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A relationship between the nerdy, shy girl and the hot football star can work, right?

The only thing worse than having to go to the same high school as my beautiful, cheer-captain sister, Charity? Finding out she's dating the boy next door I've had a crush on since I was three years old.

Being in the shadow of a girl like Charity would be tough for any little sister, but when I can't fit the shadow because I'll never be perky, popular, or a size two? Life is pretty near miserable. At least my awesome friends make high school bearable. But when football stardom and the popularity that brings threatens to take away Tuck, the best of my friends? That's when something has to change.

A story of friendship, family, tragedy, and **most of all romance**.

* This is a new release of an edition originally published as *Skinniness is Next to Goddessness? Lacey's Story of the Skinniness is Next to Goddessness?* series. *The Shy Girl and the Football Star* is a new edition with bonus additional content and a new cover.

The Shy Girl and the Football Star Details

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Floryie says

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Reread factor : 3/5

It's been a while since I read a YA book so when I was planning this month's reading list, I picked 3 of them from KU. I apparently had a yearning for the teen angst. Sometimes I have regretted reading a YA book but this time, it was different. I had no idea when I started the book that I would love it because of the topics it deals with.

The author has touched on a lot of serious subjects in the book that though it is aimed at the teens, it can be read by adults too because it is applicable to them too. Yes it is a romance book but that's only secondary as far as I am concerned. The story is more about the body shaming in regards with the looks and weight and the impact it has on the students. And the issue of eating disorders is also lightly touched on to bring awareness to it. The author gives out certain messages regarding these subjects and she has done it interspersed with a tale of love and friendship. I like that, actually, since it's easier to swallow the pill with some sweetness.

The book is not fully dull and gloomy but a cute and fun love story if you overlook the serious themes. Lacey and Tucker are my idea of a longtime couple. I loved their friends-to-first-love story though I felt Tuck could have spoken up sooner about his objections to Lacey's girlfriend ideas. At first, I thought Lacey was just superficial but as her problems come to the surface and after the incident with Ash, I pitied her and from that pity, rose an understanding of what makes Lacey tick. As the story moved forward, I got to like her and finally love her. Shawna is another person I loved. She makes a very good best friend.

The story is told in Lacey's POV so I got a front seat view of her life. And I quite enjoyed it in terms of her romance. The romance was drawn out and very light . But one point I loved was the way the author ended the book. It gave me closure in respect to their love and their lives and I was pretty satisfied with it!

Since I wasn't expecting a heavy reading with lots of tears amidst the light fun, the book was a slightly slower read in spite of the fast pace. And the writing style has endeared the author to me. So I am pretty sure I will be on the lookout for reading the other books in the series, the Sunday Lunchers!

My one line review : A light romance with lots of tears amidst fun and friendship.

Floryie

Chaelah says

Excellent!

Patience guys! Honestly, the low amount of reviews for this book worried me, as it generally does with books these days when searching online, but this book taught me not to always judge a book by the number of reviews it has because it was so sweet and so powerful in its message. I loved the characters so much. The novel did throw me for a loop a couple of times and I almost stopped reading around the middle, because I think the timing for a certain crucial event for the rest of the story to fall into place was climax enough for me, but persist people! You'll love it and I think you'll grow to love Lacey and Tuck just as much as I did even with the book starting off with them a bit young in the beginning. The epilogue is so worth it and the book is a clean read with language and sexually. I can't stop smiling. Five stars, definitely!

Pascale says

Whoa! This book's description and the way it is marketed are waaaaayyy off! I cried buckets throughout this story and it rung me out to the point of thinking I needed an antidepressant. Extremely well written and somewhat similar in style to Kelly Oram, this book deals with very heavy issues (no pun intended). It is a clean romance but readers should have a box of tissues handy! I thought it was excellent but I'm not sure my heart could take another story like it so I probably won't read the next in the series. Fabulous read, though.

Jody McGrath says

Heart Wrenching

This story is about self-identity and friendship. It also has a romance in it, but it was definitely not as prominent as the rest. I connected with the main character, Lacey, and her feelings of self loathing. It is something that many teens face, but many adults continue to struggle with it way out of their teenage years.

This book is sad. Horrible sad and haunting. I can't imagine it could have been written any other way though. I am not sure I can face the next book in the series right now. Too many feels already. I will definitely get back to it though. This author is really special.

Undoubtedly 5 stars!

Jennifer Dale says

3.5 stars.

This was the main clip from the synopsis: A story of friendship, family, tragedy, and most of all romance. I would say all of the above is true with the exception of "most of all romance." To me romance or might I say "girlfriend/boyfriend relationship(s)" was really background noise. I read this story as an individual who has a crush on her best friend but to her - she would never be good enough b/c she viewed herself as an overweight girl with low self esteem that didn't have much moral support from her mom, sister and not really her dad.

I would say an ok book; just a little heavy.. and i was looking for something more light... Especially the tragedy part. I wish the author could have taken a different route on that but then again, it could and can happen.

I liked all the characters. Tuck was my favorite.

Paula Bothwell says

The Shy Girl and the Football Star (The Sunday Lunchers 1) - PG/PG13

Trigger: divorce, eating disorder

Violence: none

Language: fewer than 20

Sex: no sex, some kissing

I thought this was going to be a cute kid lit book, a la Janette Rallison. It started out that way until it took a couple of shocking turns. Pretty intense. Probably best for early high school, at the youngest.

tom says

A great book for all ages

I loved This book . I enjoyed all the characters and the plot. It brings out a real problem with the young ladies in school today . It shows that they should be embarrassed by their bodies or problems that they have. I would have my daughter read this book . Thank you for the great book can't wait to read the next

Mrs.ColinBridgerton says

The book was off to a slow start. The first part should be read as a prologue but it is longer than most prologues so it doesn't qualify as one. The book is definitely about Lacey and Tucker but it much deeper than that. In fact, the book is mostly about Lacey's relationship with herself. For a book that explores well hard to talk about topics like death of a young person and eating disorders, i felt like it could have expanded more on the process of recovery. Thats not to say, it wasn't handled well, because it was.

Something that irked me was the transitions in the beginning of the book. It seemed to jump from one place to the other in almost the same scene which was confusing initially. Finally, Lacey and Tucker consider each other best friends, but to be honest, I didn't see how. As Tucker himself says in a later part of the book, they barely interact with each other, let alone tell each other's secrets. It just didn't make sense to me. I wish there had been far more interactions between these two because Lacey was a great character but Tucker was freaking awesome and I didn't get to see enough of him.

Nonetheless, this was a quick read after the slow beginning and a story that most teens (or anyone who has been one) can relate. Well handled on difficult topics as well.

Alison Bunn says

This was an emotional-can't stop reading- "Just friends" teen romance novel. I read the whole book in one day. I love Tuck. I don't think I have ever read a teen male character that I love as much as I love Tuck. He has been Lacey's best friend since they were three. He has his flaws, like hiding their friendship when they were younger. But he doesn't want to do that anymore in high school.

Lacey has been living with her mom for the last 4 years and has come to live with her dad starting her freshman year of high school. Lacey has been bullied by her classmates since grade school over her weight. She tries to be strong going into high school but more bullies put her down. Its hard to read about how cruel kids can be to each other and the damaging effects it can have. As upsetting as it is to live through the bullying with Lacey, The relationship between her and Tuck is so emotional, the push and pull, the misunderstandings. Its the perfect wanting to be more than friends, but not knowing how to get there, teen romance. I highly recommend this book. It had ALL the feels.

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Secretly Adorkable Readers says

Lacey was sent off to live with her mother when her parents divorced a few years back. Now she is sent back home and living with her estranged dad and sister. Lacey is shy compared to her older sister Charity but that isn't the only difference. Things have changed back home and if it wasn't for Tuck, her old best friend, she wouldn't be able to survive.

This story will pull at your heart in different ways. It left a special place in my heart and I hope you will love it as much as I did.

Rebekah says

Surprisingly good

This book has a lot of drama, but I couldn't put it down. It felt so real life, and I loved the story of Tuck and Lacey. Note that this book deals with eating disorders which I didn't know going in. I found that the author handled this book very well!!

Content: Clean

Language: clean

Religious: No

Happy reading!!

??iM says

Ok but “shy girl” I never got that part” because she wasn’t shy tbh.

<https://ladiikeiii.wordpress.com/2018...>

•••••Spoilers will be in this review, but not too much. •••••

So, I am going to say this; I was planning to give this book a 3 star ?????? because Lacey was getting on my last nerve. But after a while, she wasn’t annoying, so I am going to give this book a 4 star ????????. I hated the fact that she kept putting girls on Tucker; when Tucker liked her and she was to blind to see it, even when she liked him herself, and put him on other girls that he didn’t want. Then she cries and whines about seeing him with Jamie or the girl Lauren .. like girl can you shut your face; it’s was your own fault. She got on my last nerve when she kept doing that. Not only that even when her friend Ash died she blamed herself when it wasn’t her fault. She didn’t know her friend had a heart condition. But what made it worse for Ash was what Charity did to her that is what pushed her to the end; like her sister, Amber stated “Ash didn’t want to die” I will agree. I think she was hurting and she wasn’t telling people the reason why she was hurt. She wasn’t eating after the incident happens with Lacey sister Charity. That was the saddest part of this book; I was even sad and teary-eyed while reading that storyline it was very sad. I didn’t even suspect that one of her friends was going to die. I was glad that Lacey finally spoke about the way she felt and embraced how she look and feel instead of continuing being sad and upset about how she looked even when she lost weight. She didn’t see in the beginning that Tucker didn’t care about how she looked. He was in love with her since he was **THREE**. Like she didn’t see anything his brother Jason and her weight blinded her. But in the end, they found each other and became one.

BTW: I also liked the fact that her sister Charity apologized and asked for forgiveness in what she has done to both Ash and Lacey, and she changed from who she was in high school.

P.S.

I hope that the author made or will make a story about Audrey because I want to know her story. Why she is the way, she is.

Debra says

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This was a different type of story that I normally read. I mean teenage angst to romance. The story revolves around a girl who was not the cheerleader, but the 'ugly duckling'. She has a weight issue and was teased even by her own sister. She has a crush on the boy next door (Jay) for so long. But moved away after her parents divorce. Now she is back with the same issues. Her bff (Shauna) is still there for her. And the neighbor (Tuck) who has been there is on her side till his own life takes over. But when tragedy strikes who will be left standing. This is the first in several stories that revolve around high school sweethearts.

Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

A Bit of Heartbreak

This book will transport you right back to high school. All those feelings of uncertainty and low self esteem while comparing yourself to others were on full display. The mean girls, the parties. . . There was a lot of emotional content in this book. Hard issues that a lot of girls face. My heart broke for Lacey so many times. Her happy ending felt extra satisfying.

Teya Peck says

I almost stopped reading this story because I was anorexic in high school. It brought back memories. However, I gave it the benefit of a doubt that it would end up being well written and a good story. I am so thankful I stuck it out. It was almost my high school life in a book. I am curious about the others now.
