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Sticky Fingers Details

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Apollos.Dark.Eden_ says

O M G !!!!!! U NEED TO READ THIS BOOK CUZ... HS! I CAN'T TYPE IT ALL! BUT ONE THING I HAVE TO TYPE IS ULL NEVER GUESS WHO DOES WHAT! THE BOOK IS LIKE: WOW HES A JERK!

u NEED 2 read.... LIKE NOW!

Brooke says

Nothing happened in this book until the very end, and that wasn't even exciting. Jenna is boring. Her boyfriend is boring. Her best friend is the only one with any spunk. The author could have really gone somewhere more emotional with the...

*****SPOILER*****

The author could have really gone somewhere more emotional with the date rape drug storyline. Instead nothing happens, Jenna gets sick. There are probably better YA books out there that deal with date rape better than this. Do not recommend.

Jessica says

I picked this book because i usually like books that has to do with these kinds of situations. this book started off very very slow but over all i am very happy i finished this book it was not predictable at all unlike other books. this book has very long chapters but the pages are really short i think i read like 5 pages in less than 5 min. in a way this book kind of scared me because this boy that a girl loved and has been dating in over a year had just done the worst possible thing ever because he was thinking with his pants not his little puny BRAIN! A brief summary of this book is a smart goody goody got accepted into Harvard and she was a girl that would stay home all the time on weekends and blow people off to do homework (so she is a nerd) and her boyfriend didn't get into school so that already got them into a rocky situation and he was pushing this sex thing that he wanted to do it so bad and she just didn't want to so she kept blowing him off and saying "no" and eventually he got fed up with it and decided to give her the date rape drug at a party and her friend Courtney found out about it but didn't do anything because she had some issues with her ownself and she didn't want them to get out in the open. so she had to keep her bestfriend's boyfriend's secret on the down low. so yadda yadda at the end of the book jenna ends up in the E.R because of this and im not going to tell u the end because you just have to read it!!

Maggie says

This book was not bad but not what I expected. It started out with Jenna, a senior who got accepted to Harvard. Her best friend is starting to act different and her boyfriend wants to take the next step, which she is not ready to do. I don't want to spoil the end but it continues slowly and then with in the last thirty pages things start to change quickly and it's not an ending you expect. Personally it would not be a book that I would re-read because it was slow.

Emma says

I felt I should start to read some real teeny-real life books, and this was one of them.

I liked it. I didn't really like it and I didn't love it. I felt that it didn't really have a plot, and it all led up to the last say couple of chapters, which of course was fine, but I was reading the book solely to get to the major thing - which was major but not as major as I thought. I thought it was going to be more about how she would cope with her boyfriend giving her the date rape drug - or if her boyfriend actually had gone through with sleeping with her under the influence. I know that it isn't right, but by the blurb you expect that to happen. It was a slight let down but overall I did enjoy it. I guessed about Scott, he seemed like a nice guy, but nice guys usually turn out to be bad guys in some way, and this was peer pressuring Jenna Kasarian (main character) to sleep with him.

I felt that the author dealt with peer pressure and sex very well, especially with the main character deliberating, but then realising that it just wasn't for her; it didn't make anything wrong with her if she was more interested in staying in control of her life, not complicating situations and making sure it was right for her, not letting others around her influence her. And obviously with the GBH and date rape drugs it is a more common issue to date than ever before. It was a good story line, but it took too long to get to the climax and it just ended really, without more oomph to it.

The characters were developed well - enough detail to imagine the individuals.

What I liked also was that I could relate to Jenna regarding the work and going out - I am definitely one for get togethers that aren't crazy party where everyone just gets wasted. On the odd occasion yes, but not continually it just isn't me. So it was nice to see characters like this...

Overall though it was enjoyable with a believeable plot and very current problems in the world of teenagers, addressing them thoroughly, and carefully and ther definitely were hidden meanings to take from it, promoting individualness and being comfortable with one self. Negative just that it wasn't what I expected - not enough about the aftermath, just a long story to get to the finale which was a bit predictable...

Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Randstostipher "tallnlankyrn" Nguyen for TeensReadToo.com

Jenna Kassarian strives to have everything in her life exactly how she wants it--perfect. She has the perfect boyfriend, the perfect friend, and the perfect grades that got her into the top college of her choice. Jenna enjoys working hard because, in the end, it actually pays off. Now that everything seems to be going her way, and it's her last year of high school, all she wants to do, well, actually all her boyfriend wants her to do,

is relax and enjoy life. Unfortunately for Jenna, relaxing just isn't in her vocabulary.

So now Jenna is trying her best to let go and have fun. That's not at all possible if what she has worked for has started to change. Her best friend is beginning to act weird and her boyfriend is pressuring her even more for their "first time". Along with that, it seems like her best friend is keeping something from her, something that just might have to do with Jenna's boyfriend.

But all Jenna needs to do is fix the problems around her. Change everything back to the way things were before. Easy, right? Well, when Jenna finally decides to let loose for once, things start to tumble around her and the people that she thought she knew turn out to be her downfall.

Different from all of her other works, Niki Burnham's novel STICKY FINGERS has a message that the reader won't know about until the very end. STICKY FINGERS is a novel that everyone should read and take into consideration. Even though the novel is fictional, the ending is the truth and could happen to anyone.

Trish says

I read this book because I knew what one of its core conflicts was: whether or not the main character Jenna, a high school senior, is ready to lose her virginity. I wanted to see what message books like these send our young girls. While I may not have liked everything in the book, I realized this is reality. I wouldn't recommend it necessarily, but it was good for me to see what kind of literature high school girls have at their fingertips.

Steph Su says

High school senior Jenna Kossarian is on the right track of life. She has a perfect long-term boyfriend Scott, an amazing best friend Courtney, and has just recently been accepted early action to Harvard. Life couldn't be any better, in her opinion.

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STICKY FINGERS was a pretty good read. For its rather short length, the characters are remarkably well-developed, dealing with real issues. It's hard to label the characters as definitely good or definitely bad, which is just fine, since black and whites don't exist in the real world either. I wouldn't recommend this book for anyone younger than 14, because it deals a lot with sex, but for high schoolers looking for a good read, this is my choice.

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Tanna Rothert says

I read the book Sticky Fingers, By Niki Burnham. Sticky Fingers is a novel based on a teenage girls life. Her name is Jenna. She is a straight A student and was just accepted into Harvard University. Her boyfriend, Scott, applied as well but was rejected. Scott is also a straight A student and very athletic. He is a down to earth guy until he begins to pressure Jenna into premarital things. When Jenna repeatedly denies Scotts request he decides to slip a drug into her drink during a party, hoping it would calm her enough to accept his request. When Jenna ends up in the hospital she breaks up with her boyfriend and was recovering. The authors purpose of Sticky Fingers, was to inform the readers that you should not feel pressured into things that you don't want to do. Jenna had never drank in her life or been to a lot of parties. If Jenna wouldn't of felt pressured to drink or do other things she would've never ended up in the hospital.

The theme of my book is making smart choices. The main character Jenna had made smart decisions all through her years of high school. She did all of her homework the day it was given, never stayed out after curfew, and never got in trouble. When she decided to drink and go to a party she ended up in the hospital being slipped the date-rape drug by her boyfriend, Scott.

The style of my book was very influencing and descriptive. The story of Jenna and Scott is descriptive in what he did to her. The way she felt after she drank and how she became loopy and her loss of memory. Its influencing because I would never want to put myself or my body in danger by one decision i knew was wrong.

My opinion is that i would recommend this book to everyone, except ally people my age. It is a very good book with many surprises and a shocking ending. I don't dislike anythings about this book. I think it is most interesting because its easy to relate with understand the characters problems. I've never read another book like it, its original and has a great perspective.

Geli says

When beginning this novel I was excited considering it was written by Niki Burnham. After a while I began to wonder when the excitement was to go to begin. For a bit it just seemed to drag on but once the ending came it all made sense. I thank Niki Burnham on writing this novel. I think it has a very important message with it. I encourage all girls to give this book a read. See what you get out of it.

Wildgrace says

Now this is a book that every girl needs to read. In this book there are events that take place that could happen to any of us and we need to be aware of them.

Becca Norrey says

Stick Fingers was definitely a relatable book because it was based around small group of kids, in their high school days, dealing with the everyday pressures of drugs, relationships, popularity, and getting into college. Jenna is a usual high school senior. She has good grades, and a boyfriend, who she loves, and amazing friends and family. She wants to get into Harvard, along with her boyfriend, Scott. They have the normal partying weekends, but not every weekend comes without difficulties. This book is placed around Christmas time, in a small town, covered in nothing by snow. I liked this book because it felt like it was a real story. I could really bring myself to understand it deeply. I didn't like some parts where the story would just add "fluff" detail and wonder off to other parts. I think almost every teenage girl I know would really enjoy this book. This book reminds me of something that would happen even now in school. It reminds me of those couples who think they really know each other, and think neither would ever hurt the other, then they come running and crying to their friends that they thought the other would never hurt them. Sticky Fingers is a very interesting book, with real life situation, real life everyday situations, and relatable moments of having a job, boyfriend, and getting good grades. This book helps to understand what to do if you're ever pressured to do something you don't want, and to really trust your best friends when they say something, even if you don't want to believe it.

Katya says

This is what's on the back:

Bulletproof, that's how Jenna Kassarian sees herself. It's all about control: As long as she works hard, nothing can hurt her. So Jenna constantly pushes -- for perfect grades, the ideal boyfriend, the best, best friend.

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My account:

This book was a gripper to say the least, SO GOOD. Its really, really sad too. This girl who gets really good grades gets this boyfriend who is unresistable and keeps pressuring her to do stuff with him. You'll see what happens.

Jordyn says

I felt like this had no plot. I think the climax should have been the big conflict and then the rest of the book, how she dealt with it. It seemed like she had no personal flaws.
