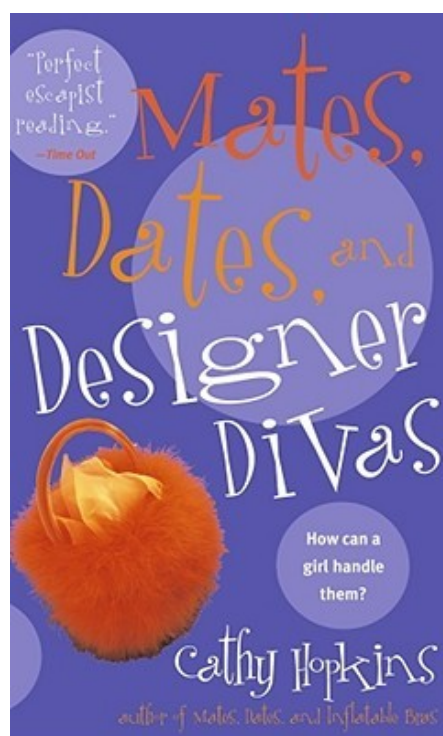




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Trust me to go and fall for someone who lives on the other side of the planet.

Nesta has met the perfect boy: good-looking, fun, sweet. But there are problems, too. Simon's from a rich, upper-class background—with a lifestyle to match—and it's difficult for Nesta to keep up. And then there's Simon's friend Cressida. What can Nesta do to compete with the ultimate Designer Diva?

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Jelena Antic says

Prevazila ovakve knjige, ali morala sam da procitam nastavak. Simpa je bas. Opis gde Nesta ulazi u sobu svojih drugarica na kolenima i prica da nije vredna klanjajuci se, urnebesna.

Feytje says

This book shows a very different world then the previous books in a very good and funny way!

Lauren Zell-Huxley says

I really enjoyed these books when I was younger. I've definitely matured, and not sure I'd enjoy them too much now. But great for younger readers, say about 11-14? Silly and fun but you get to love the main characters

Irene Liang says

The main character of this book is Nesta, different from Mates, Dates,#2. She falls in love with a good-looking boy Simon who is rich and the background is better than Nesta's. His friend Cressida doesn't like Nesta and always says something bad to her. At the end they break up and Cressida isn't Simon's friend anymore.

The book is interesting and I enjoy reading it.

Jennifer says

This was definitely my favourite so far. I loved the different themes explored in this book, and how Nesta grew as character. I will definitely read this one again. I can't wait to continue with the series.

Jennie says

Mates, Dates, and Designer Divas is Nesta's book. She falls in deep smit with Simon, who is definitely upper crust. Nesta's used to being the "rich" one amongst her set, but Simon's world is one of riding and designer duds. Mainly, his sister's friend is a straight up racist bee-otch and Nesta's having a major crisis of self-esteem. And Izzie's singing with Ben's band, which is pretty neat-o. Nesta also gets wasted, which is funny. But this is where the first "translation" issues really become apparent. As you are probably aware, in England, a public school is what Americans would refer to as a private school. In dealing with Richie Rich

and his gang, Nesta says she also goes to a public school because, as she later tells the girls, the public is allowed at their school. HA HA HA HA. At least, I think that's what she said, because they translated the public school to a private school to make sense to American audiences, making the next few lines of the book make absolutely NO sense.

Chelsea C says

Mates, Dates, and Designer Divas "you Know what I really admire about you? Your amazing attitude. You Don't let anything faze you. It's the kind of attitude we're always being encouraged to have at School. You're one of life's winners. other people give up before they've even begun but not you. you go for it."

Another Mates and Dates book, this time we got to learn more about the Fashionista of the Group Nesta. Nesta is experiencing some "In-built Free-floating Depression" as she likes to call it as she learns the fine fashion of balancing the art of being broke, dating boys, dealing with emotions and trying to maintain relationships with her mates Izzie and Lucy.

Nesta also has to deal with Racism but I like how the Mates Dates took the approach. It's very subtle in the way that the plot addressess it however it's probably quite outdated in terms of plot approach when you take into account the Youth of today and how topics like Race is currently being addressed in today's Young Adult fiction.

Again I quite like the mates and dates series by Cathy HopkinsCathy Hopkins. They are quick reads with each novel focusing on some really good insight into the struggles of being a teen. If you really think about what you are reading the books can help you figure out who you are too. However they keep it light and keep it fun and if you can get past the British Slang which may even be outdated in regards to the British Youth of today, they really are a fab read.

Anjola Thomas says

I really liked this book. This is by far one of my most favorite book series i started to read. One message of the book that stuck out to me, is when one of the main characters named Nesta decided to act like she was rich or had "style" to impress her soon to be boyfriend. He then found out and told her he liked her the way she was, rich or comfortable. The characters are around my age and they live in North London. I like how the book takes place in North London because sometimes you can imagine yourself reading the words with a British accent. i mistakenly read this book out of order of the series but i took my time to understand it and this book is great. I would definitely recommend this book to teenage girls out there because the way the author uses the drama of everyday in the teen life, Hopkins still makes the book fun and that is why i loved reading Mates, Dates, and Designer Divas.

Felicia says

Collective Review

I first read a couple of these books in 2006. I had a long bus trip and grabbed a couple of the series from a local bookstore. I had no idea they were part of a huge series. Over the years I had forgotten the names of the

books but every now and then would try to find them. I finally found them this year from a Goodreads list. Yay!

I really enjoyed this series. I think the main reason is because the books were released in 2001 and the girls are 14. I was 13 in 2001 so can connect with a lot of the pop culture aspects mentioned throughout the series. Even though the series is based in England I still feel a sense of nostalgia while reading it.

I really love the girls and their friendship. I never had a close knit group of friends like this when I was younger so I liked reading about it. They are a bit too boy crazy for my liking but I really did love this series.

Katie and Kirsten says

This is a really good book for girls ages 11-16. If you like girl drama/gossip you will love this book.

Amanda Yeargin says

I read Mates, Dates, and Designer Divas as an IR book. This was about how Nesta was trying to keep up with a boy who she liked but couldn't keep up with his life. She met him on the train when it was jammed, packed and wound up falling on his lap. Basically he was rich to her. At the same time she kept getting bullied by Cressida. That fact is can Nesta catch up with him.

One connection i have is an text-to-movie. Once i saw in a movie that Mary in Another Cinderella Story said she was falling for a guy who she wasnt meant for sort of like Nesta. She didnt seem she thought she was right for him niether Mary. So they connect.

I rate this book *****stars. I rated it 5 stars because the moments where Cressida said stuff the plot escalated to something even more interesting. Like when she said things like simon just wanted to show her off things got interesting. I coulsnt put the book down. So as always i recomment this book to someone who likes this series.

Melissa **Just Really Loves Musicals says**

This book was so much fun to reread, and I flew through it in only an hour or two. Nesta is such a funny character, and the friendship between the girls is what makes this series so great. When I was about 13, this was my favourite ever book series. Now, 7 years on, i still enjoy it. It's just a great story for girls of all ages.

Tracy Smyth says

Oh teenage girls. Sometimes you just need a light book - nothing to serious unless you are a teenage girl- then everything is serious

Amanda Yeargin says

I read this book as an IR book. This book was another sequel to Mates Dates series. Again its about their life style and how they make it through living like princesses. Not really princesses but acting like one. They go through the book dealing with boys, their friendship and of course living like a princess.

I can relate to this book by a text-to-self connection. I can connect this to myself because when i was little i wanted to be a princess. I loved all the Disney characters and pretended to act like one sometimes. But they were older and it wasnt exactly like princesses.

I gave this book *****stars. I give this book 5 stars because i like this series. I love how it relates to real life. And how it relates to a real teenagers life. How it goes through boys, friendship etc. I recommend this book to someone who likes this series and real life.

Patricia says

Nesta meets a boy named Simon. He is from a completely different world. Simon comes from a rich family. He has an easy life, he could spend money whenever he wants and doesn't have to worry about it. Nesta is the total opposite. So she does whatever she can to keep up with him. There was an external conflict between Lucy and Izzie with Nesta. The main characters are Nesta, Lucy, and Izzie. The setting is in London.

Text to Self. In this book Nesta changed herself to impress the guy she really liked. She did almost anything to "fit in" with him and his friends. I could connect to this because I changed just so I could keep a guy I really liked interested in me.

I gave this book 4 stars because this book is a resonable fairy tale ending type of book. It isn't incredibly fairy tale, but it ends happy in a different, more real-world type of way.
