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One kiss from Tinka's sparkling lips leads to some unexpected consequences for the callous boys of Portage High School. After a secret romance goes up in flames, she looks to a fortune teller for answers on finding true love, which leads to the summoning of some accidental--but hilarious-magic. But in the end, Tinka has to learn to take responsibility for her own decisions, with or without the aid of magic.

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Rosanna Threakall says

This was so enjoyable.

I loved the art style and the characters, it made for a very happy, fluffy read.

I liked the feminist undertones but also how the Graphic Novel didn't take itself too seriously.

Wish this was a series!!!

Lani says

I am a HUGE fan of Monica Gallagher's work, and I can't WAIT to read her latest. If you're eagerly awaiting this book, definitely check out Gallagher's earlier work Boobage (my FAVE!) and Go for the Eyes.

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I haven't read many YA graphic novels, so I'm not sure how much of this is criticism of a genre versus criticism of the book. I found the plot to be overly simple, though a clever idea. I'm used to reading either longer runs of trade paperbacks or a much thicker book, so I suspect this is pretty standard and I didn't adjust.

But I love Gallagher's artistic style, and I think it fits this story and genre perfectly. Everything she draws is like a gorgeous silly fashion coloring book. Her boys-turned-girls were perfect, awkward without shaming, and I appreciate the variety of faces and figures she always produces. I would love to see her doing more art for this age group, although I think she also has the writing chops to do more than illustrate.

I look forward to catching up with her and adding this to my 'signed' shelf.

Jesse says

Glitter Kiss by Adrienne Ambrose & Monica Gallagher has been collecting dust on my shelf for ages. It was pulled to be a part of my read-a-thin but we all know how I am with TBRs. I binged it the other night and really liked it.

It's a graphic contemporary with a magical twist starring Tinka (WTF on that name though?). An enchantment causes the callous boys of Tinka's school to realize being a girl isn't as easy as they think, especially with boys like them to contend with. I love the message and lesson learned which was communicated without being too heavy handed.

The ending felt a little rushed. I wanted to see what caused some of the other guys to revert back to their original form. How did they learn their lesson? How is everyone so chill about magic? There were some easily answered questions that just weren't so it lost a star for that.

Raina {The LUV'NV} says

Glitter Kiss is the first graphic novel I've tried, and I actually enjoyed it. Ignored by her father, ridiculed by her peers, and having a not-so-glittering reputation with the guys in her high school, Tinka is a teenage girl looking for love, acceptance, and sincerity.

I don't want to give too much of the plot away, but with some unintentional magic, the jocks—as well as Tinka's dad—learn a little lesson on what it means to be a girl and how their actions as males can be taken. While Glitter Kiss is a bit silly and light-hearted, it contained a good lesson for both genders.

I would've like to the images in color, though the lack of it might have been because I had an ARC. I also had a teensy problem when I started reading it. I had to remember to take in the details of each frame, not just the words, but I quickly got the hang of it with Adrianne Ambrose style. Is there such a thing as author style with graphic novels? I don't know, but I'm happy that Glitter Kiss was the first one I've ever tried.

I'd suggest this to those looking for something fun and easy, maybe endearingly goofy. Thanks to author Adrianne Ambrose for the ARC, for the opportunity in change of pace. As a lover of words in printed, orderly lines, I have to commend her on opening me up to checking out more GNs.

Jacquelyn Smith says

Great read for all families....

Glitter Kiss, is a great little book for families that are going through a divorce or divorced. Because of neglect of her father, she was willing to be used by other young men just to be loved. Tinka is like some many teenage girls looking for love, acceptance, and sincerity in the wrong place.

I wish the book has shown where the father learned a lesson, about women or his daughter.

This book is fun along with life a lesson, and with a little bit of magic.

Paige says

I haven't read a graphic novel with this type of art style in awhile so it was nice to fall back into that familiarity.

Overall it was a really weird, but really fun story! As a feminist and general "stop being sexist towards woman" thinking person, I have to say I really liked the way the story was driven through the boys' points of view when they transformed into girls.

Only 4/5 stars though since it did end kind of abruptly and I was left wanting to know what was going to happen next.

Amal El-Mohtar says

This book DELIGHTED me. I kept giggling while reading it and being impressed by its subtlety, considering the plot involves a girl turning insincere boys into girls by kissing them. But it manages it, and provides an intelligent critique of gender relations.

I felt it somewhat fumbled the ending, and that there were a number of potentially missed opportunities -- what if she kissed girls? Are there boys who are happier as girls, and vice versa? -- but within the lens of the main character and the length provided, the plot parameters worked out fine. It would've been cool to see other aspects of gender identity explored over the course of a longer serial, I guess, but I'm tremendously grateful for what was provided.

I was engaged, charmed, and moved throughout, and really recommend it.

Alanna (The Flashlight Reader) says

This graphic novel was great! I really enjoyed it. The illustrations were great and the plot was actually good.

What made the plot so great, you ask? The fact there was actually one! I am so tired of graphic novels that hardly have a plot. This one was fairly fleshed out (for a graphic novel). There were plot twists and an actual message. Rock on. It did end a little abruptly without offering much of a resolution for some of the characters, but it's ok. It was still enjoyable. There are some references to mature content, so it's meant for older readers.

I also enjoyed the characters themselves. You had an odd mix, but the majority of the story line centers around Tinka and her interactions with the men in her life. You can imagine how that goes with the majority of the setting taking place in high school. Typical teen age problems. There was a good amount of witty humor hidden on these pages. The one liners were hilarious and actually had me chuckling to myself. Very fitting for a bunch of high schoolers.

What would a graphic novel be without good illustrations? Well, for starters, it would be crappy. I'm glad Glitter Kiss doesn't fall into that category. The illustrations were top notch. I would love to see some of the pictures turn into color. Considering this was solely in black and white, I was impressed with the level of detail I was able to discern from the images. A+ in that department!

Sallie Griffin says

Just started this book and finished it in one sitting. It is a great book. Honestly it's the first cartoonish book I have ever read and I love it. This book really teaches lessons about the hardships of girls, relationships, and parents and so on and I found that I could relate and understand where they were coming from. The characters are well developed and feel as if you already knew them for a long time and the story was well written. Congrats Adrienne for a successful story that I love so much. Recommended to readers.

Darcysmom says

I am a huge fan of Adrienne Ambrose and she was kind enough to give me an ARC of Glitter Kiss. This was my first experience with a graphic novel and I had a lot of fun reading it. Glitter Kiss is a YA graphic novel that is targeted to teenage girls. Adrienne Ambrose has a deft touch with this age group. She creates characters that are very relatable - the kind of characters I would have wanted to be friends with when I was a teenager.

Tinka, the protagonist of Glitter Kiss, is a fabulously flawed young lady. She is very typical of high school girls - she is looking for validation from everyone except herself. She is completely caught up in the quest for finding a boy who will like her. She uses the entire teenage girl arsenal - flirty attitude, tight shirts, short skirts, and lots of lip-gloss. All of this gets Tinka noticed, but it doesn't get her what she wants.

It isn't until a mishap with a witch craft loving friend leaves Tinka with some enchanted lip gloss that things begin to change. I can't give away what happens, but the teenage boys that kiss Tinka learn a huge lesson about how to treat people. In turn, Tinka learns about self-respect and how she deserves to be treated.

Like all good teenage romances, this story has a happy ending.

If, like me, you have never read a graphic novel before, Glitter Kiss is a sweet and gentle introduction to the genre.

Mark Argent says

cute but basic/101.

Aimeekay says

I was on the fence with this one 'til the end.

Throughout most of the story I was torn. I got that the writer was trying to make a point as to how crude some guys can be and how they completely don't understand girls. But it started to get a bit ridiculous. There was only one nice guy in the book and that was Ben, Anne Sophie's boyfriend. You only get to see him for a few panels and then he barely says two sentences. Every single other male pictured in the story was a jerk in one way or another, even the adults. I understand the boys; they have to be spotlighted so it makes it mean that much more when they finally get how they've been treating the girls. I get Tinka's dad, he's a jerk. I don't get the principal. When 'Jasmine' is being sexually harassed by one of the boys in the lunch line and flips out the principal just blows off what she tells him. In fact he only seems to get upset that she says the word ass. Now this could just be chalked up to the spell having an effect on the adults as well as on the boys it changes, but still it got a little bit overboard.

Even with all the anti-guy sentiment the book still wasn't that bad. The story was cute in its own way and so was the artwork. I honestly would give the majority of the book 3 out of 5 stars if it wasn't for the ending. Yeah, the ending killed it for me. There's a big dramatic scene where Jason is trying to prove to Tinka that he is sincere and he has her kiss him....the end. The book just ends. You don't get to find out what happens

to the rest of the boys that were turned into girls. You don't get to find out what happens to Tinka's dad. You don't even get to see if Jason turns back into Jasmine or not. It just ends with them kissing. That's pretty much what killed the book entirely for me. If the ending had been different maybe I would recommend picking it up. But it doesn't so I'm not.

Anushka says

This was my first graphic novel, and to be honest, it wasn't that bad. Unfortunately, graphic novels aren't (and wouldn't be) my thing, so it was hard to work it out.

The illustrations were nice, so hats off to the illustrator. The basic idea of the story - showing how guys think it's easy to be a girl was really nice, however, it wasn't executed in the best manner possible.

The story is about a girl, Tinka who, in desperate need of a guy goes for Jason. However, the lack of proper judgement leads her to realize that Jason wasn't the best guy, and he was using her. Unfortunate as it may seem - she was heartbroken. Crying her heart out to one girl from the school, she felt better after all the palm-reading stuff. Later on, after putting a glittery lip gloss she just bought, she went for a party to look for Jason. Some guys forcefully kissed her and she went home, after thanking *Jasmine*

Well, that's as much I could write without giving the main spoiler. :)

Tinka is a nice girl, all fashion updated and in love with lip glosses. Well, that's all that the Glitter Kiss is about. :)

I loved the ending, *perfectly* how it should have been - a happy one!

I'd definitely recommend everyone to read the book - give it a try! It's a great break from normal all-words-novels and is really interesting to look at the expressions of the different characters too!

Ardo says

I really like this graphic novel. It's humorous but it's also eye opening. It'll give male readers an inside look at life as a woman while letting female readers know that they're not alone. I really don't want to be vague about the plot but it'll be better for readers to find out for themselves. It's smart and a much needed addition in comics. Tinka is the perfect example of what girls these days are believed to be – needing a male gaze and attention to validate their existence and putting up with jerks. I loved that Tinka grows throughout the story and becomes a role model to be looked up at. The added twist of magical intervention is just the cherry on top. The art is okay but not a stand out and the cover (although not final) could use some work.

<http://aaomer.wordpress.com/2012/10/1...>

Kellie Maddox-Ward says

I like Comics, but I'm not a comic geek.

When I saw this on netgalley I was intrigued about a graphic novel and how it worked on my kindle.

This is a funny story about Tinka and how she is unlucky in love.

She loves Lipgloss and after hearing the guy she likes Jason say some horrible things about her she does what every girl does.

She went to the Mall.

While there she bought some glitter lipgloss.

After that everyone that kissed her is actually turned into a girl. BUT ONLY if they were being insincere.

Pretty soon Jason and a few of his friends turn into girls and realise all the crap they have given them in the past is coming back to them.

It's hard being a girl!

This did get VERY cheesy about the whole high school boys treat girls like crap thing, only to realize they need to be nicer., and silly at times trying to give the lesson about being nice to everyone.

The art was quite good, I did like that.

It was OK.

ARC courtesy of NetGalley
