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Charlotte Ramsey is the new girl again. After causing the biggest cafeteria blunder in history, Charlotte's assigned lunch partners-the very stylish Katani, irrepressible Avery, and super-friendly Maeve-can't wait to dump her. Can it get any worse? Absolutely! Nobody is talking, and Katani wants out of the group. What a mess! Can the girls become true friends or will they remain worst enemies forever?

Worst Enemies/Best Friends Details

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Lesli Diaz says

I recommend this book to girls that like friendship and that maybe think bad things about other girls and they don't even know them. I liked this book because at first everything was going wrong/bad and then everything turned around and it was going great for the girls. The girls became best friends had sleepovers, shared a dog and Charlotte lied about the tower and then the lady gave the tower to her and her family.

Tannia says

the title of this book is "worst enemies/best friends" by Annie Bryant. This book was mostly about this girl named Charlotte going to a new school and having a hard time finding friends. She had mostly spend the whole year by herself till she met a girl. She was best friends with her and other girls. They had a sleepover but they didn't know that was her house instead it was rented and had to move out in a few months. I would recommend this book to people who like long books. I give this book four stars because it was kind of good.

Heather says

"Beacon Street Girls" by Anne Bryant is a series of books aimed toward tween/teenage girls. The first book in the series is "Worst Enemies/Best Friends." The premise of the story is that Charlotte, who is a tween, has moved a lot due to her father being a writer. When they move again, he asks Charlotte where she wants to go and she says that she wants to go to Brookline, Massachusetts where she was born and lived for the first four years of her life. Charlotte's mother died when she was four.

Being a new girl is hard and starting junior high is hard, so Charlotte had a lot to be worried about when she starts at Abigail Adams Junior High. It is through her experiences here that she learns that first impressions are not always correct. We follow Charlotte as she navigates being the new girl, finding out that not everyone is as she thinks they are, that families are made up differently (some have no mother, others are adopted, etc.), that having a crush on a boy can cause problems between friends and more. We don't just see things through Charlotte's eyes, though. We also have narration from the other girls in the book that become Charlotte's friends.

I would highly recommend this book to tween/teenage girls. The characters are all plausible and the situations that arise are common enough that any teenage girl can relate to something in the story. This is a series that parents don't have to worry about anything being inappropriate in it such as language or sexual situations.

Brianna says

My 10 year old self: This is an amazing book that you will not want to put down. It is about 4 girls, and them getting along, just like real life. It is like BFF, but better. I think this is because it doesn't have any swears and the author is just... different. More me. Anyways, this is a great book. Borrow? Buy? Skip? Absolutely

borrow this book, and if you buy books, then buy it.

Niko says

My daughter finished the various American Girls series and picked up a Beacon Street Girls book at the library. So I picked one up, too, to make sure the content and style meet parental requirements. They do. Being an adult male, this would have been a complete waste of my time if I hadn't read it for that purpose. If I were a pubescent girl, I would surely have rated it higher.

It's tough to move to a new city. It's tough to start junior high. Charlotte does both at once and despairs of ever making friends. In fact, the four main characters of the novel start out as "worst enemies." The plot and development are unsurprising. The characters are comically diverse - a veritable United Colors of Benetton billboard. There are some lessons on friendship and honesty, but these are pretty weak elements, to be frank. So is the description of setting and events. More than anything, the book is an impressionistic narrative of tween girl experience, fraught with misunderstandings, insecurities, crushes, secrets, and outfits. Everything works out neatly in the end.

One aspect I appreciated was reading the story told from the perspective of each of the four main characters. The narrator changes every chapter or two, with the name of the narrator appearing at the top of each chapter. Contrived as they seemed, I also enjoyed character attributes that were so carefully included that each reader could surely identify with at least one trait - the flashy romantic drama queen, the quiet klutzy studious one, the sporty socially-clueless animal lover, the slow-to-warm-up clever and loyal fashion-wizard. One has dyslexia and another almost certainly has ADHD. One has a sister with autism. What have we left out...? Artsy girl comes along in a later book in the series... Finally, I really liked the underlying but unstated message woven throughout: don't assume you understand another person's experience; give the benefit of the doubt and be kinder than you need to be.

I am given to understand that the Beacon Street Girls series is offered in opposition to the provocative and objectionable messages that young girls are otherwise constantly bombarded with. It is meant to touch on real and contemporary issues that girls face. Now, none of the characters has a cell phone (hallelujah), and there is no texting (yet?), but they do occasional internet chatting, infrequently use chat acronyms, and there is reference to modern pop culture here and there (such as American Idol). If that makes you squeamish, it's not for you. If you enjoy real literature, it's not for you, either. If your daughter wants to read it, I rate it as safe and probably worthwhile.

Dana says

This was an amazing book and it was very realistic. So, it is about four girls: Charlotte Ramsey, Avery Madden, Katani Summers, and Maeve Kaplan-Taylor. They are all very different and the way they start to be friends is very funny and weird. So, Charlotte has lived all over the world: Paris, Africa, and Port Douglas. But now she is back in where she started: Brookline Massachusetts, USA. So Charlotte has a BIG embarrassing moment, but surprisingly it brings the girls together. This book has love, comedy, and it's so realistic! Another thing I like about this book is that some of the places are real. Like, for example Irving's Toy and Card Shop. I used to live in Massachusetts, and I actually got to stand in front of the shop. I would have gone in, but it was closed. It may seem boring to you, but to me it was very exciting! So, this is MY

opinion: You better read this book.....NOW!!!!!!!

Shayla says

I enjoyed the Beacon Street Girls series when I was eleven. Now, not really. I realize that this series is written for children, and I'll try to keep that in mind as I write this review. But this book just isn't good. It's pleasant, but not well-written in any way. Everything is just too unrealistic. If you're going to read this book, don't expect to get anything out of it.

emily lopez;) says

i didnt finish but! i read it and it was stupid and funny:)

Sabine says

Worst Enemies/Best Friends by Annie Bryant is a interesting book about new friendships and adventure. This book teaches you that you can't judge people by their first impressions. Charlotte Ramsey knows what it feels like to make a fool of yourself in the first day of school. On the first day she got table cloth stuck to her zipper and when she stood up and walked away she took the table cloth and the food along with her. The food got all over the girls sitting there. Since that day they didn't like Charlotte. Then on a sleep-over the girls began to bond and create a hangout at the tower that is in Charlotte's house. What they didn't know was that there was a whole other friendship story that took place at that tower. I really liked this book because it is a story of true friendship that isn't always perfect but is always lovely. I would recommend this book to everyone who has one or more best friend that they can always trust. I think they will like this book because it has a lot of emotion and stuff about friendship.

Sunwoo says

This book was about a girl called Charlotte who moved to US and is trying to make new friends in her school. But things don't really go as planned...

Tara Calaby says

The most enjoyable part of reading this book was matching each character to their corresponding character in the Baby Sitters Club books ;)

Fairly generic, it was obviously the first book in a series. Unfortunately, the fact that it read like so many other books for upper primary/lower secondary meant that I wasn't really left with an interest in *reading* the other books in the series.

OH. Note to all authors: if you want to have one of your characters be someone who has lived in multiple

places around the world, it helps if you do an iota of research about those places before having your character talk about them. Peanut butter is extremely popular in Australia and we generally don't go to school barefoot. For goodness' sake o.O

Allie G. says

So far i think that this book is really good. the author makes this book seem like you are there when you are reading it! This is a great series for girls:)I would suggest reading books that are about girls growing up in middle school:)

November 14,2010

I am on page 80 of Worst Enemies/Best Friends and i love this book. I predict that Charlette, Avery, Katani and Maeve are all going to become friends because they are all having a sleep over so that their teacher will let them not have assigned seats at lunch and they seemed to be having a fun time at the sleep over.

November 23,2010

SPOILER ALERT

I am on page 100 of Worst Enimies/Best friends and i think this book is really good so far. Now that the girls had their sleepover and they found a secret tower, i think they are going to decorate it and make it like an apartment like they said. I also think that they are going to get caught up there and get in trouble.

December 5,2010

I am on page 160 of Worst enimies/Bestfriends and i absolutly love this book. I feel like i am there sometimes because i get so into it(:

December 12,2010

I have just finished this book and it was AMAZING :) A connection that i have is that later on in the book Charlette has to lie to save something and one time i had to lie to save something really important so it wouldnt go away. I would really suggest reading this :)

Courtney says

i did not enjoy this book at all. my friend recommended it to me, but i had to push myself to keep reading it. it was way below my level, and not my style at all.

Summer says

this is a good book because it tells you how to get friends and try to keeping someone in your family

Jiyah says

ATTENTION EVERYONE! Worst Enemies/Best Friends is an realistic book. I like this book because it shows how the person you'll least think can help you out of your problems can have an affect on you.

This book talks about how four totally different girls meet eachother and become friends but they all have diffrent vies about almost everything they do!. They have their ups and downs ,back and fourths. So this mysterious land lady experienced the four friends bickering and having the worst altrcation so she decides to help. All because of the land lady effort towards helping the four girls, she had the friends back communicating and help one another like friends are suppose to. I think the authors purpose for this was to teach the readers that what ever your struggling and going through theres always some light some where to get pass it.

Another reason that I enjoy this book so much is because Sharon Draper (the author) teaches me a lesson that even at the hardest times of your life you have to forget and most of all FORGIVE!

The main character of this book is Charlotte, she ****SPOILER**** lost her mother at a very young age, moved several times during her child hood because of her father job, left her bestfriend behind at her old school who she misses very much, Charlotte wonders if she had really found a home and friends for keep.

My favorite part of the book is when the four friends settled their problems as young adults.

I personally wish that Charlotte mother was alive to walk her through each step of becoming a young lady.

~Conclusion~

I give this book a 5 star rate because it teaches a valuable lesson and shows the young readers how they should handle their issues.

I would recommend this book to all of you especially the people who are going through difficulties and dont know how to go about with them.

Im sorry if I didnt leave you all with a clear understanding of this book. Its basically about a group of friends having different opinions about multiple things and a land lady thries to help the girls and guess what????? however her help works and the four friends lives peacefully and happy together.
