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Faking It Details

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From Reader Review Faking It for online ebook

Kristin (KC) - Traveling Sister says

3 Stars...An endearing read!

This was a very sweet and entertaining story. While I didn't enjoy it quite as much as the first installment, *Losing It*, I did appreciate that it was a unique read and that it was able to separate itself entirely from its predecessor.

Faking It candidly follows the perpetual good-boy **Cade**, who is miserably fighting off his residual feelings for Bliss (heroine from *Losing It*.) The author does a fantastic job exemplifying the heartache of unrequited love. But, luckily for Cade, his heartache is short lived as the quirky and uniquely gorgeous Mackenzie Miller, aka 'Max', stumbles into his life.

Max Miller—musician and raging bitch. I'm sorry for slapping you.

Max is a tough, rocker girl with one arresting weakness: the inability to stand up to her controlling and judgmental parents. When she spots Cade at a local coffee shop she immediately knows HE is the perfection of which her parents would approve. Max hatches a plan to appease her parents by introducing Cade as her boyfriend...and so a 'fake' relationship ensues.

My name is Cade Winston—MFA student, volunteer, mom-hugger, and your boyfriend for the next twenty-four hours. It's nice to meet you.

What I love most about this author is her ability to make the reader laugh; her random one-liners are hilarious and she truly excels at creating entertaining internal dialogue. This book did start off with all those qualities I adore, but sort of lost its comedic mojo as the story progressed. I understand that the plot became progressively more serious, but I found myself missing the sassiness of the storytelling.

That said, this book was still a fun read for me and I enjoyed how it all unfolded. The alternating perspectives were executed perfectly and offered amazing insight to both characters. I enjoyed the slow progression of the fake-turned-real relationship between Max and Cade, and their connection sweetly sizzled. Cade was an incredibly swoon-worthy hero and proved that good guys don't *always* finish last. I loved how he challenged Max to become comfortable in her own skin—something many of us have struggled with at certain points in our lives. All-in-all, a very fun and sexy story of a 'golden boy' and an 'angry girl'!

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Book Stats:

- ? Genre/Category:** Romance/NA
- ? Steam Caliber:** Moderate
- ? Romance:** Fake-to-real relationship
- ? Characters:** Sweet and charming hero. Tough-girl heroine.
- ? Plot:** A humorous love story focused on being true to and accepting oneself.
- ? Writing:** Entertaining and engaging.
- ? POV:** 1st Person: Alternating Dual Perspectives
- ? Cliffhanger:** None

Jessy MelodyofBooks says

Mit Faking it habe ich den zweiten Band dieser Trilogie gelesen. Zwischen den beiden Bänden ist für mich eine lange Zeit von bald drei Jahren vergangen, weshalb ich mich nicht mehr in allen Details an die Ereignisse von Chade in Band 1 erinnern konnte.

Aber erst einmal etwas zum Inhalt (Achtung, könnte auf Band 1 spoilern!!)

Chade befindet sich an einem Punkt in seinem Leben, wo alles den Bach runter zu gehen scheint. Während eines Treffens mit seiner besten Freundin und viel wichtiger, seinem Schwarm, muss er bemerken, dass seine Liebe für Bliss keinen Zukunft hat.

Als seine Welt zusammenbrechen droht lernt er durch einige Umstände Max kennen. Sie ist wild, speziell und heiß - und absolut nicht der Typ Frau, der auf Chade steht. Doch wie es der Zufall so will kommen die beiden sich näher, doch diese Nähe ist mit einigen Hindernissen gespickt, denen sie augenscheinlich nicht gewachsen sind.

Ich bin gut wieder in die Geschichte gekommen und finde, dass Cora Carmack einen sehr leichten und angenehmen Schreibstil hat, durch den man nur so fliegt.

Die Sprache und Wortwahl ist einfach gehalten. Auch die Umschreibungen sind eher minimalistisch. Sowohl Chade, als auch Max habe ich als zwei sehr interessante Charaktere empfunden, die großes Potenzial aufweisen. Dieses wurde in meinen Augen jedoch nicht gänzlich ausgeschöpft.

An manchen Punkten hätte ich mir mehr Hintergrund, mehr Tiefe und mehr Emotion gewünscht.

Zwar steckt hinter der lockeren Liebesgeschichte, eine tiefesinnigere Story, die leider aber erst auf den letzten Seiten sehr lapidar angerissen wurde.

Auch die Auflösung ging mir viel zu schnell und reibungslos.

Alles in allem eine nette Geschichte, für den Frühling oder Sommer, wenn man einfach mal abschalten möchte.

Deshalb 3,5 Sterne von mir.

Wie hat sie euch gefallen?

littlebookbosomed bookreview says

Did I read that right?

It's about Cade...

About Cade...

Cade...

Ca...

OH MY BUTTERFLYING GOD! IT IS CADE!

Pheewww~ Calm Down Nadd!

I hope the cover is as sexy as Losing it. Th dude is HOT! And i also hope, Bliss and Garrick appeared in this book *Fingerscrossed

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WHAT?! DO YOU THINK I'M FINE?

March 10 2013

THE COVER IS OUT! I'M LATE I'M LATE! GARGHH!!UNBELIEVABLE! Goodness! Why does the DUDE look like "**LIAM HEMSWORTH**" WHY?

May 18 2013

I WANT TO BUY THIS BOOK! UGH! MONEY MONEY! PLEASE MARRY ME!!!

Cora Carmack says

So... I wrote this book about two people that don't go together at all on paper-- your traditional boy next door and a kickass bad girl. To be honest, I didn't even know how they were going to work out when I started the book, but they *might* have turned out to be my favorite couple I've ever written. And well... FAKING IT is their story.

I hope you all enjoy reading about Max and Cade, and that you can identify with their struggles to be themselves in a world that's constantly pushing us to fit other people's ideas of what it means to be pretty, successful, or good.

And remember... Nice guys need love, too!

FYI... the book is currently on sale for \$2.99 for a limited time only! So get it now before the price goes back

up! <http://www.amazon.com/Faking-It-Losin...>

Laura says

|2.7 I just want to forget the whole thing stars|

Blurb: Mackenzie “Max” Miller has a problem. Her parents have arrived in town for a surprise visit, and if they see her dyed hair, tattoos, and piercings, they just might disown her. Even worse, they’re expecting to meet a nice, wholesome boyfriend, not a guy named Mace who has a neck tattoo and plays in a band. All her lies are about to come crashing down around her, but then she meets Cade.

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I’d like to say that I loved this book as much as I loved *Losing It*, but that isn’t true. I had every reason to like Max and I did but not as much as I should have. I could relate to her way more than I did it with Bliss but she was just a bit to over the top for me. I’m not sure if I liked how things ended up at the end.

It took me too long to finish this book and I felt as forced to continue reading as Max and Cade’s relationship.

Like, I get that he needed something different and Max was pretty cool but I just don’t like them together. I feel that the relationship was way too forced.

I didn’t know what I was reading half of the book and I just didn’t see how this experience helped Cade. He got over Bliss, yes, but what else?

Cade had issues and I just can’t see how any of them got resolved. Maybe I’m being too harsh but I felt disappointed at the end and the chapters where lyrics were involved, again, forced. I didn’t feel the emotions all the lyrics were trying to make me feel so I had to fly through them.

There were good scenes but I just didn’t like the book.

Amy (Foxy) says

I would be Faking It if I didn’t say I loved this story!

Cade Winston- 'MFA student, volunteer, mom-hugger, and your boyfriend for the next 24 hours.'

Max Miller- 'musician and raging bitch.'

Max needs the perfect boyfriend to get through the holidays with her over controlling parents. Cade just happened to be in the right place when Max needed him most.

Their pretend relationship turned into them both feeling:

They had to conquer their past before they could move forward:

'She cried until the events of the morning disappeared,**until the present took a backseat to the past.**'

SERIES:

No cliffhangers. Spinoffs

Novella:

(#1.5)

Kassidy says

I think I liked this one more than the first one and I really enjoyed *Losing It*. This one has more depth and emotion to it which helped me connect with the characters.

Sasha Alsberg says

Faking it was a decent book! I really enjoyed *Losing It* but FI didn't really live up to my expectations. I loved Cades story but I felt like the ending of the book was really rushed. Wasn't a bad book just a bit rushed at points

Viri says

Es mas bien un 3.5 de los buenos porque a pesar de que al principio no podía ver a los protagonistas como una pareja, la autora supo llevar su relación de una manera tan sutil que ni siquiera se donde estuvo el punto de inflexión porque fue de alguna forma normal.

Cade y Max son lo más opuesto que puede haber en la tierra y aunque podría haber quedado calvo de tanto tirarme los pelos con esos motes de la chica enojada o el chico de oro, fue una historia bonita y muy entretenida que me leí en un santiamén.

No puedo comprender aún a la cuñada que me pareció odiosa pero toda la lucha interna de los protagonistas contra sus demonios estuvo muy buena porque me permitió conocer más cosas de ellos de las cuales no tenía ni idea.

No se que tan bueno fue que leyera este libro sin leer el primero antes pero si digo la verdad, no me hace falta leerlo. Su historia es preciosa y SIMPLE, porque a veces no necesitamos villanos o situaciones rebuscadas para hacer una historia profunda y simple. Aunque llena de clichés. ¡¡¡Yo amo los clichés!!! Y si nos ponemos a reflexionar TODOS los libros tienen algo de cliché en ellos.

En conclusión, si quieres una historia entretenida, bonita y con personajes muy bien desarrollados esta es tu historia. No se de que va el siguiente libro pero seguro que me lo leo porque la autora tiene una pluma que hace que quieras seguir leyendo aunque sean las 2 de la mañana (no es que me desvelara eh, para naaaaaaaaada) hahaha.

Beth June says

Took me a minute to give it a rating. I absolutely loved this book, didn't want it to end! Part of me was comparing it to other five star books, but I had to take a step back and rate it alone. I loved it, it made me smile, tear up, laugh and left me wanting more! So how could I not give it 5 stars? It's so much better than the first installment!

Beth Hudspeth says

I freaking Love Cade. He is so adorable!

Golden Boy and Angry Girl:

Cade is the best friend of Bliss in Losing It and I have to admit, for a time there I was really rooting for him because he was so sweet with her and just really loved her, but he got his heart broken in the end.

I let people go.

Cade has recently moved to Philly from Texas to pursue his acting career, go to grad school and try to leave the past behind him. It has been really hard considering Bliss and Garrick are in the same city until a hurricane with tattoos blows into his life. Now Cade has an acting gig he just can't pass up - being Max's fake boyfriend. Cade is trying to get over some things in the past and just maybe Max will be his ticket out of the heartbreak hotel.

"Even the good things from our pasts still only belonged in the past"

Max is trying to get through some things in the past and work through some things in the present. Mostly with her parents acceptance. She is hiding her true self from them because she knows they won't approve of her choices with her body or with her boyfriends. When her parents surprise her with a visit she has to think fast and make a bold move. She sees this clean cut "golden boy" at a table alone and asks for his help. Little does she know, this could be the best choice she could have made.

"I give up. In the war for my parents' approval, I'd lost to a complete stranger."

I ended up liking Faking It much better than Losing It. There seemed to be more real emotions and a real love story unfolding. Not to mention Cade is like the kindest, most lovable person ever. I loved how rough around the edges Max is, she doesn't take shit from anyone. I loved how Cade doesn't try to tame her or smooth her over, he embraces her as she truly is, but somehow her walls do break down around him. He gets through to her like no one else. There was more of the pressure to sort of "fit in" that came into play in this as well. It was more centered on Max to conform or fit in to her family's notions of what she should be and how she should act. I don't like that concept, but I'm glad Max finally fought back.

I HATED BETHANY, her brother's wife! I just wanted to slap her through the pages! UGH.

Cade was probably my favorite character from Losing It so I was so happy for him to get his own book and love story. He is the sweetest!

I'll just leave these here:

"There are some things that are worth fighting for, no matter the outcome, and you are one of them."

"I'll take my chances against your fickle heart if it means it's mine."

Chiv says

UPDATE: 04/06/2013

After going through Cora's blog (with a bit of stalking) I've compiled a list of all the Bonus Scenes & Chapters that she was so kind to share with us. I highly recommend buying this book because from these teasers, you can really see that she put a lot of effort into this novel.

So here's the list:

CADE'S POV WITH KISSING

BRIEF SNIPPET OF FAKING IT FROM CADE'S POV

CADE'S POV

MAX'S POV

MORE OF MAX'S POV

CADE AND MAX'S FIRST KISS

BONUS SCENE #1

BONUS SCENE #2

CHAPTERS 1 & 2

note: If I've missed any please feel free to add them in the comments.

Also you can find her novella Keeping Her, [HERE](#). It's basically Losing It from Garrick's POV. How awesome is that?

UPDATE: 14/02/13

(view spoiler)

FAIL GIRLING BEFORE BOOK:

(view spoiler)

Wendy Higgins says

I loved Cora Carmack's first book, Losing It - it was adorable and hilarious. But her follow up book, Faking It is just plain gorgeous. It has those same witty, funny elements that I'd come to love from this author, but added a level of in-depth emotion that had me crying at the end, in the best possible way and feeling ALL the feelings.

I'm a huge fan of book bad boys, as you all know, but Cade is the ultimate good guy. We have a good boy and a seemingly bad girl. It's a delicious turning of the tables. And don't get me started about the steamy scenes!!!!

I loved Cade in Losing it, but I fell hard for him in Faking It. Not to mention I totally have a girl crush on Max. She rocks.

This book is NA - new adult, not YA.

Beatrice Masaluña says

Another guilty pleasure read from Cora Carmack. I really like the story though it's cliche. The drama is enjoyable and I find it better than the first book. Good thing it's about **Cade Winston**, Bliss Edwards's best friend.

After being "best-friend-zoned" by Bliss, he's nursing a broken heart and trying hard to move on from her. He pretends to be okay in front of her and her boyfriend. It's kinda awkward and I can't help feeling bad for him. When he was approached by a girl and asked a favor to pretend to be her "boyfriend", he too curious to say no on this rebel chic.

Max Miller has a passion for music. With her tattoos and different get up, she's rebellious in the eyes of her conservative family. She's tired of being controlled and pretend to be someone she's not for her parents' sake. She wants to be free and pursue her dreams as a musician.

Between the two perspectives, Max stood out more. Her story is deeper and relatable. Pretending to be someone you're not to please others takes away happiness. I like Cade for being supportive and love her for what she is. He's a good guy and deserves to be loved. These two shared a good chemistry and I like their angst and banters. Overall, it's a great read.

Christy says

Sometimes you don't know what you're looking for until it's already knocked you flat on your back.

4.5 Cade Lovin' Stars!!!

Oh Cade... I remember how much I adored this guy in Cora's debut novel *Losing It*. I was so happy to find out he was getting his own book!

Cade is in PA, going to get his masters in theater. Cade is the good guy, the best friend. My heart broke for him in the beginning of this book. He is still not over Bliss. But he has to move on. She is with Garrick, and things are getting more serious between the two of them. Bliss invites Cade to their Thanksgiving, but he just can't do it. So he makes up a story about going home. He is in a coffee shop, stewing, when he sees her. A girl named Max. She is with her rockstar boyfriend, and he can't help but notice her.

Music is the only thing important in Max's life. To be able to continue living her dream, she has to appease her conservative parents. That means the few times a year she see's them, she covers her tattoo's, hides away her boyfriend of the moment etc. When they show up unexpectedly for Thanksgiving, she knows she is in big trouble. They hear her flavor of the month 'Mace' in the background and want to meet her new beau. She can't introduce Mace to them. But then she see's him. Cade is sitting alone, looking handsome and respectable. She gets him to play along for a while and he charms the pants right off mom and dad. He is an acting student.

'My name is Cade Winston. MFA student, volunteer, mom-hugger, and your boyfriend for the next twenty-four hours. It's nice to meet you.'

'Max Miller- musician and raging bitch. I'm sorry for slapping you.'

Max and Cade just have to get through 24 hours together. They go their separate ways and plan to meet in the morning. Then they end up seeing each other that very night at Max's bar. Cade can't take his eyes off Max. She is the first girl that makes him forget all about Bliss. She has a bit of a situation, and Cade saves the day. They both start to fall for each other a little bit that night. Cade lets her in a little bit, telling her some of his pasts. She knows he is special, but she also knows he is way out of her league.

‘You’re Golden Boy. You’re good at everything. You’re sweet, gorgeous, and probably stop to help little old ladies cross the street. If you can’t compete, the rest of us are completely fucked.’

I just... this wasn't my life. Things like this didn't happen to me, and if they did, it never lasted. Girls like me didn't' get guys like Cade.

The more Cade see's Max in her family dynamic, the more he understands why she is the way she is. Max and Cade have both suffered pretty big losses . Even though they both appear to be strong on the outside, their pasts are both full of pain and they both have a fear of the future.

“Pain changes us. Mine made me want to be perfect, so that no one would ever want to leave me again.”

I inhaled deeply. “Yours made you Golden. Mine just made me angry.”

“Your pain made you strong. It made you passionate and alive. It made us both who we are.”

There is some angst, a little drama and back and forth, but Cade and Max really start to care for one another. Their lives get more intertwined and things get more complicated between the two.

Never before had I fell so intensely and so quickly. Max swept into my life like a hurricane, and I never stood a chance.

Max pushes people away. Cade lets people go. It is their pattern. When real feelings are there, and they are no longer ‘Faking It’ can they let go of the past and move forward?

‘There are some things that are worth fighting for, no matter the outcome, and you are one of them.’

This was a great follow up. If you enjoyed ‘Losing It’, I think its safe to say you will also enjoy ‘Faking It’. I actually liked it better. Cade was just AH-mazing! Max really grew on me. I loved the two of them together! A brilliant mixture of romance, humor, heat, and angst. It was smart, sexy and fun! A very enjoyable read.

