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The Sleepover



Synopsis

From the author of *At Your Service* and the coauthor of *You're Invited* comes a laugh-out-loud romp about three besties who must piece together what happened after an epic sleepover becomes more than just karaoke and sundaes! Meghan, Paige, and Anna-Marie are super excited for the Best. Night. Ever. The sleepover they're planning is going to be nothing short of EPIC. Not even the last-minute addition of Anna-Marie's socially awkward, soon-to-be stepsister Veronica can dampen their spirits. But nothing prepares them for the scene that greets them when they awaken the next morning: the basement is a disaster, Meghan's left eyebrow has been shaved off and she is somehow in possession of the Class Bad Boy's signature hoodie, and there's a slew of baby chicks in the bathtub! Worst of all, Anna-Marie is missing! Trouble is, none of them can remember anything beyond the hypnotism trick performed by the two-bit magician Veronica arranged in an effort to impress the other girls. Now, as the clock is ticking and the clues continue to get weirder, the remaining girls must figure out exactly what happened the night before. Can they find Anna-Marie and pull off the ultimate save-face before parent pick-up time?

Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 13 years

Grade Level: 4 - 8

Customer Reviews

This book was just plain fun!! I loved the characters (Veronica totally won me over) and enjoyed

figuring out what happened along with them. Oh how it brought me back to middle school age sleepovers. :) Malone's books are always a great read and this one is a wonderfully written addition.

This MG spin on The Hangover (hypnotist!) is super fun and creative. The characters are fully drawn, the writing is smart and full of great humor. I laughed out loud while reading many times. Themes of friendship are strong, and this is perfect for tween girls especially!

This BOOK IS AWESOME! It is not only reminiscent of 80s/90s realistic fiction that all girls love, it is just freaking hilarious! The girls in our little book club **ADORED** it and they all finished it in like 3 days. Jen, the author, contacted me back after I emailed her to tell her how much they loved it and not only did she send them some autographed things, she offered to Skype with them for a few minutes! I will buy every single one of her books. They are amazing!

I really, really enjoyed this book. What a fun romp! Early on, we're right with these girls, (Meghan, et al), trying to figure out exactly what went down the night of their sleepover. At every turn, there is a new twist or surprise. And I adored the incredibly creative details - some laugh out loud funny. In particular, the sport of unicycle floor hockey and the hedgehog float! These, along with the strong voices of well-defined characters and fast paced plot made Jen Malone's **THE SLEEPOVER** a need-to-find-out-what-happens-next page turner. This story is epic - one that tweens will devour in no time.

Imagine a tween version of The Hangover. Substitute a bachelor party for a sleepover, replace the crazy-wild bachelor stuff with things that could go wrong when a group of tweens is hypnotized, and you have The Sleepover. What I love about Jen Malone's books is that they remind me so much of an 80s movie. Think Adventures in Babysitting, where a group of young people end up on a quest, faced with one adventure after another. And best of all, Jen's voice is magnificent. When it comes to capturing the voice and mindset of a 12-year-old female girl, she's one of the best of all time. Even more amazing, she can jump to writing a young adult book and capture that age group perfectly, as well. Once you start reading a Jen Malone book, you won't stop until you've read them all!

Jen Malone's *The Sleepover* is billed as *The Hangover* for the middle grade audience. It doesn't disappoint! Twelve-year-old Meghan has never made it through the night at a sleepover, but she's determined to make it through this one. Her two besties, Anna-Marie and Paige,

promise it will be EPIC! It turns out to be a little too epic. The girls wake up to a disaster of a basement and no recollection of what happened the night before. One of Meghan's eyebrows is missing and so is Anna-Maria! The girls need to straighten out the hijinks of the night before, all the while collecting clues about what happened to their missing friend, and they have only a couple hours until the parents show up for pick-up. The Sleepover is great fun! Jen Malone nails the voice of her tween characters as well as their insecurities. The messes that the girls have gotten themselves into and their plans to fix them will make you squirm. The book ends with an invitation to another sleepover. Does this mean there will be a sequel? I hope so!

Meghan gets ready for an epic sleepover, and she is not disappointed. This is the sleepover of all sleepovers. The Sleepover has everything – mystery, friendship, family dynamics, quirky characters, and general mayhem. This book will give its readers a new respect for planning a special sleepover. It demonstrates all a sleepover can be if you are ready for anything. Jen Malone's writing is bright, funny, and captivating. Each character is unique and brings an important element to the story. Veronica is totally captivating, and I hope that she is the star of her own book sometime very soon. The romance between Meghan and Jake is sweet and rings true to the feelings of a middle grade reader. This book is a winner.

Every so often I read a book before it comes out, and I can't wait til it's released to the world so everyone else can read it, too! THE SLEEPOVER is one of those books. Meghan has no idea that her sleepover party will end in shaved eyebrows, baby chicks, and missing guests. Add in complicated family relationships, friendships, and tween crushes, and there's something here that everyone can relate to. My 7th grade daughter and I loved this book so much that we bought one for everyone in her class. The antics and adventures in this absolutely adorable and amusing middle grade novel will appeal to kids from ages 8-98.

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