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Freia Lockhart just wants to fit in at school but her best friend Kate is determined to get in with the popular Bs: Belinda, Bethanee and Brianna. Even Freia knows when she hangs out with the Bs she fits in like a turkey in a flock of flamingos. Kate convinces Freia to audition for the school play so they can 'all hang out together' and meet all the cute guys. Predictably, Freia misses out on a chorus role and instead is assigned to production lighting, with rumoured bad boy Daniel.

Freia soon learns first impressions aren't always correct and when Daniel needs a friend, she risks her reputation and place among the Bs to support him. The most surprising development is the group of friends she ends up spending her time with. On opening night there's not a B in sight.

## **Finding Freia Lockhart Details**

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## **From Reader Review Finding Freia Lockhart for online ebook**

### **Amanda says**

Love, love, loved this! So glad I have the sequel at home, I can't wait to start it.

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### **Georgia says**

Pretty good so far.

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### **Hannah says**

It was funny and there was lots of drama

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### **Tillie Affley says**

I really enjoyed this book, it was written by one of my friends and I thought that it was very good.

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### **Helen says**

loved it!! broke the reading drought i was in!!

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### **Rachel says**

I really enjoyed this book. To be fair, it didn't have an original premise or any spectacular characters but the writing was captivating and I grew to like Freia and her parents. I admit I laughed a lot while reading this. I would've given it a higher rating but I am stricter with it now because otherwise all books would be rated 4 or 5 stars haha. Obviously since February my reading tastes have changed, but this book brought me out of my 4-month reading slump and for that I am grateful! This was a completely random pick from the library shelf from looking at the spine, which drew me in. I highly recommend it if you are looking for a fun, light read with many laugh-out-loud moments :)

Rating: 3.5/5

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### **Ainee Porter says**

I seriously fell in love with Freida. The way the story was written was so captivating that I felt annoyed when I have to put the book down. Having similar experience to Freida where your friend left you for a cooler clique, it makes me have a connection with her. I couldn't help myself from laughing or smiling to myself while reading. I need a guy like Daniel please! hahahaha

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### **Rachel says**

well looks like my goal to read less girly books has gone down the toilet. this book is sort of similar to "shift" by Em Bailey. It deals with school status situations and the fact that you can be happy even if you're not popular. I would read it if you have read shift. It's a very pleasant read. 3.5 stars. And is it just me or was Belinda actually really funny.

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### **Georgina Windebank says**

When Freia's best friend Kate starts hanging out with westside's popular group, the B's, Freia knows if she wants to keep the friendship, she's going to have to fit in

but how much fake tan, lip gloss and boy talk can Freia stand? Especially now that she's been roped into the school musical.

so far I am enjoying this book

but it's getting a bit confusing once in a while

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### **♥ AnisLaRateDeBibliothèque ? ♥ says**

When Freia's best pal: Kate, starts hanging out with the posh B group, Freia finds out that it is hard to fit in with the Bs, but she just has to fit in.. to keep her friendship with Kate. Now she's been roped into the school musical. She met Daniel, or the Skeletor. many people said he was a druggie and such. But it occurred to be that it was all wrong about him! Directly or not, she starts being 'the closest thing to a friend' to him. She also starts being her real self! Not the "Posh Fake Trying-to-fit-in Freia" anymore. Finally, Freia accomplished her mission to find Freia Lockhart, her real true self.

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### **Trisha says**

lovely coming-of-age story. Recommended.

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## Julia says

I loved this book and have to admit to reading it twice and am already thinking about going back for more! Freia Lockhart is a character I felt I could really relate to. She was a very realistic character who goes through typical teenage drama. Her narration was fantastic and the romance was super sweet (and very real). What I mean by saying the romance was very real is that I can actually see it happening, there is a lot of books where the romance is glorious but very hypothetical and fake. All in all a fantastic 'read-repeatedly' book. A brilliant first novel and I can't wait to see what Aimee Said brings us next.

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## Tara Calaby says

Aimee Said has such a talent for making her teens seem real – so much so that I cringed a few times while reading *Finding Freia Lockhart*, because Freia reminded me a little *too* much of myself at fifteen! The situations here are all very realistic as well. School musicals are notorious for causing drama (and gossip), and struggles with personal identity and changing friendship groups are ones that will ring true for most readers.

Freia is a wonderful protagonist, simply because she *is* so very real. Her struggles with her parents are particularly well described, as the reader can feel both Freia's frustration and understand the place her parents' behaviour comes from. Freia grows a lot throughout the novel, and this growth is largely due to the changing relationships she experiences with both her parents and her peers. Freia comes across as someone who is just starting to think about her place in the world, and her journey towards independence is a pleasure to follow.

The three Bs are all very fun characters. Said gives them all distinct characters, with Brianna being the most likeable and Bethanee seeming like a Mean Girl to beat all Mean Girls! I would have liked a little more discussion of Belinda's extreme dieting, in terms of showing just unhealthy it is (in both mental and physical terms), but realise that *Finding Freia Lockhart* is not meant to be a book about eating disorders. I thought Kate worked very well too, even if I couldn't like her. Just as the novel is about Freia finding herself, it seemed to show Kate *losing* herself in her quest to be popular, which makes her a great foil to her best friend, but also reduces her likeability a little.

My personal favourite character was the fantastic Siouxsie. I loved how she's always there in the background, quietly offering friendship to Freia, even when Freia is completely oblivious to it. She is sweet and interesting – and I pictured her looking like Siouxsie Sioux all the way through the book! A rather more terrifying mental image was provoked by the book's descriptions of Daniel, who I ended up picturing as Skeletor with emo hair and Mick Jagger lips. He works well as a character, however, and I can picture him being a hit with younger readers, especially once the truth about him becomes clear.

*Finding Freia Lockhart* is an enjoyable coming-of-age tale that focusses on changing friendships, family dynamics, first romance and, most of all, the process of working out who you really are. A great Australian addition to the contemporary YA genre.

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## Lore says

Loved it! sure it wasn't totally romantic but it was really good all the same.

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**Zoe says**

this is the greatest book ever. i love it. its almost what happened with me and my friends when we got to the end of yr6. i love it. barely a week goes by when i don't read this book.

If you can read it and not love it, then keep reading it until you do. it is a book to be loved

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