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Are you IN or are you OUT? Find out in the launch of this exciting new YA series that explores the drama of high school friendship -- the ups & downs, the scandals & secrets, the romance & rivalries.

Bubbly Marnie and shy Nola are best friends forever...but everything changes when ninth grade starts. Marnie has set her sights on the IN crowd, led by beautiful hipster-girl Lizette, and she also falls hard for charismatic hottie Dane. Nola wants her friendship with Marnie to remain as it was, and, despite her crush on a geeky-cute boy, isn't ready to date yet. Marnie doesn't get why Nola seems content to remain OUT. Nola doesn't get why Marnie is so desperate to get IN. Before long, their friendship is over, and all-out war has been declared! Are you prepared to pick a side?

In or Out Details

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Sylvie says

I picked up this book a few years ago, but I couldn't get into it. I'm glad I gave it another try because this time I was hooked. Funny, not totally predictable, and just the right amount of angsty teen drama. Though the whole popularity thing is ridiculous, Nola and Marnie's different points of view are well-explored, and I found myself understanding where they were coming from.

The book ends on a sudden and unfinished note, however. I suggest having the sequel on hand if you're one of those people who are like "What?! No. It can't end this way. I NEED TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS!" at the end of an intense TV show episode or something.

Oh, and I'm Team Nola all the way. ;)

Melissa P says

I thought that it was a good book and that the kind of stuff that happened in it was very believable and could happen in real life. It teaches you that cliques shouldn't ruin your friendships. It is about a girl named Marnie and her friend Nola. Marnie wants to be popular in high school and Nola doesn't really care. Marnie becomes friends with the most popular girl in school. This girl just happens to hate Nola. Marnie starts to ditch Nola and their friendship fades farther and farther apart. Finally they no longer are friends.

Bernadette McHugh says

My friend Claudia wrote this book! Everyone should read it! (including me)

Hua says

I really liked the title of this book. Things started getting more interesting as I read on. This book is about Bubbly Marnie and shy Nola. Marnie gets involved with other people when they get to 9th grade. However Nola got left out. Nola still wants their friendship to remain and she also has a crush on a cute guy. These two friends cannot get over each other. And they had big fights. I would recommend this book to teenagers because many of us can relate to both of the main characters. Many of us are doing what they are doing. By reading this book makes me feel funny because it sounds like I'm reading something that I had done and it was kind of dumb. I recommend this book to one of my friends and she liked it. I believe any teenagers would like it too.

Sarah says

In or Out is a book about two friends who go from a friendship where they are like sisters to one that ceases to exist. It shows that sometimes friendships seem like they can last forever, but then they can end as fast as they started. The character of Nola is heartbroken when her friend leaves her for the popular group in high school. I felt a connection to her character because I could sympathize with how alone she felt. A real and captivating book.

Shannon Bortz says

I read the book In or Out by Claudia Gabel. Its a realistic fiction book. I think this book compares a lot to the regular high school, it's pretty simular, the characters are a lot like the people I go to school with. There are always the popular people and than the unpopular. But I think it's all about how you carry yourself and present yourself to people.

I think the characters in this book are three demensional they are very real and like actual people. I think that the author gives a lot of descriptive meaning to them. I think that the three-demensional characters are very realistic and that they are a lot like actual people in my high school. The charator Marnie deffiantly changes from being nice, sweet and charming. To a popular mean person who thinks she can always get her way. That's the biggest change in a character, but Nola does change in a good way from being scared all the time to having some confidence in herself.

The authors attitude toward the charactors is complicating. She changes them so much and tries to make them have more confidence in eachother. She tries to make them as relatable to it's audience as possible. I really related to this book a lot.

Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Randstostipher "tallnlankyrn" Nguyen for TeensReadToo.com

The crucial part of high school, or of any social scene, is to fit in, to be noticed... in a good way. To not be the one that gets picked on but more like the one who everyone wants to be around. For best friends Nola and Marnie, their first day in high school as freshmen will ultimately result in whether they make it into the right crowd. But no worries, since they both promised each other that whoever gets in first will make sure the other does, too.

Unfortunately, there's only room for one of them.

Nola is the quiet one who definitely values her best friend status with Marnie and likes everything the way it is. Who needs change? Getting into the right crowd just doesn't matter, as long as she has her best friend right by her side. Being the klutz that she is, a little incident on the first day of school could make her so OUT.

Marnie, the outgoing one, has to live up to her older sister, Erin's, standards. Just saying her sister's name can easily get her noticed. But does she really want to just be known as Erin's little sister? Sure, if it can get her into the IN crowd.

Two friends, who thought they had each others' backs, will have their friendship tested, since high school can totally do that. Promises will be broken, friendships will be made, and, of course, teenage boys will make it

all the more interesting.

The IN OR OUT series is the next guilty pleasure. Full of so much competition and a whole lot more drama, Claudia Gabel makes sure that we all know how dangerously scary high school can be. Nola is the one everyone will root for while Marnie is the one every girl wants to be. A quick and easy read that fans of THE CLIQUE series and MEAN GIRLS will definitely want to read.

Emma Hanan says

I loved this book! This book was kind of a drama, and it taught me a lot. I really liked the part when she met someone who liked Nola for who she was, and didn't care how she looked. Lizette was so mean to Nola just so she wouldn't come into the group with Marnie, since they were best friends. In the end, I would definitely recommend this book!

Laina says

This book was all about two best friends, Marnie and Nola going into their first year of high school. Marnie is immediately sucked into the clutches of the popular Lizette Levin who happens to have a distaste for Nola and has her eyes on the cutie, Dane. Nola on the other hand befriends Matt Heatherly who's marked as an outcast along with his other two friends. With the question of popularity or unpopularity, and Marnie and Nola's friendship hanging by threads, how will the girls get through their first year of high school? They won't, especially not when Marnie keeps ditching Nola! I liked this very much, it was all about the usual high school ups and downs and how best friends cope when in fights. The first in the In or Out series, this book was amazing and I am so happy my sister recommended it to me.

Allison says

This book is mainly talking about the relationship between two best friends, bubbly Marnie and shy Nola. But things are getting worse, and things change after ninth grade starts. Marnie, who sets her sights on the IN crowd, is leading by a beautiful hipster girl, Lizette. And Nola, who remains OUT, wants her friendship with Marnie to remain as it was, despite her crush on a cute boy. These two best friends can not understand, and get over each other, which lead to a declared fight between them.

(To find out more about this book, I recommend you to read it.)

I guess this is a good book for teenagers, because we are able to connect to the protagonists, while we can also learn from them through their experiences - which is to cherish friendships.

Tan B says

Originally reviewed - 5/19/08

I started reading this book out of curiosities-- I mean the plot was obvious; two girls who were bffs since kindergarten enter high school and find that they want different things. Marnie: to be as popular as her older sister was and Nola...Nola just wants to survive. You're probably asking; "Then why read this series if it's so predictable?". Well, I guess I kind of see where Claudia Gabel is going with this series and I guess that-- even though the plot was--is predictable, I wanted to see what she'd do to make it different. I don't think she did much to separate her story from others but she did make Nola stronger than we'd expect. I'm not blown away by this series but like I said before it's a bit interesting. If you're interested, check out the series. I for one will be doing so from time to time.

Is says

Reading for the third time. Though, now as a legal adult.

Mean Girls meet your book form

Alright, not entirely Mean Girls. Think of it as *some* mean girls being mean...okay, that didn't make sense.

In

The true meaning of the word BFF
People who take you under your wing
when you have no one to sit at lunch with
Forgetting the so call friend and getting
real friends

or

Out

Girls who sell you out for popularity
People who cry and moan at someone stepping on your toe
so far as to saying you it could have been amputated
Forgetting your childhood friend for
mean friends and a cute face

Back in high school, Freshman year, to be exact, this was my 'it' book. Not in the way that Harry Potter was but in the, "How cool is this little book? Totally entertaining!" The irony of my reading this book was that the exact situation happened to me in the following of the reading. Back then and still to this day, if not more now, I got so pissed at Nola. Through experiences I've learned that one must let go of things and people. Marnie disposed of Nola's friendship for popularity, and although that wasn't what happened to me or what might have happened to others it relates in some semblance. Popularity has never existed in my school years, not in the 'social pyramid' ways that books and movies portray, but in the way that some party hard and others do other ways of fun, like

say, discussing the new releases at B&N. I don't know about you, but the latter sounds fun. Anyway, what I'm trying to say is that friends do come and go. And, there are some blessed people who are just mystical soul sisters (I really do have a mystical soul sister. She happens to be awesome.) and perhaps that girl who you call your 'bff' right now, will just inexplicably declare facebook war on your wall, but hey does things happen. You'll find someone better. There is after all plenty of dolphins in the aquarium...I don't know.

Alexa says

(Review originally posted on Alexa Loves Books)

The book was well-written, all the facts and plotlines laid out so that the reader would not have a difficult time following the story. That having been said, I guess the story overall just didn't appeal to me in particular.

I like the character of Nola; she reminds me of myself when I was younger in a lot of ways and I could relate to her struggle watching her best friend change and become a completely different person. I also liked reading about her budding friendship/relationship with Matt.

Though I could kind of understand where she was coming from, I didn't like Marnie. I guess it's a personal thing because I would never do that to my best friends. Friendship is sacred to me, so yeah, watching her basically shove Nola aside for Lizette and company just annoyed me to no end.

The book was a quick, easy read, but I would recommend it for younger, middle grade readers.

Anna says

Don't judge a book by its cover (which is what I totally did before I actually read it).

What I loved about this book is that the main focus is on the girls' friendship. I think that subject is rarely given the full attention it deserves. Marnie and Nola are well-developed characters and it isn't clear cut who the reader should be rooting for since they're both protagonists. For example, Marnie can be selfish, but isn't Nola selfish too, in a different way? Glad to see the author didn't go with the common nice girl vs. mean girl story.

It's a cliffhanger so have the second book ready.

Zainab says

In or Out:)

I really, really loved this book, and I Loved it so much I got done with this book in about 5 days. I would definitely give this book 5 out of 5 stars! And this time I will tell you step by step why this book deserves 5 perfect stars.

Star 1-because I love how this young adult book, is beyond descriptive, I literally paints the perfect picture in your head. like your watching a movie. And very good descriptive words as well.

Star 2- I love the characters cladia Gabel made up, there a perfect match for any other teenage girl. And How they think about them selves and when they like doing something, or not their moods, what they like and, their typical style.

Star 3- I love how In this book, It basically talks about the life of two BEST FRIENDS! Who ironically are completely different,in many ways, Marnie, Pretty, Active, And wants to fit in with the popular kids at school. And Nola, Smart, Quite, shy, and hates talking in crowds, and is much of a keeps things to her self type a person.

Star 4- I have to say this book is not boring at any point, it keeps you flipping the page. Every point and chapter, will fill you in with a lot of interesting and funny points that take place in this story!

Finally star 5- I just LOVE LOVE LOVE LOVE, LOVED this book, i think this book is good for any body espically girls! If you like A little comedy about friendship, some romance and a few misfits with life, and just about fitting in with people around you. And if this book review seems interesting enough, I's love for people to read this book.

alrighty, hope you guys liked my review:)
