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The Melting Of Maggie Bean



Synopsis

Maggie Bean is a top student, a loyal friend, and has a great sense of humor. But the past year's been kind of rough, what with her dad losing his job and her loads of schoolwork. Maggie's learned to cope by eating chocolate. Lots and lots of chocolate. So much so, that Maggie is dragged by her aunt to weekly Pound Patrollers meetings. No big deal, just utter social devastation. She keeps her mind off PP meetings by "accidentally" running into gorgeous 8th grader Peter Applewood; updating her study spreadsheet--a.k.a, Maggie's Master Multi-Tasker; finding a job for her dad; and secretly practicing for one of the two freshman spots on the synchronized swim team. She's got a long way to go to reach her goals, but when Maggie Bean sets her mind on a goal, nothing--not even a bag of Kit Kats--can stand in her way.

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Customer Reviews

Tricia Rayburn lives on eastern Long island with her fiancÃ© and crazy shih tzu. She tries to eat vegetables instead of candy but, in her weaker moments, loves Reese's Pieces. The Melting of Maggie Bean is her first novel.

very pleased, thanks!

I thought this book and those that followed really spoke to young girls. Great books!!

Maggie Bean is addicted to candy. She needs a few bags to get her through the pressures of the week. At her house, the tension adds up because her dad's been out of work for months and they're barely scraping by. Maggie's gained weight during this time - so much weight that it's embarrassing her family. And they've decided to take action. Her parents force her to join a weight center with her aunt. Maggie can't believe the humiliation, but neither can she stop eating candy. Things turn around when two coveted spots on the swim team open up and both Maggie and her best friend decide to try out. Only Maggie's too embarrassed to be seen in the local pool wearing a swimsuit that grandmothers and pregnant women also wear. So, she decides to train in secret, and no one knows except the other teen in her weight program. THE MELTING OF MAGGIE BEAN takes a tale of a social outcast and creates a realistic outcome. Maggie has two main goals, but to accomplish them, she'll need to dig down deep and discover her inner strength. Maggie Bean will inspire readers everywhere to strive towards their own goals and make them a reality. Reviewed by: Jennifer Rummel

I was very happy to read this book, a totally real yet decent book. It's not full of swear words, sex, crushes, or other "junk" that Junior High books are full of. And it is very colorful and appealing to girls. It is rare to find a fiction book published recently for teenagers that's decent! The story is about a girl who eats and eats candy after candy. (How can she ever eat all those bags under her bed??!) Then she is somewhat forced to go to a weight group, where she bonds with the only other teenager there, a guy. At the same time she begins exercising in secret, changing her eating habits, and getting into swimming. This has wonderful results for her, especially when the guy she likes shows her attention!

this book is great! i love this series of how maggie bean overcame her weight problem. if you buy this book you won't be disappointed. if you are a guy i would be skeptical about reading some parts, but overall it is a wholesome book for ages 8-14. (p.s. if you loved this book you will LOVE "Models don't eat Chocolate Cookies"!)

I've read this book a thousand times and it always touches me in a way that only a great book can.

Maggie Bean is on the plump side with self esteem so low that she avoids looking into mirrors. Every week she sneaks into the drug store while her mother does the grocery shopping to buy that weeks supply of chocolate and candy. She realizes that being fat isn't what she wants. What she wants is to be popular, pretty, and thin. She thinks trying out to become a Water Wing is the way to get there. I really loved this book. Whether your a bit too plump or on the skinnier side, I think there's a message for it you.

this is a great book. its very interesing to read about maggie's struggle for losing wieght and to get her crush to notice her. i highly recommend this book.

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