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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9-11—Katie and Violet have been inseparable since seventh grade. The competition among the juniors at their all-girls private school is fierce, even between these friends. Violet doesn't understand Katie's recent decisions to keep her PSAT scores a secret, quit crew, get intoxicated, and date a guy who appears to be a loser. Violet is jealous that Katie can effortlessly do everything, making her question why she is seemingly throwing it all away. In an effort to rekindle their strained friendship, the girls publish an unauthorized parody of their school in the literary magazine that Violet edits. She takes the punishment that is doled out, but Katie does not comply with what is asked of her. With this turn of events, Violet finally learns what has been motivating Katie. Witty and unpretentious, Violet is a likable narrator. Some of her funniest reactions are in response to the dating advice Katie shares from a magazine she's read. Each of the classmates has a discernible personality. The girls discuss crushes, fashion, and gossip, but Sales delves into more serious issues like the pressure to be perfect and how it can manifest itself. Suggest this one to readers who enjoy the writing style of Ally Carter. A strong debut that is not to be missed. *Lori A. Guenthner, Baltimore County Public Library, Randallstown, MD*

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Violet Tunis is starting her junior year at Boston's prestigious Westfield School with an impressive to-do list, and she has set a difficult agenda for herself, from acing her exams to reeling in her crush, and maybe even becoming famous. What she has not anticipated is the subtle shift in her relationship with her best friend, Katie, a girl for whom success is effortless. Private-school culture functions only as a backdrop here; Sales focuses her debut on the dynamics between Violet and Katie, and the friendship story is refreshingly free of confrontational cliques and catty female stereotypes, while short, snappy chapters keep the story moving. At times whiny and clueless, Violet may strike some as an unlikable narrator, but she tells her story with honesty, and the reassessment of her goals at the end of the book rings true. Recommend this to fans of Meg Cabot's novels and academy-based stories. Grades 8-12. --Kara Dean

Review

*"Witty and unpretentious, Violet is a likable narrator. Suggest this one to readers who enjoy the writing style of Ally Carter. A strong debut that is not to be missed."

--**STARRED REVIEW**, *School Library Journal*, Oct. 2010

"Brilliant, poignant, and straight-up hilarious. Leila Sales is a fresh and fabulous new voice in YA."

--Lauren Oliver, bestselling author of *Before I Fall*

"Written as a series of notably short chapters, the names of which provide a fair amount of punch on their own ("Sophistry in Spanish class")....[*Mostly Good Girls* is] overall an enjoyable, light read."

--*Kirkus*

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"Sales conveys the dynamics of the girls' friendship with honesty and a light touch." --*Publishers Weekly*

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