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Landry Albright hopes the new year will start off in an amazing way—instead she has to deal with more frenemy issues, boy drama, and having most of her besties make the cheerleading squad without her. Suddenly, it seems like all anyone can talk about is starting high school next year—something she finds terrifying.

Landry gets her first boyfriend, but then gets dumped just as things come to a head with her friends. She feels lost and left out, but finds good advice from what she considers an unlikely source. Landry has to deal with learning how to speak up for what's right, tell the truth (even when it hurts), and how to get past the fear of failure as she gets another shot at competing in the American Ingénue modeling competition.

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Melanie says

I enjoyed the first book in this series. I liked this book even more! I'm not gonna lie--every so often I just enjoy sitting back and reading a book with some drama. And we all know the teenage years are full of plenty of that!

In the first book, I was impressed with the way Landry handled the situations she was in. She dealt with jealousy and backstabbing, frenemies, finding a new place to fit in and she was starting to become interested in boys. This book is a continuation of the first and she finds herself in many of those same situations.

She has a friend who likes to make snide comments about her modeling or anything that points out her positive attributes. Another friend does something shady and manages to turn a few people on Landry when she has the courage to tell the other friend what's going on. She has a boyfriend who dumps her due to peer pressure. There were times that she definitely felt alone and confused.

Landry is likable. As an adult, it's easy to see who the best friends would be for her. But as a teen, she's full of conflicting emotions and past loyalties and is still trying to figure out who she is. She hangs around a variety of people so we see different events in teenage life and there's always something interesting happening. I loved the ending and am looking forward to more of Landry's story, especially since high school is on the horizon!

I received a copy of this book to review. My opinion is 100% my own.

Mel's Shelves

Leslie M. says

You can read my review, as well as some background information from the author, on my blog.

<http://lmckeedediting.blogspot.com/201...>

Marianne Sciucco says

Best Friends...Forever? was a trip back in time, dragging me back to the halls of South Junior High School (the 70's!!!) where I encountered so many of the issues Landry faces. I thought it was a great read that portrays the early teen years with painful accuracy. Kids today have a lot to deal with and live their lives much more publicly than my generation ever did. Excellent to read along with your own young teen to open discussion about what's happening in their lives.

Suze Lavender says

Landry doesn't have an easy time at school. She doesn't feel like she's fitting in and keeps having doubts about her friends. When one of them places her in a difficult position she's suddenly not so sure of who she can and can't talk to any longer. Her friends all seem ready to grow up and go to high school, but Landry doesn't feel that confident. She has a boyfriend, but they don't hang out together very often. When everything seems to go wrong she has no friend to turn to. Fortunately there's one person she can ask for advice. She learns to stand up for herself, to solve her issues and to tell the truth no matter what. She also gets two makeovers for the American Ingénue modeling competition, is she going to like the changes they've made and what will people at school think of it?

Best Friends... Forever? is the second book in the Landry's True Colors series. I really liked True Colors and couldn't wait to start reading the sequel. I think Krysten Lindsay Hager is so good at describing how Landry feels. Most adults can remember girl drama from their teenage years. For them it's a trip down memory lane. For girls Landry's age it's wonderful to see that they aren't alone and this book is giving them some very useful advice. It's a fun story to read as well. I like that it's so realistic.

I think this series is great for both girls in their early teens and adults. It shows what's going on in the mind of a young girl. I felt like Landry when I was her age. I wish I had a book like True Colors then to show me that I wasn't the only one. It would have definitely helped me and I most certainly would have enjoyed it back then as well. The writing style is such an important part of this book, it's unique and sweet and I love it. I'm such a big fan of this series and can't praise the author enough.

Franky says

Man, being a teen is rough! Hager does an excellent job of portraying real life in middle school. Landry is back in this sequel to True Colors. She's such a fun, realistic character. I totally get what she means when she thinks it's more work to eat fruit! Yep. If you love YA, this is an excellent read.

Diana Jenkins says

Great Book (and Series) for Young Readers!

I wish this series had been around when I was a tween! Landry is a wonderful character – funny and insecure, sweet and sassy, good-hearted and likeable. Krysten Lindsay Hager gives Landry a fresh and genuine voice that makes these books as intimate as a conversation with a good friend. Young readers can identify with Landry and the ups and downs of her life. Fans of True Colors, the first book in the series, will enjoy catching up with Landry, her friends, her family, and her modeling career in Best Friends...Forever? Both books manage to be "clean" reads without getting dull or preachy, and that's not easy to do!

Elise Abram says

If Landry can do it, maybe I can too

In Best Friends Forever, Landry's about to enter into grade 9. She's an aspiring model, has a few good friends, and a boy is interested in her. So why is life so tough? No matter what she may have going for her, Landry must deal with the same petty jealousy, new school anxiety, and boy problems any other teenage girl faces. It's not until she is reinstated as a contestant in the modeling competition that she meets someone, an older contestant, that helps her put her life into perspective. Will Landry reunite with her estranged friends? Will she ever work it out with Vladi, her on-again-off-again "boyfriend"? How will she fare in the competition?

I read a lot of YA fiction, most of it rife with abuses I wouldn't wish on my worst enemies. It was refreshing to read a novel dealing with the trials and tribulations of an ordinary, everyday teen. Rather than grapple with questions of life or death, the author, Krysten Lindsay Hager, hands the grappling over to the reader. Landry has everything going for her and she is still dealing with the same trivial issues blown to mammoth proportions. If Landry is experiencing the same thing as the reader and still manages to come out on top, maybe the reader can, too.

Best Friends Forever is a charming peek into the life of a normal teen. Rather than depict an ordinary teen in extraordinary circumstances so she can emerge extraordinary in the end, Hager's book shows an ordinary teen in ordinary circumstances who emerges extraordinary, nevertheless. Though Landry possesses beauty, emerging fame, and popularity—all the makings of a "mean girl"—she faces every challenge she meets with aplomb, never giving up on wanting to do what's right for everyone around her.

Landry is the perfect protagonist around which to base a series. I wish Hager all the best with this series, and hope to check in with Landry later on, to see how she fares in high school.

Note: I was gifted an eCopy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Kelly Smith Reviews says

High school. Stephen King said he'd never trust anyone who looks back fondly at their high school years. I feel the same way, and so does poor Landry, a seemingly normal girl who, by rights, should have a fun high school existence. Despite getting the chance to be a model, she's feeling more left out than ever. Her boyfriend dumps her, which is pretty depressing on its own. Plus, she's left out again when her friends make the cheerleading squad.

As someone who stood out and never went with a clique (nor did I ever want to join the cheerleading squad), I can't imagine what it must be like to be Landry, to try so hard to fit in yet still be pushed out and made fun of.

This is a textbook case of how kids get depression in school. It also shows that, even if you seem like a "normal" person, you can still be an outsider in your own skin.

Ms. Hager once again gave us a wonderful, touching and classic tale of teenage life in upper-middle-class America these days. A book for parents, teachers and high school students alike!

Naturalbri (Bri Wignall) says

I fell in love with this series after reading book one, True Colors. I am happy to admit, that I am still loving every moment of Landry's story.

Just like the first book, Landry deals with both successes and failures, as well as major friend issues. All of these things are things we must learn to live with and grow from, especially as we are growing up. Often, we have to find the true nature in friendship, and usually not without several bad experiences.

I loved reading along as Landry experienced very real emotions and life lessons, and had to work her way through them. Yes, she does make mistakes, but throughout the book she remains true to herself and the person she wants to be. She is always trying to do what she thinks is right and is not afraid to admit when she is wrong.

I also love that we got to know those around her even more. We got to delve into their characters and see what they were like under stress.

My favourite issue that Landry had to deal with was with her first boyfriend issues. Often, young girls experience these and rely on friends, just as Landry tried to, instead of on mum and dad. It made it real and relatable for young readers.

Finally, I thought the world and pace were very true to what school is like for kids. It is fast-paced, vivid and full of challenges. I loved this second book in the series and highly recommend it as a read for your kids....and yourself!

Haniya (Voracious Bookling) says

<http://booknauthors.blogspot.com/2015...>

Katie W says

Best Friends.....Forever? picks up right where True Colors left off. Definitely read True Colors first! You can see my review here.

I swear Ms. Hager stole my middle school journal, read it, and adapted it for her book. What I really love about this story is the way it is told from a 14 year old girl's perspective and her voice is so realistic to that age. The way she thinks and analyzes every little thing and the way she interacts with her friends and parents is true to the age. It took me back to when I was going through similar things (years ago) and the way I would thought processes I would go through, as well as the way I would act. Seriously--it's realistic.

For some reason, there are mean girls everywhere and Landry really gets a dose of them in this book. I couldn't understand how she could be around some of these girls, but she's such a nice person and really tries hard to accept everyone around her. I love the journey that encompasses a first boyfriend, another big modeling job, friend drama galore!, and preparing for high school. Landry goes through a lot of growth and has big decisions to make that really shape who she is and who she is becoming.

The emotion is great! I could feel Landry's pain, awkwardness, confusion, indecision, joy, and triumph. This is such a tough age to be and everyone has to go through it. I really don't want to give too much away. I thought Landry's journey was very inspiring and would be a great read for middle grade readers or for

anyone needing a dose of reality to remember what it's like to go through this time of life.

Content: Clean!

I received a copy in exchange for an honest review

S.J. Henderson says

This book really took me back to my crazy middle school days of modeling competitions and all those cute blonde guys I sort-of dated.

Okay, so my middle school experience wasn't exactly like Landry's, but it doesn't matter. My heart hurt right along with fourteen-year-old Landry during her first break-up and every time a frenemy said or did something hurtful. Middle school is rough: everyone's figuring themselves out and that doesn't always translate so well with friendships and romantic interests. If you're a young person reading this and you're dealing with anything close to what's going on with Landry, I'm sending you a big ol' hug. Growing up is hard, but you're not alone!

The author does a great job of realistically telling Landry's story, and I think readers of all ages will be able to appreciate this story. It's no WAR AND PEACE, but it doesn't have to be. Girls will see themselves in Landry or one of her friends, and isn't that really what stories are all about? Connecting readers and showing them there are others out there who think or act like they do?

I was pleased that Landry, although still self-conscious and insecure at times, became so much more comfortable with being herself. For me, the storyline in this book flowed more naturally than in the first of the series. This is a book I looked forward to reading each day.

Looking forward to what's next for Landry (and Vladi! #TeamVladi)

I was given a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

Violet Ingram says

This was a wonderful second book. Looking forward to what's next for Landry. If you are a kid, have kids, or teach them this series is a must read.

Amy McGuire says

I was given this book free for an honest review. I am not obligated to write a five star review. All opinions expressed in this book are my own. Now that we have all the legalize out of the way, let's get into my review. This book is aimed at young adults and I think the author does a good job of capturing what it's like to be a teenager in today's society. This book was in the first person, which is not one of my favourite points of view, but after awhile, I got used to it. Now, I am not a teenager, but I do remember what it was like to be one. The whole, "Does he like me, doesn't he like me?" thing. The desire to fit in even if those you think are

popular aren't the right kind of friends for you. The desire for that special guy in your life to like you, but not having the self esteem to believe he actually likes you for you...these are all common struggles for teenage girls, and not to be taken lightly. The author did a wonderful job with this book. I didn't read the prequel, but this book was enough of a standalone that I didn't feel I missed out on anything. Her characters were realistic and the situations they found themselves in were believable. All in all, I think teenage girls would like this book a lot.

Jenny Bynum Black Words-White Pages says

Absolutely Fabulous!!!!

As I have said before, I am a Paranormal reader but from time to time, I like to venture out and give other genres a try and with this book, I am so glad I did. I loved the teenage drama that most kids face in school among their peers and the honesty and forgiveness and pure innocence that Landry showed throughout the story. I was constantly rooting for her and I was an emotional basket case in some parts. I felt every emotion that ran through Landry's life and how she was feeling throughout the book. The ending was just phenomenal and I was bawling my eyes out while reading it. This author has a magnificent writing style that I enjoyed. She knows how to pull her readers in and make us WANT to keep reading. I highly recommend this to all other readers. I felt as if I could relate to this character and that is what kept me addicted. I can't wait to read more of this author's work. It's an all around fabulous story.
