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WARNING: Sexual references, occasional coarse language.

When sixteen year old Poppy Douglas writes a song about her ex-boyfriend Cam and ex-friend Nikki, she has no idea that her heartbreak is about to go global.

A local band picks up her song from Youtube and soon she's along for the ride with her own fanbase as they blow up on the local club scene and hit the international charts. Though it turns out leaving Cam behind isn't as easy as she had hoped.

Tangled in a web of unfinished homework, ill-considered sexting and a new lead-singer boyfriend, Poppy has a choice to make between the ex that inspired it all and the rock God whose poster lines the inside of half the lockers at school. But as she struggles to keep her emotional dirty laundry private, she learns that the truth can be hard to find when your life is in the headlines.

The Kiss Off Details

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Brandi says

The Kiss Off sounded like a cute book, so I picked it up and thankfully it was! Poppy is an angry, sarcastic, songwriting mash-up of teenage girl and drama. Boy was this book filled with drama. Poor Poppy has been wronged by her ex-boyfriend who cheated on her with her ex-friend/coworker. So, what does she do? Write an angry girl song about and put it on YouTube. An up and coming band recognizes it for the genius that it is and has a meteoric rise to fame due to said song. Poppy and the lead singer hit it off and a relationship ensues. The this is Poppy is only 16 years old and might not be ready to deal with not only a long distance relationship, but having a rock star for a boyfriend. To top it all off her ex-boyfriend is showing interest again their breakup might not have been what she thought.

I must admit I loved Poppy's boy drama, especially because it isn't mine. Both of the guys in her life have their good and bad qualities. Cam is the ex and throughout the story readers can see that he still feels something for Poppy, whether friendship or something more...you'll just have to read and see. Then there is Ty the super talented and sexy rock star who loved her song. He is nice and seems to sincerely like Poppy, but there is always the question of if he really likes her or just her song. Add to that the troubles that come with being a celebrity boyfriend on tour and Ty and Poppy are in for a bumpy ride.

There is a host of other characters, but my favorite by far was Poo Bum the dog! I loved his stinky doggy self and the comedic relief he added to the story. The only characters that I wasn't too impressed with were Mads and Vanya. Mads seemed to do a complete 180 and Vanya had all but disappeared by the end of the book. . Last and most pickiest was some of the phrases seemed a little off...almost British. Perhaps it was just me. I definitely can't wait until the sequel comes out. I give this book a 4 STAR rating!

L.j. Duett says

Score: Four Outta Five Stars.

The book cover is cute. Reminds me of books I use to read back in Jr. High. Again, it matches with the whole plot of the book and I like that there isn't one standard pretty model. Snaps go out to whoever did the cover.

Now as for the actual novel itself. It's again not my normal cup of tea. Neither, fantasy, paranormal, or dystopian, it's premise still caught my eye. What drew me into reading this book was the slight nostalgia I felt when reading the blurb. Like the cover, it reminded me of my Jr. High/ High School Days. So, I figured what the heck, let's give it a go! I'm pleased to say my green light didn't result in a crash and burn. The Kiss Off not only has a catchy title but also a darn good plot. It's story sucked me in from the get-go and I pretty much enjoyed the whole ride with only a few eyebrow raising issues.

So before I move on to those issues, here's what's good about The Kiss Off:

The Chrcaters....are real. I'm big about believable characters and well, Billington did good job with these. Her character's are not portrayed as perfect, they are far from it. They make major mistakes and only later do they learn from them. Such an occurrence is called growth.

As for the plot, it's believable. Billington does a upstanding job at building the whole insta fandom in this

book, making things snowball just as they would in real life. Her descriptions were simplistic but it set the right tone for the book, bettering the story pacing for me. What's more is though this book may seem like just a nice fluffy romance, I like the the author added a touch of seriousness in the growing climax of this book in the guise of sexting. (No Spoilers, sorry gonna have to read it to know what I'm talking about!)

So what did make my eyebrows take a trip into my hairline? At one point in the book, the pacing changed. It jumped forward, which usually isn't a problem with me except it wasn't a standard pacing from the start. Basically, it wasn't consistent with the book. I felt kinda like I was in a golf cart, riding happily along when suddenly the driver sped up and left me with a nasty case of whiplash. The pace change simply didn't suit the story's overall gait. Also, I felt annoyed with the MC towards 3/4 of the book. She kept bouncing between her dang ex and her dang new ex. I detest such circumstances. I wanted to reach into the book and wack some sense into the MC. The whole situation left me with a erriy Twilight vibe. You know the one were Bella couldn't let either Edward or Jacob go? Yeah, I wanted to punch Bella then too.

Overall, I really enjoyed The Kiss Off. The story was good, the plot tight, the writing style simplistic but perfect for the book's tone. Only the switch in pacing and the leaving men hanging part knocked down my score for this book. Eitherway, I still stand behind my comment that the author has some good writing skills under her belt. I'd say for those who enjoy this kinda genre, keep a close eye on Billington. I don't think you'll find anything but good novels from this author.

E-galley was provided by the author in return for a honest review. This review was part of the The Kiss Off Blog Tour hosted by Reading Away the Days!

For More Reviews,

Sam says

The Kiss Off is an entertaining book that will have readers laughing out loud! It's fun and told in a unique way. A short read that I would recommend to teenagers.

Poppy Douglas is a young girl with big dreams. Uploading videos of her own songs has never got her very far until she releases 'The Kiss Off'. Inspired by the breakup with her cheating boyfriend, the video has gathered a large crowd. And soon she's getting recognised everywhere. When she meets Ty, her world spirals out of control. The word 'privacy' does not exist any more. Can she handle all the pressure of being a rock star's girlfriend and lead a normal life?

I found *The Kiss Off* a very easy book to get into. I liked the characters, I thought the plot was interesting, but I would have liked to see more description. I didn't like the fact that the main characters weren't described. What does Poppy look like? What does Ty look like? It was very hard to picture the scenes in my head.

Poppy and Ty's relationship was, at first, a pleasure to read about. But then all the sexting, fame and cheating suspicions came and complicated it all. Their relationship was definitely not normal and I loved how they seemed to get through any obstacle put in their way.

If your looking for a short read with plenty of laugh-out-loud moments, then I would definitely recommend this to you. The book does lack description and character build-up but overall the book is very interesting.

NOTE: *The Kiss Off* deals with some situations that might make readers uncomfortable.

Abbie says

Yeah, I write poems about my exes. I wish I could get famous for that.

Katelyn (Tales of Books and Bands) says

The Kiss Off by Sarah Billington was such a fun book that could have quite possibly been the illegitimate love child of two books that I really enjoyed Awkward by Marni Bates and Casey Barnes Eponymous by E. A. Riggs. The reason I say that it reminds me of those two books because 1) Poppy's story is similar to the main character in Awkward. The world of YouTube and a little attention from a band send Poppy into the media frenzy much like what happened in Awkward and 2) She has the sass and love of music like the main character in Casey Barnes Eponymous! Even though there were similarities between The Kiss Off with Awkward & Casey Barnes Eponymous, Sarah Billington's book is certainly different and fun in all the right spots!

Our main character was a lot of fun to read about! Poppy has a lot of spunk and a huge love for music! She was confident, sassy, and let her songwriting show off her true, innermost feelings which I so appreciated. I loved that she was so close with her two best friends, Mads & Vanya. Their entire relationship seemed so real and all three characters had separate, quirky personalities that jumped right off the page! Poppy is dealing with all of the craziness that her song, The Kiss Off, brings on, and Vanya & Mads are there by her side giving her advice no matter how good or bad that advice may be. Some of this advice proves helpful and other times it just gets Poppy into a pickle...a really funny & hilarious pickle, but still a pickle. While Poppy and her friends seemed so much like real teens and their relationship was really solid, I still had a hard time really relating with the main character. I blame it on being an old soul. I loved all the crazy, wild, hilarious situations that Poppy found herself in, but I did not always agree with how she got there. This girly likes to make some pretty rash decisions without thinking of the consequences and that's just something that doesn't quite float my boat. I may not have connected with the main character as much as I generally like but I think it is still safe to say readers will get a kick out of Poppy's personality as well with the vibrant personalities of her two best friends!

There was a bit of a love triangle in this story! Poppy had quite the relationship with Cam. That was until he cheated and helped inspire the song that in turn helped make her uber famous. Poppy's song leads us to Ty, the lead singer of a very awesome, up & coming band, Academy Of Lies. Academy Of Lies' cover of Poppy's song is what thrusts them into instant stardom and in turn Poppy. At first I hated the heck out of Cam and liked Ty. Near the middle I sort of liked Cam and didn't like Ty. By the end of the book I liked them both and was thoroughly confused on where my feelings should be (in a good way). I liked that this love triangle wasn't very obvious. It really made me think about whom she would end up with and what led her to her decision. Despite his actions at the beginning of the book, Cam is really a great, caring guy. Even after Poppy outs him as a cheater to the entire world, he is still looking after her. And Ty was super goofy and sweet throughout the story. I liked that his personality really worked so well with Poppy's. And don't think I am being vague with who she ends up with on accident. You'll just have to read the book to find out!

For fans of books, music, and a good laugh I strongly suggest The Kiss Off by Sarah Billington. There may have been some small details that didn't sit well with me but overall this was still a really fun, enjoyable book and I cannot wait to see what kind of craziness ensues in the next book!

Tara says

You can read this and my other reviews at Pages & Prose

The Kiss Off was a quick, fun read and, while I had issues with some of the decisions the MC made, it had a good message.

I knew from the first sentence that this would be a quick read. The first chapter was a bit all over the place; the main character, Poppy, brought in a multitude of new characters within the first few pages. I had no idea who any of these people were and it took a bit to figure it out. [spoilers removed] Poppy was also a bit of an airhead with typical YA background parents, but I felt that she grew quite a bit in the story and learned a lesson. At first she annoyed me, but eventually, I kind of enjoyed her antics.

While parts of the writing were somewhat convoluted (see above paragraph), I think Ms. Billington has a flair for writing. She definitely had a tween/teens voice down pat. Good job!

There were many, many alcoholic and sexual references [spoilers removed] and I really found the lack of parental units/lack of discipline crazy. Maybe I'm behind the times?

Overall, I liked the book. I had issues with a few things, but it was as intended; a fun, fluffy read. I like the intended message and think the author did a great job writing a book that younger teens/tweens could relate to while giving them information on serious subjects. I applaud Ms. Billington for that.

Chicklitgirl says

Read the review and enter the GIVEAWAY on my blog!

<http://chick-lit-girl.blogspot.com/20...>

Rating: 3/5 stars

Romance Swoon Scale: 2.3/5 stars, Adorable, Sweet

Bonus Bits: LOLgasms, Smiling in anticipation, Rooting for heroine.

Warning?: Yes. Sexual References, occasional course language.

Action: Running from the paparazzi.

Genres: Young Adult, Contemporary, Romance

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Series: No.

The Kiss Off was a book that made me laugh, smile and cringe several times.

I loved its whole plot and concept of the story- and the how unpredictable it was!

The sort-of love triangle kept me guessing till the last freakin' page and the musical-teen-angst angle was refreshing and a lot of fun. Throw in all the lol bits, and I was sold.

Poppy Douglas, our protagonist for the day was a very relatable teenage girl who made mistakes like all teenagers do, and was a solid, believable character.

I also really liked Poppy's relationship with her best friends. They were there for her when they could be and Mads, specially, was so much fun! I loved her quirky outfits and just her general personality.

Ty was super duper adorable and so hot. Sigh.

The Kiss Off wasn't very fast paced because it was so detailed, all of Poppy's thoughts and actions explained, but the writing was clear and straightforward, which made The Kiss Off an easy read.

I loved the whole music scene, a look into the modern crazy celeb world and personally, Academy of Lies is such a cool name for a band. Official yet not official- (...if you know what I mean.)

There were so many creative funny bits and awkward teenager moments, and those were what really made The Kiss Off pop and pack a more fun punch.

The language wasn't very clean, but I liked that, since it made the whole thing more authentic and teenage-y because really, we all use bad words at one point or another in our vocabulary.

It also showed Poppy making some mistakes which probably all teenagers could learn from although- seriously, WHEN is sexting EVER a good idea?

The ending though I think, could have been done better, and I don't want to spoil it, it WAS a good ending but it felt a bit unfulfilling somehow. It had potential to be better.

And dude, the story started with Poppy's songs, and her songs were a big part of the book- so Ms Sarah Billington I WANTED TO READ THE LYRICS TO THEM! I mean you go on and on about the song but we only get snippets of the lyrics. I really wanted to know what everyone loved so much and you left it out. Just like that. And that sucked.

The cover also left me unimpressed. I mean, yeah okay, its related to the book, and it is a bit cute, but it could have been better. The freakin' FONT could have been way better! It doesn't look very professional and in my opinion screams self published- and a lot of people are wary about sp books not being very good.

BUT aside from all that I really liked The Kiss Off.

I love books that can make me laugh and smile and feel for the protagon.

Books with protags who don't have dysfunctional families, have good bffs, and books with proper heroines who write kick ass songs and then get famous for them rock. And I specially love books with sweet romances.

So yes, The Kiss Off was a pretty good book, well worth the time and you should def give it a go.

xx

Chicklitgirl

Stacia (the 2010 club) says

Another lazy weekend review. I'm glad Tara decided to convince me to keep going on the book because my first impression turned out to be wrong. At first, I thought *The Kiss Off* read like a tween book with some naughty words added in for giggles. It caught me by surprise when the story took a turn into more serious subject matter.

I've said it before but I'll say it again here : I could never date a celebrity and still manage to keep my sanity intact. It's no surprise that Poppy had to overcome several speedbumps (everything from paparazzi stalking to an embarrassing sexting incident) before she figured out whether or not to give her relationship with a budding rock star a chance.

This was a cute and short little read. I did feel like the story was a bit frantic and all over the place for the first 20% of the book but after the pacing stabilized, I started to enjoy myself.

It's hard to place this book into an age range. I read quite a bit of YA, so I'm not sure why this one felt so young to me, when this is definitely not a middle grade book. Between the sexting incident, the swearing, the drinking, etc., the content leans heavily toward older YA. For whatever reason, the tone/voice of the characters read as younger than their ages. Maybe I'm so desensitized now with YA characters who sound like adults and this book is "technically" more realistic for how teens generally interact, but the vibe read younger than what I'd normally prefer. Then again, I can respect that I am not the intended age range of readers for this book.

I'd recommend *The Kiss Off* mainly for younger teens *or* older teens and adults who don't mind reading fun/fluffy love stories with a little bit of back and forth drama.

Emma says

well.... hmm. revenge, guys, and cheating. and music and angry youtube videos that top the charts. all mixed in with some vulgar language and dirty scenes. so. not the best choice of reading material.

Donna {Book Passion for Life} says

4.5 stars!

Well, that was one hell of a surprising read! I have to be honest, I kind of judged *The Kiss Off* before I started reading it. Not a lot of my reading buddies on Goodreads have read this book so I wasn't really expecting much from it – but boy was I wrong, because *The Kiss Off* was one kick ass read!

Poppy Douglas is a teenage girl on a war path since her boyfriend; Cam, cheated on her with one of her so-called best friend; Nikki. So to get revenge, Poppy writes a song and posts it on YouTube for the whole world to see. However, Poppy is more than shocked when her song becomes one of the most popular watched videos on YouTube and soon, a local band wanted to pick up her song. This is where she meets Ty, the lead singer of the band and it's pretty clear he's interested in Poppy. While Poppy is welcomed into Ty's world, she can't help think about Cam, especially when he starts showing interest in her again. Can Poppy survive being so popular? And most importantly how does she choose between Cam and Ty?

I still can't believe how much this book surprised me! I've been on a real contemporary kick lately and this really hit all the spots. The storyline was just so much fun – even the opening chapter was fun and I loved it!

The main character Poppy is fantastic, she's very bubbly, funny and very talented. I loved the whole singer/song writer and YouTube business and it really added to her awesome personality. She's has a lot of balls to do the things she does – not many people would do it but Poppy does and she doesn't do it by half's. The secondary characters were fantastic too, especially Ty. I even liked Cam as he's supposed to be the bad guy. I didn't really care for Nikki – too much drama for my liking and all the other boys like Dev were a great addition too.

Overall, *The Kiss Off* is a fun, feisty and flirty read and this is YA contemporary romance at its best! I'd highly recommend you read this book because it's not one to miss out on and I cannot wait to read the sequel

when it's released.

A big thank you Megan at Reading Away the Days & Sarah Billington for giving me the opportunity to review this book.

Nina says

Poppy thinks her world is coming to an end when her boyfriend cheats on her with one of her close friends. In a moment of heartache and drunkenness, she decided to get her revenge. The result? She writes a song about their breakup called the Kiss off, and posts herself singing it on Youtube.

The response? An overwhelming mass of hits on youtube and a local band - The Academy Lies - wanting to perform it. It doesn't hurt that their sexy lead singer, Ty, is interested in Poppy. Poppy suddenly goes from just a girl with a broken heart to a girl who, not only is dating the lead singer of one of the hottest new bands on the radio but also a songwriter with a smash hit. She becomes an overnight sensation.

Add to the mix a picture of her topless is leaked online, her love life is in tatters - with the indication her new boyfriend is a cheat and her ex boyfriend wanting her back, and suddenly Poppy feels like everything is spinning out of control and she doesn't know who or what to believe anymore.

A wonderfully well written book by Sarah Billington - a Melbourne Indie Author and editor. The characters come alive and the story sucks you in so deeply that you are hoping that Poppy and Ty can make it through the throes of success and find true love with each other.

I can't wait to see what Sarah Billington does next.

Literary Chanteuse says

I've just read a story about an older woman falling in love with a hometown boy turned rock star to this young adult teen doing the same. I didn't even plan it! In any case I must say my advice is same. Girl go for the rock star! This is a really fun read. It brought me right back to high school. I liked the heroine here because she comes off as just your average teen girl. Not trying to be anything else than who she is and discovering how not your average teen drama can reek havoc on her life. Some great moments and creative events that will have you singing.

Marisa says

This book had a TON of promise. I started reading and enjoyed the writing within the first paragraph. I like characters who sound authentic, and Poppy certainly "sounded" like a teenager.

I even enjoyed the plot. Who doesn't remember their first heartbreak? Especially when that heartbreak comes at the expense of a life long friendship (Cam and Poppy were great friends to begin with).

Then, a quarter of the way in, the book jumped the shark. It wasn't one specific moment, but a whole lot of moments and suddenly, I didn't love the book so much.

I think one of the things that made me lose interest was(view spoiler)

I'm actually really sad this book didn't live up to my expectations.

YA Reads Book Reviews says

Originally posted on www.yareads.com, reviewed by Nichole.

The Kiss Off was surprisingly adorable. I was really nervous when I read the synopsis. I thought that the whole song/band/contemporary feel to the book would give it too much of a cheese factor. I have to say, though, I was pleasantly surprised. It was really cute! There were moments that the book did have a cheese factor, but I feel that contemporary fans are really going to love this one!

What really stands out to me is that The Kiss Off made me laugh out loud and giggle like a little kid. Hell, I think I even snorted once. It was flipping funny! I don't usually have those kinds of emotions when reading books, so it was awesome! And that lasted throughout the whole book. I was constantly laughing. Sarah Billington definitely knows how to create an entertaining read.

My major complaint with The Kiss Off is that it's a little bit too dramatic for my personal taste. I found myself getting tired with all the relationship drama and who was dating who and who was on the outs and fighting and breaking up. That drama lasts throughout the whole book, which is something that I didn't really care for. BUT....the synopsis can pretty much tell you that it's a drama filled teen contemporary novel. So, I knew what I was getting myself into ahead of time. I'm not the biggest contemporary fan...so that stuff doesn't always appeal to me. However, I think that contemporary lovers are going to go crazy over the drama! And, if I'm being honest, it was kind of interesting drama. I mean...it wasn't really realistic...but it was kinda cool reading about this song writer/youtube pop star who was dating a real pop star. I mean...it was really interesting.

As far as the characters go, I did really love Poppy. I thought she was hilarious. I also really liked Poppy's friends. There were some characters in the book that made me wonder why they even existed. Not everyone in the book was a hit for me. But I think that those characters are each going to be loved in their own way. Personally, I wasn't too hooked on either of the love interests. I thought that they were both jackasses...but I think that was intentional. And let's be honest....every teenage boy is a jackass at some point in time. (Sorry, guys!)

Overall, I really liked The Kiss Off. I thought that it was a super cute read that younger readers and contemporary lovers are going to enjoy! I have to say that I'm shocked that this one is an Indie book. I've never been able to say that before....but I'm not quite sure why this one hasn't been published. It was really cute!

Nicole says

I was completely blown away by how much I loved this book. If you follow my blog at all, you know that I don't read a lot of contemporary. It's not that I don't like it, it's just that I'm a writer of paranormal, and hence I love reading paranormal. But this book was just amazing. I literally read it in one day, and while it's not that long of a book, I just couldn't stop reading. Ms. Billington, you successfully made me laugh out loud and even cry. Twice.

I think what really grabbed me with this book is that we've all imagined at some point being the girlfriend of a rock god. But it'd be even cooler if your song about a sucky ex-boyfriend was what made the band into a world-wide phenomenon. And there's so much more! I loved that Poppy herself was an artist. She wasn't just riding on the coat tails of her famous maybe love interest, but she actually wrote the song that they rocked-up (yes, that is a word...). I used to play an instrument and I even tried learning the guitar because I thought it would be awesome to be in a rock band. Let's just say the case is quite dusty now and I'm a better singer anyways. But I really loved the perspective of this normal girl who becomes the center of attention for the entire country from her own song. And that includes her budding relationship with before-mentioned rock god, Tyler.

I loved the romance in this one. That is one of the best things about contemporaries; it's almost always about the romance. It's so weird because I once had a boyfriend in my freshman year of high school who was named Cameron. I won't get into the details but what happened in this book between Poppy and Cam kind of reminded me of that. The fact that he was named Cam helped too. But I have never dated anyone name Tyler so luckily that slate was clean. Tyler is definitely one of my favorite YA boys after reading this one. He's sweet and charming and humble, but just like all people that end up being in the spotlight, his acts in public get seriously twisted by the media. I don't why, but their relationship kind of reminded me of that scene in Ocean's 11 where Clooney asks, "Does he make you laugh?" and Roberts says, "He doesn't make me cry." And, oh, was I crying. And laughing. And sobbing. And laughing again. This book is a total emotional roller coaster, but it's worth the tears and fruitless gasps for air.

I think my only issue was that her friends kind of fell flat. I realize that Poppy was grounded. A lot. But I wish they had been more present. Otherwise, this was a very worthwhile read. You can never be sure when you get books like these that are published by Indie publishers and that are only available in ebooks. But if you're looking for the next YA Indie contemporary to read, this is it. Or just next YA contemporary in general! I honestly cannot wait for the next one. I didn't even know there was going to be a sequel!
