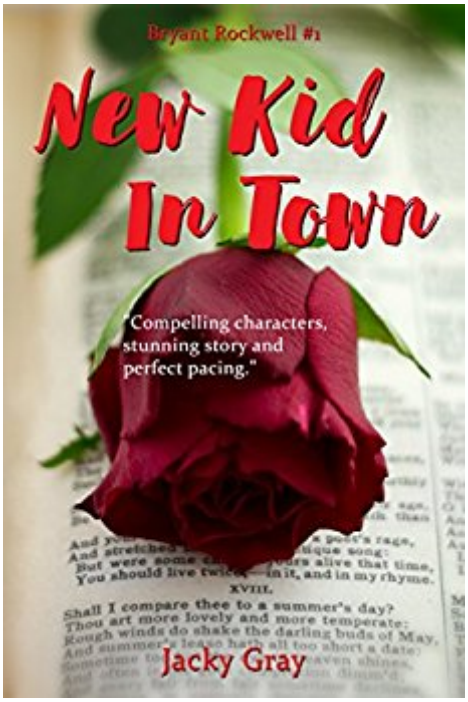
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Synopsis

Liv, Jude and Kat are greater than the sum of their parts. Separately they are Brainy, Sporty and Arty. Together they are invincible. Until Drop-Dead-Gorgeous Ray wheels up.The intravenous chocolate, hatred of sports and loss of her partner-in-crime have taken their toll on Liv, leaving her flabby, unfit and best-friendless. Add in a wicked tongue, lack of boyfriend, and a mortal enemy determined to destroy her, and youÃ¢â ¬â„¢re pretty much up-to-speed.LivÃ¢â ¬â„¢s life isnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t a complete pity party: Jude, sporting superstar, and Irish songbird, Kat, have her back. And her front, when itÃ¢â ¬â„¢s not bursting out of a blouse two sizes too small. As they prepare for the school show and looming exams, Ray explodes on the scene, taking no prisoners.Every girl wants a piece of the new boy in town, but wheelchair-bound Ray chooses LivÃ¢â ¬â„¢s group with devastating results. He trades insults with Liv, lusts after Jude in her ice skating dress, and upstages Kat when he hams up Shakespeare in their English class. As his presence threatens the life-long friendship, Liv becomes convinced he hides a dark secret.Described as a pitch-perfect blend of drama and romance for fans of Ã¢â ¬Å“10 Things I Hate About YouÃ¢â ¬Â• and Ã¢â ¬Å“Glee,Ã¢â ¬Â• this young adult story is snappy, eclectic and edgy. An enjoyable read which will appeal to anyone with a sense of humour and an ear for the ironic.Dealing with issues of self-image and peer abuse, this well-written, intriguing series shares many elements with "13 Reasons Why" as the complex characters grapple with issues such as sexuality, bullying and misread signals. It gives a convincing depiction of mercurial teenage relationships and that dreadful sense of hope and fear combined around transforming friendships into relationships when you donÃ¢â ¬â„¢t quite dare take the plunge in case your feelings arenÃ¢â ¬â„¢t reciprocated.

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Customer Reviews

Jacky Gray’s "New Kid In Town" portrays a group of teenagers in the UK as they confront the trials and tribulations of coming of age. The story revolves around a group of three girlfriends; Liv, Jude, Kat, and how their relationships are impacted by the arrival of Ray. He, though left wheelchair-bound by a mysterious accident, is extremely handsome, very intelligent, and, other than the occasional snarky remark, fairly charming. The girlfriends reconsider their loyalties to one another as they compete for Ray’s attention.I loved the characters in this book, especially Ray, as I don’t recall reading a YA book in which the male love interest is disabled. I also found it intriguing that the accident that put Ray in the wheelchair is a mystery. I’ll look forward to this secret being revealed later on in the series.I thoroughly enjoyed reading "New Kid In Town" and recommend it for your summer ’Must Read’ list.

This is one complicated mix of people! I was never part of such convolutions, so I can only guess teens are accurately represented here. The tight core group of friends feels right; the snarky remarks seem to fit; the disparaging names for teachers ring bells. There are: the snobbish ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“enemy group,ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• the crowded and noisy cafeteria scene, nosy people listening to whispered communications, the constant disruption of conversations, and all the other distressing parts of teenage angst. Among all these things is an apparent maturing in views about others. Jude, Liv, Kat are joined by Ray, Luke, and finally Terry; they are learning to sort out their attractions and changing loyalties. The new kid, Ray, ramps up their interactions. I do recommend this book for teens.The only thing that irritated me was the near cliffhanger at the end! Okay, so what happened next!?

This really brought me back to high school. In a good way. Which is amazing really, that I would ever want to go back there. But I felt like the characters were my friends, and that’s what I loved

about this book. The girls, Liv, Jude and Kat, who are their own group and seemingly outside of the caste system, lol, make high school bearable. But, of course, there is the drama. You can't have teenagers without drama. And this book nails that, especially when the 'new kid', Ray, comes on the scene. He's hot. And definitely hiding something. I sped through New Kid to see what was going to happens next, and that is my only complaint -- Book 2 is not out yet. I'm ready to read the whole series. Can't wait!

It was a very refreshing and interesting read about teens coming of age. Although I am way past my high school years, this book really did a great job of entertaining me and bring me back to those times. I bet it would be quite intriguing for both young and more "seasoned" adults. :)I am absolutely delighted about the decision of the author to include a mysterious disabled character. I think it is something out-of-the box and shows that these people do deserve to be included in our lives - both real and fictional. Can't wait to find out Ray's dark secret!

This is a YA book about a close knit group of teens who go through various personal trials & tribulations at school, home & with each other. Such a simple statement made by me does not do the book justice. For one thing; I am extremely far from being a teen & I really enjoyed this work by Jacky Gray. She is an extremely witty author & brings her characters to life with intelligence, humour & true to life. I believe all ages will be very entertained while reading this book.It is a clean read & very cleverly written.

Sometimes stories set in high school get on my nerves, even though I'm a fan of YA books, but this one didn't. It still had all of the usual teenage drama and tension, but none of the annoying stuff. The characters were really believable. I found myself remembering myself in situations eerily similar to those on the page. I particularly liked the way the groups' friendships were portrayed. I think this series might be a winner.

Fun read about a group of friends in high school dealing with drama, family and relationships. The story took me back to my time in school with my friends. Interesting characters and a story that held my interest. Can't wait to read the next book in the series, I want to see what happens next in the group of friends lives. I voluntarily reviewed this book.

The author draws you into the story, and you are surrounded as it unfolds. You catch all of the

drama and feel like part of the story without the pain and anxiety of actually being 15 and in school again. It's like being invisible and being engulfed in all of the action. Great story and nicely written. I can't wait for book 2.

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