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**As if an equestrian competition isn't enough, Lauren also has to fight for her status as It-girl in this addition to the Canterbury Crest series.** Lauren is about to be tested in more ways than one. Not only does she have to participate in a competition that will determine her future at Canterbury, someone from Lauren's past makes an extremely unexpected appearance in her new life. Can she handle it all—or will cracks start to show in her new It-girl armor?

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## From Reader Review Comeback for online ebook

### Caroline says

Of course, as an avid Canterwood Crest reader, I read this book. Nothing sensational, just your average, enjoyable read from Burkhart. You really get a chance to go through a defining moment with Lauren, and Burkhart writes so you can feel what Lauren is feeling every step of the way. Thumbs up!

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### Mehsi says

After a disappointing previous book, this one picks up again and I just loved it! Will be sure to continue this series. :D

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### Sheigh says

Great book! :)

I'll try not to spoil so... this book is definitely recommended for ages 10 and up. This book has a variety of horse back riding, teen dramas and basically challenges at school. Easy read and written by a very talented author @jessicaburkhart

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### Abby says

4-2-18

4-5-18

Personal response:

I really liked this book because it did a really good job of displaying fears of showing. I liked how it showed the struggle of repairing friendships. Lastly, I liked how this book dealt with horses.

Plot:

In the beginning of this book, Khloe and Lauren were up in the hayloft. They were both mad at each other because they had not talked to each other very much. Lauren thought that Khloe hated her as a roommate. After they sat there and talked, they walked down from the hayloft. Both Khloe and Lauren had apologized to Lexa, because they kept talking to her about each other. The next day, things were back to normal with them.

The next couple of days flew by and Lauren had just focused on school and the upcoming show. Lauren had figured out that in her designing class they were going to make the costumes for *The Beauty and the Beast* play the school was doing. That weekend, Riley went to New York for an acting audition so the girls decided to sleep over at Clare's. While they were at the sleepover, Lauren had posted something on social media and before she could take it down Riley saw it and commented on it. Everything she commented was rude. Clare took her phone and texted Riley telling her that she was allowed to have other friends other than her. After Clare sent the text, the girls decided to go for a trail ride with Drew. While they were trail riding, Khloe decided that they played a couple of games. Once they got back to the stable, Khloe and Lauren went back to

their room to work on some homework.

That next week, both Khloe and Lauren had a date with guys. The week had dragged on for both of them. On Friday, Lauren had an upset stomach but she thought it was just because she was hungry. Later in the day, Lauren felt even worse. Once school got out, Lauren and Khloe had to get ready for their dates. Lauren decided to put on a lot of foundation to cover up her red cheeks. While Khloe was picking out her outfit, she was talking to Lauren about how good the food was at the chinese place. After Khloe had pick out an outfit, she noticed that Lauren looked like she was about to throw up. Within a couple of minutes, Lauren ran to the bathroom to throw up. That night, Lauren and Khloe had missed their dates because Lauren got sick. Lauren had spent a couple of days resting. That following saturday they had the schooling show. Lauren's first class was dressage. At the very end of this book, Lauren had won the first place ribbon for dressage.

Characterization:

The main character in this book was Lauren. Lauren was working with her horse Whisper to get ready for a schooling show at Canterwood. Lauren had never shown since her accident at Red Oak. Lauren was dating a boy named Drew. Another main character was Riley. Riley always competed with Khloe in everything. Riley ended up going to New York for an acting gig.

Setting:

This book took place at Canterwood Crest Academy. This book took place during the day because that was when school was. This book took place in September because that was when school started and the kids had to live back on campus. This book also took place in the afternoon because that was when Lauren had lessons after her classes. This book would have took place in the present because the characters use cell phones to communicate with their friends.

Recommendation:

I would recommend this book to anyone who have read the other books in this series. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes horses. I would also recommend this book to middle school girls because it was an easy read and it also had to dealt with drama.

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## **Cat says**

Is it just me, or is the second series of Canterwood Crest extremely boring? Compared to Sasha Silver, I've never been able to like Lauren Towers, from her appearance (just look at her seemingly Photoshopped picture on the front cover) to her words and actions and choice of friends. Hell, she bugs me. A lot. I keep reading because though she is irritating, the series' drama is very interesting, which is what got me hooked on it in the first place. Still. Waiting for something good to happen and for myself to like Lauren. If that's possible.

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## **Christine says**

Read from August 7th 2012-August 11th 2012.

This book starts off right where Popular ended. Lauren and Khloe have sort through their mini fight and are now practicing and helping each other for the up-coming schooling show.

As the schooling show nears, Lauren gets stressed and nervous, with a bad fever and couldn't ride for days. The schooling show is less than a week away

With Lauren's lack of practice when she was sick, Will she be prepared....or will she and whisper falter before the ring?

Whatever the case, Lauren will just have to try her best and make her Comeback worth it.

""Doubtful," I said. "I can say for the first time ever that I wasn't thinking about points the entire time, I'm so happy right now, because it's over! There's no 'first show after after red oak' looming over me anymore." Khloe and Lauren smiled<-----

It happens again at the end of Page 197 again....it just made me think: What?? Lexa's POV now???

Overall, I devoured this, and I can't wait for the next installment!

5/5 ?????

Re-read from July 31st 2014-August 1st 2014.

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### **Katie says**

I'm not the biggest fan of Lauren, I personally liked Sasha better, but it's a great continuation!

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### **Jan-Rose says**

Totally made my day. I can't believe that she got sick but I get it she was so worried. The fact that she didn't get enough practice totally scare me but she did it. 1st that was great. But I seem to remember that just before she got sick Drew asked her out yeh! I also recall that even though Khloe had a date too she stayed with Lauren. That was awesome of Khloe even though she could have gotten sick. This book made the last book worth reading even though it was boring. I would think this is a great book and deserves five stars ??????????.

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### **Emilia says**

I loved this book! The author had me on the edge of my seat every second of reading. Jessica Burkhart did such a good job of having all the details there, yet it was not over whelming. There was a lot of action, drama, adventure and of course horses! I really enjoy reading about horses and the life of owning a horse but sometimes I get bored of it in other books, where in this book series there's enough horses and there are also other things mixed in. I enjoy reading this series and recomend it to people how like horses, and/or like girl gossip and drama.

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### **Carina says**

Even though I hungrily devoured this book in an hour, I still managed to see the flaws.

First, the fight with Khloe seemed... I don't know, but a little under dramatic. It was 2 pages long. It would have been much more interesting if it was longer.

Next, when she gets sick, I remembered in the first CC book there was supposedly an Infirmary. If she got the flu, why didn't she go?

Overall I LOVED this book, definitely better than Popular.

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### **Bailey says**

Awesome

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### **Amanda says**

Yay! Another really good book in the Canterwood Crest series. I know I am a little older than the intended audience, but I am enjoying this series because of the genuine horse interaction - LOVE!!

This was my favourite of the new Lauren-storyline CCA books I have read so far, mostly because it goes into a lot of detail about preparing for the show! Everyone who has ever shown a horse knows how stressful it is to show, especially if you've had a bad fall. Been there, done that. So I TOTALLY could relate to Lauren's stress leading up to the schooling show, and I think the author did a really good job describing those feelings and telling the reader what Lauren was thinking, doing, etc. I also liked how the author is really bringing along the Drew-Lauren story line.

Overall, I can't wait for the next book in the series. I love Canterwood Crest novels, and hope for many more in the NEAR future!!

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### **Kacie Faith says**

This series was a childhood favorite of mine! Looking back, it's pretty terrible. But I loved it as a kid and it made me appreciate books more, so that's what matters!

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### **Molly says**

the book was ok the certain moments that were described could have been more dramactic considering one of the caretakers is a actor and i would reccomed this to someone who loves drama and horses and boarding schools.

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## Claire says

Heads up, kiddos! I feel a rant coming on. *DISCLAIMER: I love you JB.*

I feel like the hallmark of Canterwood Crest is overreaction. These girls overreact to **everything** that crosses their path. These girls are twelve years old and they really need to chill because if they continue on like this, they'll have high blood pressure and chronic back problems by the time they're sixteen. They all need to take a deep breath and for once COMMUNICATE with each other. Every time they overreact, it's simply a misunderstanding and the girls get all butthurt over nothing. Lauren is the queen of this drama. Look at the intense psychological fear she has cultivated for herself over an accident that literally caused no harm whatsoever. This chick is bound to need some therapy. Assumptions are your enemy, Lauren, not your friend. But never mind, you and Khloe just made up and now you're giggling and promising each other exorbitant amounts of sugar and fat. True friendship restored.

Now for the next **unimportant** conflict, our resident hot guy, Drew. And he's so perfect and nothing is wrong with him, which is absolutely ridiculous because no twelve year old boys can be this cute, mature, and sweet. They just don't exist. Twelve year old boys are in that annoying stage of life when they think they're cool and have no idea that they are just annoying little pygmies that chatter about girls and sports and wear too much Axe. Lauren, please do tell where you find all of these wonderful twelve year old boys. Maybe Lauren has deeper psychological issues than I thought and this boy, "Drew," is just a figment of her imagination. Either way, she definitely needs to lay off dating until she is emotionally stable and at least sixteen years old. There is no excuse for a twelve year old to date. It just doesn't happen. Twelve year olds think they're "dating," but really their parents just drop them off at places and older people either look at them like they're adorable or look at them in disgust because they're making too much noise. Anyways, cue the unrealistic, childish behavior about liking a boy. How do these girls have so many nicknames? Do they really hate their real names that much? Lauren has at least three that I can come up with off the top of my head.

At this point in time I would also like to mention the cover, because that girl that models as Lauren does not look real. I have no idea what it is, but she has a definite Barbie quality to her. Also, we do have a staggering amount of italics, but this is commonplace for Canterwood books.

Lauren, don't be such a jerk. Why in the world must you post everything on social media? Now you've driven a rift in between your friends. They're also quite possibly terrible friends if they get ticked off about that kind of thing, just saying.

I'm just going to say that this new mean girl, Riley, doesn't cut it for me. Heather Fox was one of the best characters of the entire series, very multi-layered and interesting, but this Riley chick sucks. She's really annoying, unbelievably petty, and not convincingly villainous at all. She's just a snarky little kid with a bad attitude that I don't want to hear about. Heather had a lot of depth and heart to her character. Riley is sub-par.

I also hate the long, drawn-out explanations of regular horsey things. You don't need to explain every detail of what the farrier is doing, JB, it's not at all essential to the plot, and though you may feel like it increases your credibility, it actually brings it down a few notches to seasoned horsemen. Oh my Lord, Lauren just said "*You heart your shoes!*" Gag me. I'm surprised Whisper hasn't kicked her for her dumb comments yet. Sorry, JB, I just have a thing against Lauren. I guess I'm still bitter because I miss Sasha.

Back to the current. As I said before, twelve year old boys do not have the brain capacity to generate such well thought out compliments and would certainly not waste any time bothering to say them out loud and be laughed at by their other idiotic friends. So, Drew, you're officially not real.

Dayum, Khloe, you better quit now. You're not cut out for the world of upper level equestrian sports if you can't handle an egg and spoon race. I hear that's one of the qualifications for the US Equestrian Team.

George Morris would fall over if he realized the quality of these deluded girls who are "the best." I'm sure Lillie Keenan wouldn't ever drop an egg in an egg and spoon race. That's how you know she's real.

Lauren, why do you go through so much effort to look nice at the barn? You'll just get sweaty and gross and your makeup will run and then Drew will never love you. Honestly, the stable is not a romantic rendezvous, as you are bound to end up with some hay in your hair and various horse slobber accessories.

Okay, this whole warm up lesson illustrates a **HUGE** problem to me. These girls don't realize that you must have constant contact with your horse's mouth? That you are constantly working from leg to hand, always asking your horse to stretch down and use his back to some degree? Lauren is supposedly a dressage star, and she's literally sweating and all pooped out because Mr. Conner is making her use her legs and keep contact with Whisper for extended periods of time **AT THE WALK.** \*gasp\* This should honestly be a cakewalk for you. You should be able to do this at all gaits, chick. Lauren, I don't know what kind of dressage you've been doing, but it isn't really dressage, hon.

As a note, every time I see "perf" I die a little inside. Whoo! At least Riley is gone now. But who will take over her place as the regular antagonistic girl?

Also, apparently Khloe had to keep Lauren under lock and key to stop her from going to the barn while she was sick, but during Lauren's narration, she clearly never once mentioned a thing about it. Whatever because now Lauren is at peace before her first show since **THE ACCIDENT.** And apparently this show is so very important because it only lasts 18 pages, while all this other random, not relevant drama that isn't even the supposed main conflict goes on for the other 182 pages...

Wow, Lauren's journey on the show circuit has begun. I'm not sure which show circuit they're talking about because all these classes don't happen and the kind of show they're doing isn't actually a thing. I still have no idea if these girls actually intend to be eventers or what? It's never really clear. And if they're so good, why are they not competing at actual rated events? I just don't understand.

Anyways, I'm all done with my rant and I feel a little better about life. JB, sorry for any hurtful comments, I'm just doing my job. You know I love you and will always read Canterwood, no matter how bad I think it is. All right! Elvis has left the building.

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