

Audrey, Wait!

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Audrey, Wait! By Robin Benway is about a 17 year old named Audrey, who in the beginning of the book, breaks up with her boyfriend. The boyfriend she broke up with was in a band, and wrote a song about her that became famous. The book is about Audrey and how she deals with the fame and the changes in her life that happened because of the song written about her. She has to deal with paparazzi and famous people wanting to know her because of the song. In the book, she struggles with her life and how to survive being famous and living a normal life at the same time. The story is from Audrey's perspective, and the reader gets to feel what it is like to be famous and all of the stress of it. They also get to know the main character Audrey, who is appealing to the reader because she was a perfect main character for the book. She was three dimensional and had a character arc that changed her for the better.

Personally, I loved this book. I read it really fast because I was really interested in it. It is not that long, only 250 pages long, so it is perfect for a quick read. The plot was good and very fascinating and would interest anyone. The writing was really good and the author captured how a teenager would write. It also was really humorous and funny. It made me laugh, which is always good. All of the characters were relatable and 3 dimensional. This book gave me a lot of things to think about. It was really thought provoking and addressed the popular belief that fame is always good. This book shows the inside of fame and how it is not always what it seems. This is a really good book for music fans because it recommends many songs, and it incorporates different songs and bands into the story. I also loved how easily you could relate to Audrey and her life. I also loved the romantic parts of this book, because it made it sweet and kinda cute.

I did not like how they did not really explain everything. One of the antagonists of this book, Sharon, who is a bully to Audrey, hates Audrey. But, in the book it never explains the backstory or why Sharon hates Audrey and tries to ruin her life. It does really well of creating the "Mean girl" stereotype, but it does not explain how it happened in the first place. It created a bit of a loophole in the book, and it makes me wonder if the author ever realized it. Also, the romance between Audrey and James was a bit forced. Yes, they were cute together, but they did not really have a connection that other relationships have. Another thing I didn't like from this book was actually a character. Audrey's best friend, Victoria, I hated throughout the book. She seemed funny at the beginning of the book, but soon became fame obsessed and she started to do some weird things "for free stuff!". At the end of the book, she annoyed me by having a character arc, and not having changed at all from the beginning of the book.

I believe if someone wanted to read the book or give it to someone, I think it would make a perfect gift for a teenager. This book has a totally teenage vibe and has a lot of cursing. It also deals with a lot of pg-13 issues which I will not go into detail about. The main character is a teenager, and acts like a normal teenager. Teenagers today will be able to relate with her. I think the minimum age to read this book is 13 and the highest could be 16. I think this book works better for girls. I also think someone who does not like swearing should not check out this book, because there is a LOT of swearing in it.

Recommended Titles:

Since You've Been Gone by Morgan Matson

Tweet Cute by Emma Lord

Field Notes on Love by Jennifer E. Smith

Anna and the French Kiss by Stephanie Perkins

Unwind by Neil Shusterman
Scythe by Neil Shusterman