

Unpregnant

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Unpregnant is about a senior in high school that has the perfect boyfriend, perfect grades, and perfect friends. She suddenly becomes pregnant, even though her boyfriend used condoms consistently. Having a child means being stuck in her town, not going to college, and ultimately giving up her life. The mystery is, how could she have gotten pregnant? Veronica makes the decision to have an abortion. She calls the local Planned Parenthood and they inform her that she needs a parent permission. Definitely not! She can't tell her parents, Christians who would beg her to keep the baby.

Planned Parenthood tells her the closest place to get an abortion without permission is over nine hundred miles away in New Mexico, and Veronica doesn't have a someone to drive her. With no one else to turn to, she asks the help of her former best friend and local "weird girl", Bailey Butler. The book accounts their crazy journey to the clinic, involving guns, stolen cars, Veronica's insanely insecure boyfriend, and unique acquaintances.

I found the book to be very funny and the characters had a lot of personality! The surprises and moments of intensity were really well written. I loved the friendship and "girl power" aspects of the book. Bailey Butler and Veronica make a really nice team!

I would recommend this book for ages 13 and up, because of the mature content. Besides the sexual moments of this book, there is also the theme of abortion and women's rights. If you are buying this book as a gift, I would get to know the recipient and their views on the subject well beforehand. Other than that, the book was very hilarious and an amazing piece of art!

Recommended Books:

Far From the Tree, Caroline Stella Kasaya

The Beauty That Remains, Ashley Woodfolk

Someone Like You, Sarah Dessen