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Audrey is fascinated by the new girl at school, Mailee. But she isn't sure how to get to know her -- Mailee is nice to everyone, but Audrey can't tell if she wants to be friends. So Audrey launches the perfect plan: a slam book! She secretly circulates a notebook with space to comment on all the sixth-grade girls, including herself, hoping it'll reach Mailee soon. But does Audrey really want to know the truth?

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Isabella says

This book is about a girl, Audrey Jones. There came a new girl in town. Audrey thought that she seems nice and wants to make friends but Audrey doesn't know what Mailee (the new girl) thinks of her. Audrey started a slam book to find out what Mailee thinks of herself but slam books are against the rule in her school! Will Audrey find the real truth and yet avoid the trouble of getting caught of starting a slam book? (I'm making this sound like the blurb aren't I?)

Haley says

First off, I really enjoyed this when I was younger.

Now? Not so much.

I do not exactly get why there are so many good ratings for this book. Even when I was younger, I prefered other Candy Apple books to this one. Try Star-Crossed for example. Or The Sister Switch. This one wasn't that interesting- I mean, seriously? It's only about a girl who desperately wants to befriend another girl. How stupid.

This is what occurred to me the second time I read this: Audrey Jones is a lesbian. I don't mean to be mean or anything. But am I the only one who sees this?

Anything in bold is not my work.

Audrey didn't say anything- she just watched as the new girl made her way down the aisle.

That's a cliche/typical boy-sees-girl moment.

And yet, for some reason, Audrey was incredibly curious about *this* new girl.

Next:

Mailee had everything going for her- she was friendly, smart, bilingual, made her own hats . . .

Uh, sure, Audrey.

"Oh my gosh! Oh my gosh! You're in love!" Gen squealed.

You don't know how right you are, Gen.

Okay, this is what I don't get: Why does Audrey care so much? I really don't know. Why would she cry? I mean, seriously?

Oh yeah, and I hated how oblivious Audrey was. Audrey Jones annoys me. She was so wrapped up about the whole Mailee matter and didn't notice that her best friend was upset.

That's why I'm only rating it two stars.

Rachel says

I didn't really like the main character very much. She just seemed a little bit too eager to find out whether or not the new girl liked her. I didn't like her because of that, but because she almost lost her friendship with her best friend that she already had (don't get me wrong, I know she just wanted a new friend and it is good to make new friends, but there are other ways to get new friends than to start a really mean and rude slam book. That is why schools had banned them in the first place.), because the slam book was getting really out of hand. People were writing not nice things about people in the book. And people were getting mad and friendships were breaking and just so many not good things can come out of making that book. She could have just asked if the new girl wanted to hang out and if she said no than that would be that. I would feel really bad if someone created a slam book just to find out whether I liked them or not, because they are not nice.

Sally says

Borrowed from the Little Library. Very cute, but goodness me Audrey is such a flake - it was obvious from the first dark look that Carmen was feeling left out and hard done by, and why wouldn't she be? They're bffs but suddenly Audrey is investing all her time and energy into finding out if the new girl likes her or not, and she isn't above using Carmen in her quest either. I'm pretty sure that even if I was the target age group I'd still be annoyed by her ;)

Maria Habib says

it was a nice book not really amazing but nice it had lots of drama and stuff but for me she didn't have to go through all that just to know if Mailee likes her or not she could ask her to hang around and see if she likes her then

Ms. Yingling says

Audrey has a really good friend in Carmen, but when a new girl arrives, Audrey would really like to be her friend. Mailee is fun and exciting, but everyone wants to be her friend and Audrey doesn't know where she stands with her. Even though it's against the school rules (in large part due to her older sister Gen!), Audrey starts a slam book. This quickly gets out of control, and while the questions and answers start out nice, they quickly become mean. Mailee doesn't like slam books, and Carmen starts acting strange. Will Audrey have any friends left?

Strengths: I am always surprised at how much I enjoy these. When I was in middle school, I would have saved all of my babysitting money and invested in these with the Scholastic orders. They are enjoyable, quick reads that accurately describe the problems that middle school girls face, and this one was no

exception.

Weaknesses: These do well with my sixth grade girls, but not with the older ones, perhaps due to the cartoon covers?

Had a couple of girls request the Poison Apple Books, and even some who new about the new Rotten Apple ones. Zombies? Sigh.

Ava Mumman says

I like this book! The thing is this can happen in modern day life!.. I was surprised at the end.. I am not going to be a spoiler so I won't say much!;) I would suggest to read it, some may like it, some may don't. But I do!

Jamika says

what i've learned that a rral friend wo't lie or keep a secret from you becasue a real friend wold always have your back through thick and thin.In this book the main character Audrey goes back to school for the new school year at he middle school as a seventh grader then she meets the new girl and trys to be her friend, but then the meanest girl at their school trys to take the new girl into her little group so she can make Audrey feel like she doesn't really have any friends. then she sees the two of them hang out and talk to eachother so then she starts to think if she is really her firnd.But in the end Audrey finds out that the new girl just wnated to make a new frind so she hung out with the first person who approached her so then audrey and the new girl became friends.

Kylie Bengtzen says

This is a book called Rumor Has It and it is by Jane B. Mason, and Sarah Hines Stephens. Some of the characters are Audrey, Carmen, Mailee, Elena, Ginger, and Sandy. This is about Audrey wanting to be friends with the new girl named Mailee. But Audrey doesn't know if Mailee feels the same way about wanting to be friends so Audrey creates a slam book. This book isn't aloud at school but Audrey uses it anyway, this book will help her try to figure out if Mailee feels the same way. This book is a drama book, I think this book is a good book because I like high school books because they are interesting. Overall I gave this book a four star rating.

Coyetta wiley says

i think it is a good book

Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Kira M for TeensReadToo.com

When a new girl named Mailee moves into town, Audrey becomes fascinated with how down-to-earth, fun, and friendly she is to everyone. Audrey knows she wants to become friends with her, but is afraid to ask.

To figure out what Mailee thinks of her, Audrey starts a slam book. The rules are simple. Everyone uses a number, not their name, when they're entering information about other people, and they have to do it alone. When they're done, they have to sneakily pass it on to the next person.

When rumors start flying that Audrey was the one who made the slam book, she starts to worry that Mailee won't get the book or, worse, will think less of her. In the process of trying to get Mailee to like her, however, Audrey ignores her best friend, Carmen, who's been acting strange ever since her parents called a family meeting.

Will Audrey manage to make friends with Mailee while still staying friends with Carmen? Why is Carmen acting so different? Will Audrey get caught for making the slam book?

RUMOR HAS IT is a fun, fast book to read. The characters are pretty well-developed, and the plot moves along quickly enough to keep the reader's attention. Those who like realistic fiction and the other Candy Apple books will enjoy reading this one.

Meghna says

I read this book recently. I think Audrey should have just asked Mailee if she liked her instead of starting a slam book and all of that trouble. I think Carmen should have been nicer. She was spiteful.

Sarahn says

Rumor has it

When a new girl named Mailee moves into their town, Audrey becomes excited with how happy, fun, and friendly she is to everyone. Audrey knows she wants to become friends with Mailee, but she is afraid to ask. To find out what Mailee thinks of her, Audrey starts a gossip book. The rules are easy. Everyone uses a number, not their name, when they write information about other people, they have to do it alone. When they're done, they have to sneakily pass it on to the next person. When rumors say that Audrey was the one who made the gossip book, she starts worrying that Mailee might get the book, or if she gets it, she will think less of her. In the process of trying to get Mailee to like her, however, Audrey starts ignoring her best friend, Carmen, who's been acting strange ever since her parents called a family meeting. Will Audrey manage to make friends with Mailee while still staying friends with Carmen? Why is Carmen acting so different? Will Audrey get caught for making the gossip book? Read the book to find out!

I recommend this book for girls going through middle school ages 9-11.

JenniferJ says

Audrey has been friends with Carmen since like forever but when a new girl arrives at school, Audrey goes out of her way to try to become friends with the new girl as far as making a "slam book" because she just has

to know what the new girl thinks about her!

I really wanted to smack Audrey upside her head! You don't diss a friend like she did just to make a new friend. Besides what kind of example does that show the potential new friend that if another new person comes along you may do them the same way? Friends are fairly easy to find but a bestest friend is somebody you need to hang onto as Audrey finally learns!

Sarah says

Audrey Jones wants to see if the new girl at school Mailee wants to be friends with her. So Audrey decides to start a slam book to see what everyone thinks of her- including Mailee. Slam books are against the school rules and Audrey can get caught. Everyone is excited to read and write in the book, but does Audrey really want to know the truth?
