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Holly Hearts Hollywood is the first book in a series.

Seventeen-year-old Holly Hart wants to be a star. She moves to Los Angeles from the small town of Cedar Junction, only to hear she's too fat and ugly to be a famous singer.

But when Shell Shocked Records looks past Holly's plus-size and less-than-graceful-personality to offer her a recording contract, Holly cannot believe her good fortune. On closer inspection, however, the record execs want Holly to do all the singing, and a thinner and more beautiful girl, Lacey, would lip-sync and get all the credit. Holly goes for it because after all, she wanted to sing.

Contractually bound to secrecy, Holly is more than happy to sit backstage and write in her journal while Lacey shimmies in the limelight and basks in the fame. Before she knows it, Holly is friends with Serena, the pop-star daughter of a music-mogul, flirting with an intern, and developing a strange half-friendship with Lacey.

When Grayson Frost, the biggest country star in America, and coincidentally, a former school bully begins dating Lacey, Holly hopes that he won't recognize or torment her.

Through a series of embarrassing and weird events, Holly gets to know Grayson and learns that he is much nicer and more mature than he was four years ago. Holly is horrified when she starts falling for him. When Grayson admits he fell for Lacey's voice, what is a girl to do when she can't legally tell the truth at the moment when the truth matters the most?

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Brianne says

Holly Hearts Hollywood is a great light read for anyone looking for a little bit of love, laughter and a dash of romance. Kenley Conrad does a good job of writing a story that is light and funny that will have you captivated and hooked. I absolutely loved the POV that the story is told in and it allows you into the mind of Holly and definitely allows the audience to connect with the main character. Conrad does a great job of connecting the reader to the characters so that they are emotionally invested in what happens to Holly and Grayson.

Holly Hearts Hollywood is a must read for anyone who loves the YA genre and a bit of Hollywood Romance.

Mandy says

I received Holly Hearts Hollywood in return for an honest review as part of the tour hosted by Chapter by Chapter. Holly may not be popular, has been bullied her whole life but she can sing. When her youtube video just happens to capture the attention of a big recording studio Holly isn't thrilled because she doesn't want to be in the spotlight. After an accident that left her with a broken leg she put on some extra weight so she doesn't look like the skin pop stars. When the recording studio wants a contract for her voice but they have someone else in mind to be the face of her music she's hesitant but does it anyway.

All Holly has to do is sing in a sound booth which isn't so bad she finds out, it's Lacey the face of the music that has to spend her time in the media world. Holly isn't sure about Lacey because she comes off as the diva she thinks she is but the more time the pair spends together they find a unlikely friendship. As if Holly doesn't have enough to worry about the boy who started out bullying her just happens to be a big country singer who the recording studio plan to sign. Holly hopes to avoid Grayson at all costs but as he starts dating Lacey it becomes harder at least he doesn't recognize her or does he? Will Holly's secret come out? Will she find that maybe time really did help Grayson grow up from the mean kid she remembers so well.

I loved Holly right from the start she's such a sweetheart even after all the bullying she's put up with over the years. She I like the way she grew as a character she started coming out of her shell even seeing Lacey for who she is as well as Grayson not what she thought he was. I love that Holly keeps a journal it made her feel more relatable for me. I found her easy to connect with and I joined her on the emotional roller coaster. I wasn't sure about Grayson or her other potential love interest Keller but I think it all worked out in the end.

I signed up for Holly Hearts Hollywood because I'm a huge fan of cute contemporary romance. I wasn't sure what to expect I remember glancing at the synopsis but it wasn't fresh in my mind when I started reading other than the cover it was a blank slate of awesomeness. I enjoyed the story and found the concept intriguing two girls using their strengths to create one Country singer. The author uses Holly's journal addiction to tell the story it's all written from her point of view which I found unique and interesting. I found Holly Hearts Hollywood a fast paced coming of age romance novel it was hard to put down I was so hooked on Holly's story. I enjoyed every moment of it finishing in just one afternoon, I only wish there was more I wasn't ready to let Holly go yet. I hope we will see a second book in the series wishful thinking. A clean

novel that teens as well as adults will enjoy perfect, for a lazy afternoon.

Paula Phillips says

Ever wanted your fifteen minutes of fame and posted a video of yourself on Youtube ? Holly Hart has an amazing singing voice and has always dreamt that one day she will be a star. Turns out that her voice is going to be a star but not her per se as she is offered a recording contract . Holly Hart though does not fit the singer profile but her voice is amazing so Holly's family and her move from their small town Cedar Junction in Iowa to LA and Hollywood where she signs a contract to be the voice. Soon Holly finds all her dreams coming true including making new friends and famous ones at that and becoming a star - well sort-of. As the novel goes along though, Holly starts to wonder whether being famous is all that it is cracked up to be and then finds herself stuck in the middle as she doesn't know whether she should be lumped with the interns as she's technically not an intern or hanging out with the real "celebs" as she's not officially famous.

Holly Hearts Hollywood is a nice teen read with a feel that reminds me of The Princess Diaries crossed with A Cinderella Story: Once Upon a Song. It is also a book where the main character starts to find herself and who she really is and climbs out of her shell.

If you are looking for a fun read that has a musical note to it , then check out Holly Hearts Hollywood. The content in this book can also classify it as a Clean teen read.

Amanda R says

I enjoyed this one and apparently it's going to be a series. No other news on the next but this one does end of kind of a cliff hanger. Looking forward to the next one just so I can find out what is going on. 3.5 rounded up.

books are love says

This book had me in stitches. Holly is hysterical in her thoughts. So refreshing to see. The book is Holly's journal of events. From the moment her youtube video went up until the realization that she doesn't feel she is strong enough for a decision she made although I think she is and everything that happens in between.

Holly is this fun sweet girl from Iowa with a amazing voice. Discovered by a recording studio for her voice she lands in LA. She thinks she's getting the best of all worlds. Being paid for her voice but not having to be in front of the crowd. Crowds petrify her. Singing doesn't. So the deal the studio gives her is perfect. You sing and we have the perfect person to perform. That person being Lacey. She is a diva to say the least. Lacey has times where she is kind but mostly just selfish and demanding. I think that the ending isn't really the end. Lacey left some thoughts hanging that mess with Holly and that was just wrong. Lacey wants what she wants and doesn't care who she plows over to get it. I think Holly is the one she is going to plow. Don't get me wrong Lacey shows some vulnerability at times and even kindness but I don't think that is Lacey.

With her what you see is what you get and I can understand why Grayson didn't like what he saw. He saw beyond the looks and looked at the person inside and inside not pretty.

Serena is Holly's new best friend. her other two Amanda and Meredith who are a hoot are in Iowa dating each other and causing a stir that is until the QB is caught with his boyfriend. those two are fun loving and a breath of fresh air at the best times in this book. they help alleviate Holly's anxiety and troubles. So Serena is a popstar and just a great person. she helps Holly with everything and supports her no matter what. She doesn't judge but only sees the good.

Grayson was Holly's tormentor as a kid. Now he is a superstar and trying to show Holly he has changed. He really likes Holly and Holly likes him but this is where it gets dicey. the studio loves him with Lacey. they are touring together and it can hurt his career if he doesn't. Holly and him are forced to make some tough decisions and I do wonder if they can survive it all in the end.

the writing is so fun and light it keeps you laughing and smiling as you read the tale of Holly in LA and how she finds new friends, becomes more secure in who she is, finds love and also wonders if she makes the right decisions along the way. A fun clean reading book that just kept me laughing and smiling as I learned more about Holly and who she is.

Kim says

I need to mull this one over some more before rating. I loved Holly. The characters were great and the story was interesting. There were quite a few funny moments and several swoony ones. I did find the ending lacking a bit, though. The more I read, the more I'm learning that I am not one who appreciates an ambiguous ending. I like my stories to feel finished.

More to come.

Melissa Carpenter says

This story was fun, and while I wanted to scream at Holly a few times for selling herself short, I also completely identified with her and loved going along for the ride with her... until the ending. I can handle a cliffhanger, but this was a cliffhanger among cliffhangers and ambiguous to the max. So, I immediately asked Kenley if there was a sequel, and there is, so I'll be looking forward to that... but until then, I just don't have enough resolution of Holly's story. Knowing what I know though, I'd still read it now.

Jennifer says

This was adorable! I loved the journal style of storytelling. Holly felt very real and relatable to me. I also liked how each of the secondary characters was so well fleshed out and didn't fall into the stereotypes I expected. The pop culture references were fun too - I pictured Holly totally immersed in the Los Angeles music scene. Looking forward to reading more from this author.

Jihan Literary Assassins says

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Holly Hearts Hollywood is the journal of Holly Hart. She was an insecure, overweight, high school senior. She made a YouTube video and now she is signed to a record label. Well her voice is signed. Record executives felt she had the voice but not the look. In a brand new city, Holly has a lot to cope with, family issues, self identity, bullies new and old, and falling in love.

With each note from Holly, we delve into the average mind of a seventeen year old girl. the tone is evident of someone who is unsure about where there life is going, basically how we all felt our final year of high school. Naturally, with living in Hollywood there are scandals and Holly is no different. At times you are laughing with Holly, other times, you are sympathizing. By the end, you are deeply invested in Holly's life that you want to continue reading her journal.

Kenley Conrad penned a tale that every girl can relate to with Holly Hearts Hollywood. Her unique writing style is authentic to the character and easily draws you in and holds you even after you finish reading.

Precy Larkins says

Cute and adorable. This is written in diary form, which I'm usually not a big fan of, but Holly Hart is a sweet soul and you just want to be her friend and root for her. :)

Autumn says

Holly Hart isn't your typical girl. She's over weight and has face full of acne. Surprisingly or not (if Susan Boyle has taught us all anything its not to judge someone's voice by their appearance) she has an amazing voice. After sharing a video of herself on YouTube singing she has caught the attention of a record label in LA. Holly isn't popular if you couldn't tell by her description but she's got two really cool friends Meredith and Amanda they are their towns token gay couple. Her grandparents don't care much for her mother not since their son, holly's father died.

So when she flies to LA from Iowa she's sad but it's not like she's leaving behind much. At the meeting it's revealed that they want her voice not her. They want a milli vanilli situation. And she agrees to it. After some struggle. And omg how have I forgotten to say this. Holly Hearts Hollywood is completely written from Holly's journal. First few entries I assumed that's how it should be and somewhere around the middle it occurred to me that we never got out of the journal. This didn't bother me one bit however I was very curious, like why didn't anyone just snatch the journal out of her hands. How did no one get a hold of it and expose her. How did she write while in a vehicle? I get car sick maybe I'm just envious.

So yeah she agrees do this to be the voice from a puppet. And the puppet is kind of a bitch. She treats Holly

like crap but other times she is almost friendly. Shes a mess. Lucky for Holly she's made a great friend with the record execs. Daughter Serena. Serena is a really cool chick and I was happy Holly had someone like her on her side. Since Holly is just the voice she is forbidden from telling people that she is the voice. Only a few people on and Serena is one of them. There's also Keller who I wasn't fond of from day uno. But I'll let you form your own opinion on that dude. Obviously Holly's life changes drastically she's her friends from Iowa are still there and still as supportive as they can be considering they don't know and think she's just interning. And then Greyson steps into the picture.

Greyson **TORMENTED** Holly growing up and now they are label mates. Holly hopes he doesn't recognize her and by all accounts she has been successful. UNTIL he lets her know he's known all along. Not only that but he likes her!! And like I'm torn because he's this huge country star but he seems really humble and genuine when they are together. BUT he did a lot of damage to her more than I think even he realized. PLUS he's dating the face, the puppet Lacey.

I read this book in like a few hours once I started I just couldn't/wouldn't stop. I mean I just had to keep on going. I was reading assuming it's a stand alone so I at one point Lacey does SNL and well I was waiting for the Ashlee Simpson moment. I'm not telling if it happened or not. I'm kinda a jerk that way. So yeah I believed it to be a stand alone and when I got to the end. I was sooo convinced I was missing pages the story couldn't END like that. It just **COULD NOT END LIKE THAT**. So I did what any other person would do and I tweeted Kenley. I'm happy to say it is a **SERIES!** HUGE HUGE sigh of relief came from this girl. While it wasn't really a cliffhanger ending it left a lot of questions unanswered and well created more questions. I'm so excited to continue with this story.

If you're looking for a great one sitting read this is so the book for you. I didn't get up for 4 hours sure I was a little sore but it was totally worth it.

Aditi ~ •A Thousand Words A Million Books says

BLOG TOUR: <http://athousandwordsamillionbooks.bl...>

After the blurb, I knew I just **HAD** to read this book. An insecure, shy, overweight girl offered a record deal only for her voice but not her face, in one of the most cut throat cities and industries in the world? **YES**, please!

Short and Sweet, before I move onto my usual rambling, Holly Hearts Hollywood was **EXACTLY** my kind of book! It even had an obsessed journal writer (holly) just like the Princess Diaries! It had romance, first crushes, flirting 101, paparazzi, friendship, Hollywood bitches and **PARTIES!**

Grayson, **HOLY GOD**, Grayson! Her now mature ex- tormenter, the Hollywood golden boy, country singer, teenage heart throb and dating the face to her voice? Oh, and did I mention that he is **HOT?!** OH, and also, **VERY** very sweet?! Why don't guys like this exist in the real world?

Lacey, Amanda, Meredith and Serena- Holly's besties! Each with their own problems, their own characters and their own quirks! All of them, I can't wait to read more about!
Fine. I have decided to keep quiet now. And to let you do the reading!

P.S. That ending. When is book two releasing?O.o

My Verdict:

GO. FOR. IT!

Jacqueline Smith says

Oh my goodness, I love this book. I read it in one sitting.

I knew I would love it when I read the synopsis. Holly Hart is a girl with a golden voice. Unfortunately, according to the big time music industry, she simply doesn't have the look. So they devise a plan. Holly will be the gorgeous country voice behind beautiful Lacey Bennet's face. The catch is, of course, that no one can know. Not Holly's best friends back home. Not her crush, Keller, Not obnoxious Grayson who used to bully her in school but is now a big time star himself. No one.

Aside from the story (which, of course I loved), I found myself laughing out loud at Ms. Conrad's writing. I even highlighted some of my favorite quotes.

"Oh my God, I have a crush on a boy with a delicate facial piercing."

"What was with my sudden ability to flirt? I'm diseased."

"All he needed was a puffy shirt and a top hat and my Jane Eyre fantasies would have come true."

"My heart was in my BUTT and my stomach was in my throat."

Seriously, this book his hilarious. I also loved all the pop culture references, especially to Criminal Minds (one of my favorite TV shows of all time) and Harry Styles. Come on. Even if you say you don't love Harry Styles, you love Harry Styles.

I highly recommend this book to fans of Meg Cabot and Rainbow Rowell. Those who love witty, self-deprecating, and honestly, very relatable protagonists will enjoy Holly Hearts Hollywood. Please tell me there's a sequel!

Apryl Baker says

This was an absolutely fabulous novel. I loved it. The diary entries made Holly seem so much more real to me as a reader. And Grayson? Oh my! Definitely swoon worthy.

There's so much more to this story than it seems. It's about a young girl who's dealing with self-esteem issues, being overweight, and learning to love herself. She has a strong voice that grows as we watch the story unfold. Teens will love it as it hits home for many of their own issues.

Add a cast of characters that will leave you laughing, crying, and wanting to throttle them, it's the making of a fabulous new series and I can't wait to read more!

Alicia says

This was a really cute, light read with some deeper undertones. The characters were fantastic (mostly) and the plot was really fun to read about. There were some doubtful elements but they certainly didn't make the

story any less entertaining. Would I read more by this author? Definitely. Would I recommend this book to others? Definitely.

See the full review on my blog, [Awesome Book Assessment](#).
