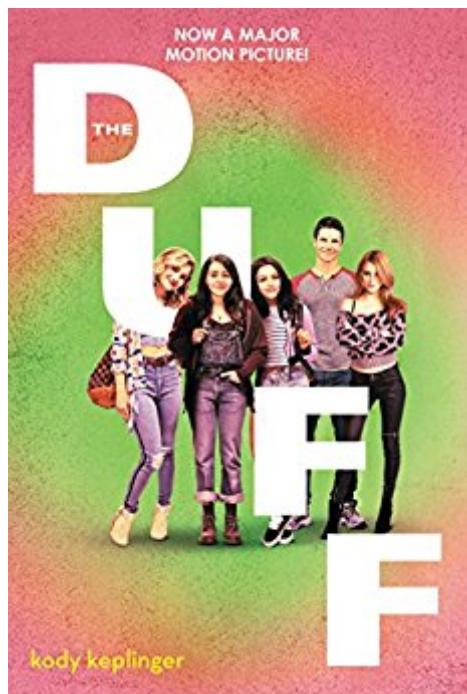


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The DUFF: (Designated Ugly Fat Friend)



Synopsis

Now a major motion picture! An irreverent and irresistible New York Times bestselling romance between the so-called Designated Ugly Fat Friend and the Hot Jock. Seventeen-year-old Bianca Piper may not be the prettiest girl in her high school, but she has a loyal group of friends, a biting wit, and a spot-on BS detector. She's also way too smart to fall for the charms of man-slut and slimy school hottie Wesley Rush, who calls Bianca the Duff--the Designated Ugly Fat Friend--of her crew. But things aren't so great at home and Bianca, desperate for a distraction, ends up kissing Wesley. Worse, she likes it. Eager for escape, Bianca throws herself into a closeted enemies-with-benefits relationship with him. Until it all goes horribly awry. It turns out Wesley isn't such a bad listener, and his life is pretty screwed up, too. Suddenly Bianca realizes with absolute horror that she's falling for the guy she thought she hated more than anyone.

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Customer Reviews

4.5 Duffy stars!!! "No matter where you go or what you do to distract yourself, reality catches up with you eventually." •OMIGOSH YOU GUYS! I loved this book!! Like

seriously, I kind of can't believe how much I loved a book that literally means "ugly fat friend". Over the years I've seen this book in passing, in the library, bookstores, and lists titled "Best Book Boyfriends". I never picked it up because come on. Look at the title. Now look at the cover. Based on those two things, would you read it? Well this is an extreme case of don't judge a book by its cover... or its title. Bianca is a cynical girl, but her friends don't mind it. They love her for who she is. One night when all three are out, Bianca finds herself near the school manwhore Wesley, who proceeds to educate her on the fact that she is the Duff. Designated Ugly Fat Friend. This title makes Bianca's head spin, and she goes into a small identity crisis. On top of that, things aren't so good with her parents and her life around her is falling apart. Assigned to work on a project together, Bianca and Wesley end up having a secret friends with benefits relationship, both trying to escape their crappy real lives. As I stated before, I loved this book. Because it surprised me. Bianca was a character I loved so much. She was ridiculously cynical, and I guess maybe I am too because most of the time when she would say something, I'd be sitting there nodding my head and going "hey, I would say that!" And this book had some seriously funny moments and dialogue in it. For example: "Spanish, huh?" he said, glancing down at the scattered papers as he grabbed them. "Can you say anything interesting?" "El tono de tu voz hace que queria estrangularme." I stood up and waited for him to hand over my papers. "That sounds sexy," he said, getting to his feet and handing me the stack of Spanish work he'd swept together. "What's it mean?" "The sound of your voice makes me want to strangle myself." "Kinky." "Your sense of humor needs some work, then," Wesley suggested. "Most girls find my jokes charming." "Those girls must have IQs low enough to trip over." "I mean, there is a reason its initials are VD. I bet you more people contract syphilis on Valentine's Day than on any other day of the year. What a cause for celebration." Despite having a sense of humor, this book also dealt with serious teen issues. Bianca's parents were going through a divorce and her dad was becoming less and less present, and she didn't know how to deal with it. Bianca's former jerk of an ex-boyfriend shows up in town with his new fiance. Wesley's parents are always gone and his crone of a grandmother won't let him see his sister. Lots of teen drama rama. The other things that surprised me about this book? There was so much sex! Like from the beginning. Would you look at this hot pink and yellow cover and think you were in for a large round of young adult fade to black? Not me! It was kind of refreshing to read a teen book and have it be realistic about what teens are experiencing in real life. And Wesley. *sigh* I loved that guy. Like, he was such a freaking jerk in the beginning, but like Bianca, the more I saw him in the book I couldn't help but swoon over his arrogant butt. I agree with

the list, he's a great book boyfriend. "Don't lie to yourself because you think it's safer. Reality doesn't work like that." At the end of the day, everyone who reads this review is going to read whatever the heck they want. I'm the same way. But, I encourage you to ignore the title and cover, and to read this gem of a book.

A good teenage romance dealing with some of the aspects of teenage life. Well written and sweet, despite what the main characters are going through. (The stresses these characters are/should be going through is mostly glossed over, which makes this a low stress, sweet story despite everything going on in their lives.) Many other reviewers write on what they think of the main characters. From what we see of the hero, he is practically the perfect romantic lead. He does, however, get upset a few times when the heroine is yelling at him and calling him things. This happens very rarely, but, the one time, before he really gets to know her, he lets his mouth run and calls her a Duff. After that he uses the term affectionately when he refers to her, as that meeting IS what gets her to really notice him and starts off their relationship. He also stops using that as a nickname for her when she tells him she doesn't like it. She, on the other hand is rather a rude and abrasive character who would be hard to like if the story wasn't told from her perspective. Anyhow, this turned out to be a fun, good, lite read.

Usually when I read a book I do my best to find something in the main characters that I like. Bianca made it impossible to do. I am all for standing up for yourself, having some sass to you, and even a mean streak but she is a bit over the top and I can't say if she was in my circle of friends in high school she would have survived the cut. I fully understand teenage angst and needing to identify ones self, standing apart from the rest but the heroine needs a time out and some therapy and maybe a pill. As far as this being YA, I am not too sure about that, there are some moments where I thought "Would I give this to my teen to read?" and decided not really. She doesn't live a sheltered life and never has but some of this smells like a life long struggle with abusive relationships and the phrase "That's just how I am" seems to be just fine cause it is said by a female. Aside from my disdain for Bianca I found some of the other characters to be more my speed, Jessica has a more take no prisoners attitude when it comes to Bianca and maybe that is why I like her. Overall it isn't a horrible book, not a great book but not so terrible you want to throw yourself off the edge of the world. If you like YA with a more adult tone to it and can read a book just to enjoy it than this may be one that you want to add to your collection.

I definitely liked the book better than the movie which is a total duh... but this time I was really frustrated with how much they changed almost the ENTIRE plot of the book for the movie. The book had a main character I could relate to, a romance I could get behind, situations I could see being hard. The movie was totally BOGUS!! I loved the cast they got too so it really broke my heart that the movie was just totally off the mark. Loved this book!! It was a bit scandalous for a teenager in high school or something because the relationship in the book starts out as a friends with benefits type of thing, but the romance that blooms from it is really sweet and I loved it!! The situations that arose in the book definitely had me relating and feeling this girl's pain, I just wanted to hug her!! Great read if you're looking for a spicy teen romance with a touch of twist!! But if you read it, please for the love of god avoid the movie!!

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