



The List by Siobhan Vivian
Reviewed by Allie



Stand Alone, Realistic Fiction

Give a summary without spoilers!

It is a tradition that every year a list is posted in the high school. This list chooses two girls from each grade. One of the girls is named ugliest and the other one is named prettiest. Throughout the book, the reader follows the journey of how eight girls' lives change dramatically after getting put on the list. Friendships are destroyed and created. Enemies are formed. Their lives are changed forever after having a spot on the list.

What drew you to this book?

I was drawn to this book because of the theme that it touches on. It talks about the harsh realities that girls have to face daily. Girls are pressured everyday to reach unattainable beauty standards. This book does a great job of showing how hard girls are on themselves and the issues we face as a society with beauty standards.

Did it remind you of something that you've previously read?

This book reminds me of the movie Mean Girls. This is because in Mean Girls there is bullying and a social hierarchy in a high school. In both this movie and The List there are girls shaming each other and causing lots of drama and hurt. Enemies are formed and lies are spread.

To whom would you recommend this book?

I would recommend this book to any high school girl who enjoys realistic fiction. It is a great book that shows the terrible effects of bullying in high school. I also recommend this book to someone who wants a book that doesn't have an extremely difficult vocabulary or confusing plot to follow.

Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?

I really enjoyed this book. It had great lessons about high school and showed the beauty struggles that most girls face but aren't discussed enough. I would definitely recommend this book to others. It was very well written and did a great job of touching on a lot of difficult topics.

Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?

I found this book when I was looking through books on the library's website. The cover and description caught my eye and drew me into reading it.