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Elizabeth's favorite author is coming to Sweet Valley Elementary School, and the twins each come up with a welcome gift. Illustrated.

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From Reader Review Jessica's Big Mistake for online ebook

Tara Calaby says

Mrs. Becker's second grade class at Sweet Valley Elementary School is super excited, because a famous author is going to visit their class. Elizabeth is especially looking forward to it, because Angela Daley is her favourite author. Mrs. Becker tells the kids that one of them will be chosen for the special (i.e. dubious) honour of helping Daley sign books. The lucky winner will be the person who does the most special thing to welcome the author to their class.

The kids all want to be chosen, so they think of the best things to do to impress Mrs. Becker. Jessica and Caroline compete to be the most helpful student during class, and Lila boasts about her wealthy father's connections to everyone famous in Hollywood. (Apparently all authors are extremely rich and famous and wear diamonds while riding around in limousines. This small-time author would beg to differ!)

(view spoiler)

I enjoyed Jessica's mental gymnastics in this one. They made her seem more like the older Jess than she has up to now in Sweet Valley Kids. On the whole, the story struggles a little to keep up momentum, with the discussions between the kids about what they intend to do for Angela Daley feeling a bit like they were inserted to make up the standard 72 or 73 pages.

(More analysis over at Sweet Valley Spy.)

Robyn says

I liked it when they met their favorite author & wrote short stories. I felt more like I related to Elizabeth in this one.

Sheila Read says

I remember the cover just not the story.

Samantha says

I don't think I've ever read a book that covers plagiarism...definitely not a book aimed at 7+ year olds! But it's done wonderfully...I wish I had read it before copying Danielle M's homework in year 7 and landing myself a week of detention!

Shannon says

"Shannon 11-7-90"

Maryam says

Rating these books on goodreads is such a wonderful stroll down memory lane! I remember reading these books as a kid, and the Wakefield twins were such an important part of my life, haha.

Sanchi says

its so funny i read this book 23 years ago it was great

Christy says

This was yet another book about Jessica being bad. I'm wondering when she will act good and mean it. I wasn't shocked when she took Elizabeth's story and put her name on it. It seems that is what she does take what's not hers or do things she's not supposed to.

Their second grade class is getting visited by an author named Angela Daley. She's Elizabeth's favorite and she wants to do something special by giving her own story. She's not sure about it, but after working she comes up with one about Otters that are twins.

It is great except one thing Jessica took her first draft and turned it in to their teacher first. She didn't think Elizabeth wanted it since was in the trash. She should have asked instead of just taking it.

Jessica learns her mistake when Elizabeth tells her she turned in story too. Jessica goes and tries get back but their teacher catches her. She knew the truth by reading Elizabeth's story. Jessica doesn't want tell her twin, but on way to her seat paper falls. Elizabeth is hurt, but doesn't get much time to dwell on it then since Angela Daley is there now.

Elizabeth got picked to help with the book signing and the sisters made peace with each other. I gave it a four because the rest of the book was good. Jessica really needs to start acting better.
