this so different? The fact that the McGowans have seven sons. Megan is an only child, and can't imagine living with seven boys!

Life with Evan, Sean, Finn, Caleb, Ian, Miller, and Doug McGowan is as foreign to Megan as South Korea would have been. Her best friend from Texas, Tracy, even calls it an immersion experience; Megan will go in clueless and come out speaking the language of boys!

Even if the McGowan boys and Megan are supposed to be siblings, they don't exactly relate that way. After all, they haven't seen each other since they were little kids. Now Megan is in hostile territory; she's not exactly welcomed by each of the nine members of the McGowan family (though Regina, John's wife, is more than thrilled to have another female in the house, taking tomboyish Megan on shopping sprees and to the spa). And then there's the fact that Finn and Evan are, well, hot. And John and Regina even had a family meeting to tell the kids that they're all siblings now...but siblings don't want to kiss each other.

On top of dealing with the drama of living with the McGowan boys, Megan also has to handle starting over at a new school. She gets off to a good start when she makes the soccer team and even a few new possible friends. That quickly goes sour, though, when she is targeted by Hailey, Evan's girlfriend, who's jealous of Megan's talent on the soccer field--and her living arrangements. Can Megan handle Boston and the McGowan boys, or will South Korea turn out to be the easier option?

MEGAN MEADE'S GUIDE TO THE MCGOWAN BOYS is a fantastically fun book! It's full of great characters; even the minor characters seem three-dimensional. Kate Brian is a talented writer, and this novel is an awesome page-turner. I devoured this book; I read at every spare moment and took less than twenty-four hours to finish it--on a weekday! Megan's transition from shy to outspoken didn't feel one hundred percent real to me, but that was only a tiny issue; the book was still great. This is one book that definitely feels like there could be a sequel in the works (which is exciting), but that didn't stop it from being a complete (and completely awesome) story on its own.

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### Elise X a.k.a Ryder's Pet X says

Ummmm, that's how it ended? It didn't feel like an ending at all.

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### Paradoxical says

It wasn't like I was expecting anything outstanding or even anything more than some mindless fluff read, but *Megan Meade's Guide to the McGowan Boys* was almost painful to get through. You have a girl who's staying in a house full of seven boys and there's the drama of a new school, impending crushes, and the obligatory mean girl who is out to destroy our heroine. While I would like to think I went into reading this book with eyes wide open (shallow, I was expecting shallow, shallow fun), I just couldn't get into it.

The characters are different, but they're all flat. You have the popular jock guy, the jerk, the artist, and so on. At least they're all distinguishable from one another (in a way, but more on that in a bit), but they don't have much depth to any of them. It's all very predictable, but in a tired sort of way. After a while I couldn't tell who was the older brother, who was younger, what ages or what grades any of them were in, other than three of them. Or four. Which I suppose is a little more than half of the brothers, but still. It's all sort of jumbled in my head and I couldn't care enough to puzzle it out (or backtrack, ha).

Megan drove me crazy. She's so painfully obvious with her crush, but I've never been a fan of the main character carrying on about a guy who's taken. Wait, no. I've never been a fan of a main character who keeps trying to inch her way into a guy's affections, who keeps hoping she'll get kissed or whatever, when *that guy has a girlfriend*. There are ways that a story could be done that I would not mind this so much, but in this book Megan's crush on Evan just made me uncomfortable.

Then the way her feelings yo-yo back and forth to another brother... well.

And the way the book ended was frustrating. It was so cliche it was laughable, but there wasn't any real *oomph* to the end. It just sort of faded away, everything was glossed over, and there aren't any real concrete decisions made. It leaves the book open to the sequel, but I think this is just a standalone. It's a story about Megan's growth, but it's also heavy on Megan's romances, and I think the book dropped the ball on one of those two. Any little problems are smoothed over in ways you could see from a mile away, and there's nothing new. There's not even a well done cliche. 1 star.

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## Stephen says

I was in the mood for a light rom/com style book and this one fit the bill nicely. The plotline initially caught my attention because it reminded me of those 70's movies about large catholic families (Your, Mine and Ours, With Six you get Eggroll, etc)

In this case only child, Megan Meade is an army brat who's lived around the globe with her military parents but Korea is just "One Bridge Too Far." She rebels and her parents agree to let her stay in the States if she'll stay with friends of her folks who have seven sons.

For a girl who has previously been too shy to kindle a relationship with the boys she crushes, on, learning to live in a household with that much testosterone, and that much male pulchritude is a challenge.

The novel is fast paced, with just the right amount of teen snarkiness. The brothers are all pretty well distinguished, Megan is likeable and her ordeal is one that both guys and girls will find interesting.

I would recommend this as a good, light, fun read.

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## Booknut says

**It's like 'How to Lose a Guy In 10 Days' - but cuter, with SEVEN times the trouble, pranks, heartbreak and laughs!**

*'TooDamn-Funky: It's a start, ok. Been thinking bout the boyz. 'member last year my bro did that immersion thing in Venezuela?*

*Kciker5525: Where he learned to speak Spanish???*

*TooDamn-Funky: Yeah! u go for 2 weeks talk nothing but Spanish u come back fluent.*

*Kicker5535: ...????*

*TooDamn-Funky: Well this is like a guy immersion program!*

*Kicker5525: So...what. I'm going 2 b fluent in GUY?*

*TooDamn-Funky: Exactly! u will c what they talk about alone. U will c how they r with each other. U will c how they THINK!! AND WHEN IT'S DONE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO WRITE A GUY GUIDE BOOK!!*

*Kicker5525: U r deranged.'*

Megan Meade's not a girly-girl. But, like any girl, she wonders...what makes guys tick? Why doesn't life comes with a 'Guide On How To Understand The Male Demographic'?

When her army-based parents want to move the whole family to South Korea, Megan puts her foot down - and is given an ultimatum. South Korea...or the McGowans. Mr McGowan - Mr Meade's friend - offers to let Megan stay with his family if she wants, and Megan recalls that the McGowan family has **seven** boys.

**The perfect chance to get some insight on the opposite sex and start on that longed-for guide!**

But the boys turn out to be a motley bunch of annoying, intelligent, hard-ass, sensitive, pranking...boys.

And Megan isn't sure how to deal with the species in their natural environment. There's Evan with his

winning smile and good looks, Finn with his sweet thoughtfulness and artistic talent, Doug with his 'gangster' attitude and childish pranks, Miller with his intelligent mind, and more. Each one is different. But as Megan gets to know them better, she comes to one conclusion.

### **Boys. Are. Unpredictable.**

And maybe - just maybe - that's the best thing about them :)

**A chick-flick experience, this book is as sweet as apple pie and bound to capture the hearts of its audience - giving them a guide to boys that may just be a useful tool for every girl to have on her as she ventures into *their* world!**

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### **Darya says**

a great book, i would say thought with a really frusrating and incomplete ending.

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### **Ivana says**

OMG. This book was fun to read. Megan is stupid though so that kinda put a damper on things. The McGowan boys (all 7 of them) kinda made up for her stupidity and ignorance though. I have a question. Why do all heroines have to be stupid and ignorant. Especially when it concerns boys. Megan only figured out that Finn liked her when he was friggin' sucking her face! I figured it out when he ditched his date to pick her up. He arrived in 8 minutes! Can you say obvious? Then he quits drawing his crush, Kayla Bird and starts drawing her. It doesn't get any more obvious than that. But no. Megan wasn't even sure if they were "good friends" until he stuck his tongue down her throat. ARRRRGHHH! And the ending sucked! Megan and the 7 McGowan boys were playing ultimate Frisbee. What?! And there was a cliff-hanger... but no sequel. "Finn smiled openly at her and Megan grinned, her heart pounding. But when she looked at Evan, it stopped completely. He was staring at her with those intense eyes. Staring right into her. Just like he had in those couple of moments when she had thought, for a split second, that he wanted to kiss her. Well, that's . . . interesting, Megan thought." And just a few pages ago, Finn was "the one." Please tell me how anyone can write this oh-so-obvious cliff-hanger and not continue with AT LEAST a sequel. Way to piss someone off, Kate Brian.

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### **Susan says**

Omg so cute!!

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## **Tricia (TellHerAStory) says**

Rating: 3 / 5 stars

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## **Anna \*no longer in use\* says**

Megan Meade's Guide to the McGowan Boys seems like a book I might have liked reading when I was younger.

When I didn't really question slut shaming.

When I might have enjoyed these characters, even in their incredibly flat and stereotypical form.

When I might have believed that love was this shallow.

When I might have not wanted to rip the main character's throat out.

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## **J.Elle says**

I liked this. While it was predictable, it was still interesting and more importantly, it didn't try to be something other than an entertaining book about raging high school hormones and the usual "does he or doesn't he like me" teenage drama. Teenage girl goes to live with her parent's close friends to finish her last two years of high school rather than move again with her military parents and finds herself living with five hot boys that she is supposed to treat like brothers... Like I said, typical, but the 15 year old girl in me loved it.

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## **Sita says**

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## **Annie Brewer says**

I totally loved this book!! So much fun and great moments. Living with 7 boys has got to be so overwhelming. But Megan was awesome! She definitely changed the McGowan household for the better. And who wouldn't wanna live with 2 of the hot older brothers? Even though one was kind of a jerk at times. But I still liked him. But the ending was so great! I didn't expect a certain someone to change his ways, but it was really great of him. But again, it was thanks to Megan for standing up for herself against the boys that treated her like crap through most of the book. I really enjoyed the story and the characters. Even the bitch Hailey, surprised me. I love that Megan was a soccer player. It brought me back to my soccer playing days as a youngin'.

I loved that each boy in the household was different. Ian, Sean, Miller, Evan, Finn, Caleb and Doug. They were a handful. I felt bad for their mother, having to clean up after all the messy, stinky boys. But Regina was a badass mama. She was tough and didn't take shit from any of her kids. I just don't know how she did it.

But they were also very fun to read about. Despite their nasty attitudes and horrible demeanor, they had a heart somewhere in their brains.

There was plenty of angst and sibling rivalry. And when Megan first came to live with them, they were so cruel to her. But Evan and Finn were sweet to her from the beginning. But then, Evan's jealous bitchy girlfriend started shit and made up lies about her, that's when my like for him went out the window. I'm just glad he changed his tune.

I love these teen novels that center around high school and first time everything. It reminds me of how naive we all are at that age. To be a teen again....sigh.

The only thing that bothered me was the ending. I mean, it just kinda ended. I mean, I can see who she'd end up with. But...it doesn't really confirm that. I mean,(I'm saying, I mean a lot it seems) yeah maybe it's left up to our imagination? I don't know. I just wish I'd have a little more closure with the ending. I was happy with what happened at the airport, I was even hoping that something like that would happen. But still, once they got home it was just a little confusing.

Aside from that, I loved it. I'm so glad I finally picked this book up. It's been on my shelf for over a year. It was quick, witty, fun and just the perfect read when you want something light and easy. I definitely recommend it.

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