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Book Two in the Skinniness is Next to Goddessness? Series

Well-disciplined, well-planned, and well-executed. Follow these guidelines and, bam, you have the perfect life, at least that's what sixteen-year-old Anna Kaneshiro has always believed. She's followed this mantra in order to excel in school, recover from her eating disorder, and become the youngest quiz bowl captain in Woodlands High history. But after her cousin, Aya, runs out on her baby and the baby's father, 4.0 student and ever responsible Anna steps up in the way her cousin should have.

Falling in love with the baby is excusable, but falling for the baby's almost-reformed badboy father teaches Anna all the discipline, planning, and execution in the world can't prepare you for one thing. Love.

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Stephanie says

4.5 I liked this one better than Lacey. The story was more gripping, the characters were more relatable and to plot more developed. there was a good balance of the weight issue and other life issues. it made the book smoother.

Lauri Rottmayer says

I give this book a 4.5 star rating. I really liked it. It's the second in a series but seemed like a stand alone book. I didn't feel like I had missed anything.

From the titles of the books, I gather that the books encompass the stories of the girls in the Sunday Lunchers eating disorder group. Other than the title though, the eating disorder was sort of a small side issue in Anna's story.

The story, however, was really good. Anna, a 16 year old girl of Japanese descent, is derailed from "The Plan" that has been a part of her life since third grade. The plan would get her through an Ivy League college education to become a heart surgeon at a great hospital.

With the arrival of little AB, all of a sudden, the plan takes a back seat. AB is the baby daughter of her cousin, Aya. She helps Rhys, the baby's father, to care for her and develops a huge crush on him. Through the course of the story, Aya tries to sell the baby to make good on a drug/gambling debt and much of the book is about this.

At the end of the trial, and the book, Rhys takes AB and moves to Colorado and Anna is free to be a 16 year old with a plan again. After what her family has gone through, her new plan is a more revised version of the previous plan which will allow her to have a more complete life.

There are family dynamics issues that contribute to Anna's bulimia and those seem to resolve themselves as well, leaving her to feel free of the bulimia.

I liked this book. It was well written and I'd like to check out book one and any sequels. :-)

Teya Peck says

This one I'm on the fence about. It was deeper in some sense and yet not in others. Meaning it was a raw emotion book, however, I didn't really see or feel a connection between Reece (Rhys) and Emma. I mean I knew she liked him but I didn't feel the reciprocation. Anyway, it was well written, I just didn't connect to this story as well as Lacey's story. I'm going onto the next.

Ayo Lopez says

I LOVED Lacey's story, but Anna's is in a league of its own! It seriously has everything you could want from a YA book: drama, romance, suspense, surprises, heartbreak. Anna is such a complicated, yet relatable character. She lives a normal teenage life, yet has these secrets that she's battling. Everyone has experienced that in some form. Can't say enough how much I loved it.

Cindy says

This book is amazing! It is enough of a standalone that not reading the other books will not leave you out of the loop as only minor details overlap. It is like a whole new story as it is from a different person's perspective. This book was very gripping and left me negotiating with myself to sleep and eat. The end of each chapter leaves you wanting more but in a classy, clever way. Not the usual way that we see in cliché YA books. This book explores many serious topics like eating disorders, incompetence caused by family, and many other issues that teenagers face, that are often overlooked as irrelevant. Some chapters brought me to tears and I had to re-read the first few pages to remind myself that it was a work of fiction. Many times I found myself shouting at or laughing at characters and at the end of the book I felt like there was a void in me. A must read for teenage girls and young adults. I give this book a 6/5 for its excellent content and writing style. Definitely may favourite of what I have read so far in the series
