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For Mia Mannix, life has never been this tough, or this interesting

"Life never starts when you think it will. When I turned 15, I figured I'd be tossed the keys to the city, make out with a hottie, and have a modest parade thrown in my honour. But all that happened was that I got out of doing the washing up. The day we moved to Sydney was supposed to be the start of the new Mia Mannix—confident, charming, taller. But so far, it sucked."

Mia Mannix has made a deal: in return for moving from the social backwater of the Snowy Mountains to life in the fast lane in Sydney, she's promised her dad she'd give up music and concentrate on real art. But that was before she discovered new friends, a cool record store, and a ridiculously hot rock star. This story is for every girl who has ever wanted to start a band, had a crush on the wrong boy, or made a promise she couldn't keep.

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Alisha Brook says

Title: She's With the Band
Series: Girlfriend Fiction (#3)
Author: Georgia Clark
Genre: Teen Fiction
Rating: 3.5 stars

Personally I love these Girlfriend Fiction books as they all have relatable characters, a great story with a message and they're based on teens.

SHE'S WITH THE BAND was a great read. Really enjoyed the storyline.

Courtney says

Cute. I liked the ending - it was very fitting.

Jess says

I really loved this book. For a lot of the book I was just thinking that she was stupid to still want Justin but when she finally realised everything started falling into place. I found this a really cute romance and fell in love with Emil!

Naomi says

This book is about a girl called Mia who loves playing the guitar. She made a deal with her dad that if they moved where she wanted to go then she would give up her music & focus on art (her dad is a famous artist) so she sold her beloved guitar "Cherry" & they moved away. Mia has problems settling into her new school but after a while she meets some genuine friends & they decide to form a band & enter the Battle Of The Bands contest. I won't say any more about the story but it's a good YA novel with the usual teen issues involved.

Dulipthie says

It wasn't like one of those big heavy books that takes forever to read. It was refreshingly Aussie, being a Girlfriend Fiction novel, but yeah, it was something I could relate to, as a humongous music fan. Seriously though, if there is ever gonna be a movie out of this (I highly doubt it), "Justin" should REALLY be played by Justin Bieber! I was imagining him all along ahaha

Chloe says

I loved this book :)

Clodagh says

I don't know why but aussie fiction is so much better than other fiction. it's much more real, somehow.

Amanda says

Mia Mannix has just turned fifteen and she and her artist dad have moved from the Snowy Mountains to Sydney. Part of the deal with this move was that Mia gives up her love of music and instead take art more seriously. Mia starts a new school for performers and creative kids, learns what's like to have people want to befriend you just to be seen, makes new friends, confesses her love to the wrong guy and falls for a local lead singer.

Mia was a lot of fun to read about. She did seem quite young, but she also wasn't used to the fast pace of life in Sydney. On her first day in the suburb she meets Justin, lead singer of a band. Her crush blooms from there. At school she eventually makes friends with Emil, Seb and Lexie. Emil has a hideaway at school and it's where Mia goes when she needs a break from the popular kids. And soon Seb, Lexie and Mia have started a band, which she has to keep secret from her dad.

Mia got away with a lot in this book, having only one parent made it easy as well as the fact that her dad was working on new pieces and would spend a lot of his time locked away, painting. She abandons her school work in favour of hanging with Lexie and Seb and I think there probably would have been worse consequences for her than there were in the book.

There were times I wanted to shake Mia because she was chasing after the wrong guy when a much nicer guy had been there all along but it was also good to see her change over the course of the story.

The best aspects of this book were the songs peppered throughout the story, each picked to match Mia's mood at the time. Some of my favourite bands popped up (Faker, Cut Copy) and each time a song was mentioned that I didn't know, I'd stop and look it up so I could understand how Mia was feeling.

Jessi says

Such a great book, and the ending leaves you wishing there was a book #2!

Molly says

This is a really good book!!

Mari says

Books and music are two of my most favorite things in the world so even if the story was a bit predictable, the playlist in this book - with some bands I wouldn't have known about otherwise, is enough to merit a 3-star rating.

Cute, quick read.

3.5 stars

Lauren says

When I was first offered the chance to read and review *She's with the Band*, I instantly agreed! As most of you know by now, I always jump at the chance to read a new contemporary, and since *She's with the Band* was just that, I knew I had to give it a try. Thankfully, even though *She's with the Band* fell victim to a few clichés and a little underdevelopment, it was still a funny and sweet book about growing up and learning how to be yourself!

She's with the Band tells the story of Mia Mannix, a girl who ready to embark on new journeys in Sydney, Australia and leave her boring old town in the dust. However, as Mia is about to learn, everything won't be as easy or glamorous as she thinks, because lying in her path are mean girls with hidden agendas, the right and wrong guys (but which one is which?!), and a great opportunity if only her dad would allow her to give it a try. What will happen to Mia? Will she find her place, or become more lost than ever before? Only time and more pages can tell in this fast paced book filled with plenty of musical goodness!

From the first page, I instantly liked Mia. She carried a sarcastic yet sweet tone throughout the book, and even though she was a bit naive at times when it came to making decisions, it was still very easy to root for her character, especially when she finally made the right choice! In addition to her character I also adored the addition of her band mates as well as Emil! Her band contained Lexie, a girl facing her own demons, and Sabe, an adorable guy hiding a few secrets of his own! Together, all of them made for a great book due to the problems and fun that always ensued when they were together.

In addition to the characters, the plot in this was also lots of fun, and even though I've seen this formula (new girl goes to new school, makes some bad decisions, and finds herself in the process) countless times, I still enjoyed it. I felt the music addition allowed it to stand on its own a bit, especially when Georgia gave it a little twist, and even though I knew who Mia was going to end up with from the beginning, it was still fun (albeit a little frustrating) watching her figure everything out.

However, I did have a few tiny problems with this book. One was the constant amount of clichés thrown in my face as mentioned before, but it wasn't the biggest of problems. I also would have loved some more development into the characters, specifically Mia's family life.

In all, She's with the Band is a good little novel, and while it wasn't necessarily a favorite of mine, I still suggest it to fans of contemporary looking for a small book for a rainy or snowy day.

Grade: B

Tash says

I really enjoyed reading this book though it took me a while at the start to really get into it. I believe that it could just about relate to any teenager with all its major themes, as it did with me!

It's something that I would recommend to read :)

Annemieke Boland says

This book is a novel that any teenager could relate to; boyfriends, popularity, parties, the whole shabang. I recommend this to teenagers of any age.

Da vueltas says

good series :)
