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Will Reid is a gawky kid who wears fake turtle-necks, is obsessed by his ant farm project, and is lousy at gym. In other words, he's the perfect target for Shane, the Grade 9 bully. Katie has been Will's friend in elementary school, but defending him in the high school environment comes at an unforeseen cost - she dreads the rumours that link them in a boyfriend/girlfriend way she's never considered. Devan has been part of Shane's bullyboy team until now, when he comes to realize that it's not so smart to mindlessly back up each nasty attack of Shane's. Together the three young teens are struggling to find their way out of one of the classic dilemmas of life: how not to be a bystander to bullying, how to stand up for your friends, and how to deal with consuming rage.

Young readers will find lots to think about as they turn the pages of this crisp and compelling story by newcomer Caroline Pignat. Each character takes a turn at telling the story -- through the spare blank verse of Will, wrapped up in the world of his single-parent father and his own eccentric preoccupations; through the clear-eyed accounts of Katie, wrestling with her own private demons; and in the sensitive narrative of the slowly awakening Devan, who comes to notice Katie as a spunky, attractive individual whom he'd like to know better but fears thinks he's a goof.

Note that Kids Help Phone's has included Egghead on their site as a book to help kids in their Get Information section under Bullying for Ages 13 and Up.

Egghead Details

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Maheesha says

I remember my teacher from elementary read this book to me last year in grade 7. It was such an awesome book. I loved it so much. I give it 4 stars because the story line was great and the romantic stuff and finding out about Shane and about how his family is towards him... GREAT STUFF! Though the ending was a little un-clear to me and just some-what sad to me thus, wanting there to be a sequel but NOPE no sequel! All of this was from what I remember last year in 2013 by the way. Anyways I found the book back again and I am reading it, I'll be back soon with tons of information about how the book is awesome and also with TONS of SPOILERS.

-FourTris64

Christina says

Egghead is a heartfelt story about bullying told from the perspective of 3 teens. Unlike other attempts at tackling this difficult and unfortunately all too common occurrence, it isn't exaggerated, nor unrealistic. It was a poignant and inspiring novel about growing up, friendship, fitting in.

It's a great novel that many people will relate to... either in the role of the victim, that of the bully, or that of the person who watched it happen and regrets not having intervened. More young people should read this!

Selena says

Will Reid is a nerdy, gawky loner whose only friend, Katie, still can't seem to protect him from the school bully. This is a story that we have all seen in middle school and junior high - a gang of kids picks on the easy target and few, if any, stand up to them. Even the teachers and principals are unaware of the true extent of the problem. *Egghead* is a believable account of young adolescents and their struggles, whether they be the need to be accepted, bullying, fear, friendship or loyalty. Written from the perspectives of the three main characters, Pignat skilfully weaves the narrators' voices into one continuous thread. Age 12 and up. Review from CM Magazine: <http://www.umanitoba.ca/cm/vol14/no15/egghead.html>

Saarah says

(This was written for school, so it might be a little weird. Sorry!)

3.5

Egghead is a book addressing bullying that follows the highschool life of three young teenagers. William,

who has been an outcast for a long time; he is gawky, anti-social, and considered “weird” by most people. Although now, that’s the least of his problems, considering the fact that a trio of bullies has targeted him. Katie, a girl who has stuck by Will since elementary school. She’s not about to stop protecting him now, despite the fact she has her own problems to deal with as well. Devan, a part of the bullying trio, who has always followed his friend Shane, the dominate bully in the grade. Deven has never questioned the actions of Shane in the past, but that begins to change as he becomes acquainted with Katie. Follow these three teens to see how they tackled the problems around them, but also in themselves. Will they succeed in making themselves better people, or will they succumb to the pressure in their life?

Egghead was a very well written book, with characters that were easy to understand and connect to. It brought a needed attention to not only bullying in highschool, but also problems and struggles kids might have in their life at that time. Not only this, it brought an equal perspective from all sides of the story, without favouring one. It allowed the point of view of the bully, the bullied, and the bystander, and captured their thought processing in accordance to their behaviors and personalities. In other words, the writing changed enough to distinguish which character was thinking. Furthermore, the storyline flowed well, and was fast paced, which prevented boredom when reading. All throughout this, there was also humour slipped in, which allowed it to be a light and fun read, despite the serious topic.

Although, like most books, there were some things that could have been better. For example, the whole general story was a bit cliché, with the problems and solutions being very overused, and not always realistic. In one instance, Will was locked out of the change room in his underwear, but how many times does that actually happen in real life? Another issue was that the storyline was very predictable. The book set all the major events up in a way that tells the event before it happens, which dulls the excitement once you get to that particular part. The characters actions were also very exaggerated, and therefore caused unneeded drama in sections that perhaps would have been better left as is. This would have then become a more relatable story. Also, even though the added humour was nice, it might cause the serious topics in the book to lose some of their importance. If someone dealing with these problems looked towards this book in need of advice, then it can lead them to believe that their issues are perceived as comical, despite the solemnness of the matters. However, regardless of these things, this is a good book for a light, easy read, and can have a certain degree of impact towards the interpretation and understanding of the struggles many kids go through, at home and at school.

depletive says

Wow. I must congratulate Caroline Pignat for providing me with a riveting and inspirational read. Egghead is set in a secondary education environment, where bullying is a common theme. Will Reid is one of those people who are the prime target for insecure bullies. Egghead is told by three perspectives, Katie, Will's friend, Will, and Devan. All three are different, yet Caroline tells the story through their perspectives. Devan is part of the bullying... until he realizes just how not funny it is. Katie is Will's protector and friend. The bully of this story would be Shane, an angry kid. Will never changes throughout the story, the little gawky kid who loves ants and is bullied. Katie changes, always thinking, "Should I really be helping Will?" as jeers and the bullying follow her too. However, she remains the upstander, no matter what. It's Devan who changes drastically. The reader sees Devan go from bully to bystander, and eventually to upstander. An inspirational bullying story that is a must-read for all ages.

Elizabeth Larson says

A school book that Liberty said I have to read...and yes I did. It is written from the perspective of the characters watching bullying take place. Amazing to see how bullying affects everyone...easy read and well written...I would highly recommend!

Lsaj says

Summary: A boy named Will started grade 9 with his best friend Katie and Jenna. Will is a unique kid and he got bullied for being unique by Shane, Brad and Devan. Shane is the biggest bully in the 9th grade. Devan is a bystander/bully. He doesn't bully anyone but, he laughs whenever Shane does something wrong. Katie defends Will but it was difficult for Katie because Shane on messing with Will. Devan realized it's wrong when he catches feelings for Katie. At the science fair, Devan was setting up his display when he saw Shane walk in and knocks down his ant farm. Devan felt bad for him and that he didn't help prevent it. Devan and Shane won but, Devan didn't feel like he won. Later on, Katie, Devan, Will, Brad, Shane, and Jenna go to the school dance. Jenna got mad at Katie because, her crush asks Katie to dance. Katie refused and danced with Will instead. When Shane and Devan left the dance, they saw Shane's mom hurt in the car. Shane argued with his mom throughout the car ride. Shane and Brad keep on bullying Will and still tried to get Devan back on their side. Eventually Devan switched to Will and Katie's side

Opinion

Opinion #1 - I like the book and how it teaches you not to bully or be a bystander. I think this because, it tells you in the book how badly it may end unless you stop bullying or be an up stander

Opinion #2- I think it's a good book and it is interesting about Devan's life at School. I say this because, he switches sides and defends Will by telling Shane.

Opinion #3- it is a good book because it has different perspectives. I think this because, it shows you how the victim, bystander, up stander feel and think about the situation.

Opinion #4- I have mixed feelings about the book because it doesn't show much about the bullies life . I like two different perspectives but not many books have. I think this because, Shane is one of the main character in the book and I would want to know more about his life. At the same time I find it interesting that it shows the different perspectives of characters that are usually on the sidelines.

Recommendations

I think that all ages from 8 to 12 should read this book because it shows you not to be A bully or a bystander and to stand up to bullies or else someone could be emotionally or physically hurt. It is also good for teaching kids about bullying and how it could turn out.

Shawna says

Will is the perfect target for Shane, the grade 9 bully. Devan has always hung out with Shane, backing him up in nasty attacks. Katie is always there for Will, standing up for him. Devan doesn't tell him that he thinks bully other kids is wrong, so he just stands there watching him because he knows Shane gets abused at home. Devan starts fancying Katie because she stands up for Will. At the science fair, Shane knocks down Will and Katie's ant farm killing their chance of winning first place and beating Will up. When Katie sees the mess, she sees Devan and immediately thinks he was the culprit. Devan is filled with guilt because if Katie and Will's project hadn't been ruined, they wouldn't have won third place. At the ski trip, Shane takes Will's hat and throws it down Devil's Hill; everyone knows beginners shouldn't go down that hill, but Will does. He collides with a tree at the bottom and goes into a coma. When Devan sees Shane and Brad cornering Katie, he comes to the rescue and on the way, tells them off, saying that what they're doing is wrong. They abandon him, but he doesn't care because he feels good about it. Devan starts visiting Will in the hospital. Katie finds out that Will left for England and she feels guilty for not apologizing for what she did at the Winter formal but all is forgotten when Devan gives a letter from Will to Katie.

I picked this book because the cover caught my eye and when I read the back cover, I was curious about what would happen in the book.

I finished this book because I wondered if Devan would have the guts to stand up to his friends and if Will would be able to stand up to them.

I recommend this book to people who like realistic fiction because this book is about a kid being picked by a bully which happens a lot.

Brian Marion says

I used this as a read aloud in my middle years classroom. The students, who aren't always receptive to sitting and listening to me read, thoroughly enjoyed this book. Each of us has had times where we felt like Will, acted (or sometimes have not taken action) like Devan and Katie, and behaved like Shane. This is a great book for teaching kids that everyone has some kind of battle going on in their lives that we may not know about and thus, it is important to always be kind.

Maeghan says

This book was written by Caroline Pignat and is a very interesting and good book. I decided to read this book

because i liked the title Egghead and because the front cover caught my eye. What i liked about this book is that it is about 3 high school kids that are going through a rough time at school and in the end they stand up to the bully and all three of the kids are now friends. The worst bit about the book for me was that it could have been longer maybe 200 pages so there is more detail in the book. I would recomend this book to anyone that is in highschool and having a rough time in highschool or to someone that wants a good interesting read.

Teaghan Warren says

I loved this! My teacher read it as a read aloud and I loved the message this story gave

Darshdip says

Egg head is a very heartfelt novel about a young boy who faces bullying. Will Reid is a very gawky kid who doesn't wear turtle necks and loves his ant farm. He is a perfect target for Shane. Katie is a long time friend of Will but defending her friend in a high school environment is difficult. Daven is apart of Shane's bully "gang" and comes to realize, supporting everything Shane does isn't the best idea. The three teens faces the challenges of a typical high school experience, being victims of bullying and bystanders. This novel is a page turner for sure! I read this novel when I was about to enter high school and it taught me a lot. This novel is capable to make a cry. I suggest this novel to everyone

Michelle says

My 13 year old read this was school and handed it to me. He loved it and would give it a 4/5. I loved parts of it but thought it was a bit heavy handed in other ways. Three teens in grade 9 struggle with their own identities and bullying. Its told in each of the three kids perspectives which I liked, I particularly thought the Devan (friends of the bully initially) was really well done. My complaints were the two of the three kids had dead mothers, one a distant father, the other a dying father! Why can't we have kids be bullied or social outcasts without some tragic backstory?

Normene says

hnbjnb nmnn

Christine says

My first reaction: This doesn't actually happen in real life...like, do the people who write about high schools just forget about everything that happened in their school, and write some stereotypical, predictable world?

And then: Oh. Despite the utter fakeness, this is really good.

Like, absolutely depressing, yet strangely uplifting...wow.

First of all, I've never met a bully quite like Shane. He seems grossly exaggerated, as most High school types

are. Similarly, Will seems impossibly nerdy.

But Devon's story is real. The best. And Katie's insecurities are perfect...those two made the book, along with Will's poems. It was surprisingly good, for a bully book.
