

This Will Be Funny Someday

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By day, Isabel Vance is your ordinary high schooler. She's averagely smart, a little shy, and pretty funny. But by night, hidden under the cloak of shadows and darkness and just a few lies, she becomes something more — Izzy V, college student and stand up comedian. As Isabel, she's sixteen, dealing with a manipulative boyfriend and inadvertently neglecting her friends. As Izzy, she's found a new squad who think she's an adult. She's got these two lives under control, but when her lies start becoming increasingly convoluted and hard to remember, she starts to crack. Her two lives keep intertwining, and she can't tell where Isabel stops and Izzy begins.

Katie Henry's writing is always witty and hilarious. You can tell how much effort was put into each aspect of the novel, especially Izzy's auditory disorder. It's amazing to see her grow as a person through the people she meets at night, but also see her regress by failing her original friends and family. All of the characters are explored as people, whether that's showing their abusive side or developing their goals. Izzy's relationship with Alex is handled very maturely by Henry, and it is incredibly satisfying to see him get what he deserves. The plot is convoluted in the best possible way. The dialogue feels fresh and natural. I loved every aspect of this book.

This Will Be Funny Someday is perfect for older teens and young adults who enjoy contemporary. It's a perfect gift for anyone pursuing comedy or anyone who remotely enjoys it. There are a lot of heavy topics on emotional manipulation and abusive relationships, so avoid reading if these topics are triggering.

Recommended Titles:

Heretics Anonymous by Katie Henry

Let's Call it a Doomsday by Katie Henry

You Have a Match by Emma Lord