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Frey and Rafi are inseparable . . . but very few people have ever seen them together. This is because Frey is Rafi's double, raised in the shadows of their rich father's fortress. While Rafi has been taught to charm, Frey has been taught to kill. Frey only exists to protect her sister. There is no other part of her life. Frey has never been out in the world on her own – until her father sends her in Rafi's place to act as collateral for a dangerous deal. Everyone thinks she's her sister – but Col, the son of a rival leader, is starting to get close enough to tell the difference. As the stakes grow higher and higher, Frey must decide whether she can trust him – or anyone in her life.

Impostors Details

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Brooke — brooklynreads says

3.5 stars

This book was a fast-paced, page turner of a read from the start all the way through to the finish.

Personally, I feel that this book may have received a higher rating from me if I would have reread the whole "Uglies" series prior to reading this new installment. I think it may have changed my overall reading experience to refresh myself of the original story, as well as remind myself of what exactly is different within the Ugly universe.

With that being said though, it isn't necessary or mandatory to read the original trilogy prior to picking this novel up. Yes, it may aid in the understanding of the world building, but the main characters in this novel are different than the main characters in the earlier series.

I really liked the overall premise and plot regarding this storyline. I never have thought of a "body double" in this particular circumstance and it was a very unique idea, especially due to the political background behind the reasoning.

As for the relationship component of this novel, I don't want to give too much away but I will say that it was a little too 'insta-love' for me. I actually do enjoy 'insta-love' to some degree but I found that the relationship developed quite quickly and that there should have been more of a hesitancy from the male in this relationship. I mean, this girl has lied and has essentially ruined your family, but go ahead, don't ask questions...

My one (extremely minor) pet peeve of this novel was certain terminology that was used as an example of the language within this particular universe. Again, it's very minor and was not overly used but I loathed every time I saw a phrase similar to "brain-missing" or "dizzy-making". I understand, it's part of these characters' language but I am not a fan.

Lastly, let me give some major applause for that ending! The ending may have been my favourite part of the whole novel (I'm not throwing shade, I swear it was just that good). It left off with such a unique cliffhanger that I can only wonder how the characters will get out of the predicament that they are facing. Due to that ending, I cannot wait to pick up the next book in the series when it comes out. I need to know what happens next!

Thank you to Scholastic Canada for sending me an ARC of this novel in exchange for an honest review

J Quant says

Ahhh when did this happened? I had **no idead** this existed until I saw the *next book* untitled prospect.

Honestly this sound interesting enough, and I'm guessing that the story exist in the Uglies universe so seeing the little nods and tidbits to previous installments will be fun.

Katherine says

I preordered this book in APRIL. That's how excited I was. Unfortunately, when I got it, I was really worried about not liking it, since I loved the original Uglies series so much, but THIS DIDN'T DISAPPOINT, THANK YOU SCOTT WESTERFELD. I'm gonna get kinda fangirl-y in this review, and I haven't reviewed a book thoroughly in a while.

First off, I loved the characters. It took a little longer to get used to them, especially since they weren't Tally and co, but I still eventually fell in love with them. They have forever imprinted themselves on me. Frey was such a great main character, and she's so cool, but it's not like, "I'm a badass female that can kill and stuff, so I don't have any feelings because that's what makes me a strong female lead." She was REAL, and had feelings. She didn't always know what to do, and she wasn't perfect, but it's not like she was imperfect in a perfect way, you feel me? I feel like in YA books, characters started to become imperfect, but then there started to be a format for the imperfect main character, but Frey wasn't that. I also realllllllyyyy liked Rafi and I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HER. She seems really 2D at first, but her character gets built really well even though she wasn't even focused on that much. Col and his brother Teo were great. I feel like they weren't just there to play a role for the book, and Teo was honestly so realistic for his age. Whenever authors add a younger sibling, I feel like they're portrayed as so young and naive, and while they may be to a certain extent, these 11 and 12 year olds feel like 7 or 8 years old. (sorry if my grammar was incorrect, i can't figure out a way to word it) Of course, this isn't to discredit Col. He didn't fall under this certain stereotype that I can't say because of spoilers, but I will say he didn't change as much as some of the other characters.

The plot was insane. I read this book in one sitting, and I haven't done that in the longest time. While, I have been getting better at predicting the plot (which makes books worse for me sometimes), this book took so many twists and turns that I just forgot about trying to feel the book out, and I just enjoyed it. I can't tell you how often I read the story, but I never get fully immersed in the story, because it doesn't have that extra push, and I just end up reading it to eventually review it. While I haven't been reading or reviewing as much as before, I have noticed that as I review more, the way I read changes. It's not always a bad change, but it takes more for a book to just get me to enjoy it.

The writing style was honestly just fine, but I feel like I don't read books for their writing style, but it's often a reason I don't read books. I find that I don't really enjoy a certain writing style a lot, so if I don't hate it, I'm probably going to continue reading that book. An important part of books is "showing, not telling", because that definitely puts you in the scene so much better, as if you're with the characters, or viewing everything from a bird's eye view, and Scott Westerfeld definitely did that. I felt like the descriptions weren't so heavy that I had to double check it, which is not ideal for me, but I could read and get a full picture of what was going on the first time reading it.]

If you haven't read the Uglies series, you do not have to read it to read the "follow-up" series. There are some parts that allude to the first series (although they're technically the same series), and you might understand it if you've read them, you can still figure out what's going on. If you've read Uglies, and loved it, I highly recommend this book, but even if you didn't like it this much, I still think you should try it, because it doesn't rely heavily on the original series, and it's not dystopian, if you've grown tired of that.

Overall, I absolutely loved this book, there was almost nothing that I could say wasn't good, which I try to do, but I legitimately couldn't find or think of anything that ticked me off. I'm so glad I decided to push aside my fear and just read this book, because it just made me happy, and I felt some semblance of relaxation from my busy life and I could escape reality. And in the end, isn't that why we all read books?

Rayna says

This is the first Westerfeld novel I've ever read and it is 100% a 5/5 read for me.

Marie says

It feels good to get back into the Uglies world. I love the Uglies series so, so much. Impostors was non-stop action, fast-paced, the kind of book you devour very quickly. I really liked the concept and the characters, but I wish it kind of stopped for a little while to explore the rules of this world, how it changed after the Uglies series, and so on. I feel like it didn't stop long enough to properly build the world and that's unfortunately, where it fell short for me.

Still, a very entertaining read and THAT ENDING AH I SCREAMED, I LOVED IT.

My Blog - Drizzle & Hurricane Books - Twitter - Bloglovin'

Cora ? Tea Party Princess says

5 Words: Family, power, control, betrayal, revenge.

Book Review: Impostors by Scott Westerfeld

When I heard about this book I was so excited - I loved the Uglies books growing up. I loved the twisted world, the acerbic take-down of societal conceptions of beauty. And now I'm back in the same world watching a similar take-down of the people in power. and it's excellent.

I loved the changes in the characters, how the Frey from the first page isn't the Frey from the last page, how the truth about Rafia is slowly revealed. I loved that there was so little trust and so much hope, so much pretending.

There is a bit of romance in the story, but it's not front and centre. To be honest I could very easily ignore it. It felt a bit convenient, and with the relationship between the particular characters it often felt more like an emotional outlet and a bit of mutual attraction than anything serious.

The ending is spectacular. This book is a bit of a thrill to read, packed with action and battle scenes, the hard reality of Frey's life is there on the page and explored in her every action. But that ending left me desperate for more.

Impostors may be the fifth book in the Uglies world, but you don't need to have read any of the other books first as this is set in a future timeline and generally deals with different characters and cities.

Kristen says

3.5/5

For all you people in the back, can I get an INSTA-LOVE?

Okay enough shenanigans the book was super good and I loved being back in the uglies world. I didn't know how much I missed the phrase 'crash bracelets' until I read this. It was super instalovey but hey UGLIES. Also them Tally references ooooooft. Not to toot my own horn but I finished this in 3 hours, I am a living legend. It was almost too fast paced in some aspects but hey she'll be right.

"Crash bracelets".

?Hayley says

UPDATE: THE BLURB IS OUT AND MY GAWDDDDDD WHY IS SEPTEMBER SO FAR AWAY?!?!

OMFG! I remember LOVING the Uglies series. It was such a unique and creepy concept. I'm excited, I'm excited, I'm excited.

Justine says

3.5 stars

I admit to being a tiny bit sceptical before reading this, as I didn't love *The Darkest Legacy*, another book returning to a series and set 10 years later, but *Impostors* managed to do this successfully.

Part of that success lies in the fact that instead of returning to characters introduced in the previous books, it begins the start of a whole new story with all new characters. Oh sure there are a few plot holes, and the characters are pretty standard, but it is also a fast paced and engaging read. If you liked the previous books set in the Uglies world, you should be satisfied with this. I'm in for the next book.

Shannon (It Starts At Midnight) says

You can find the full review and all the fancy and/or randomness that accompanies it at *It Starts at Midnight*

4.5*

Confession time! I didn't *love* the *Uglies series*. I just didn't. I liked the first book, but by the end? I legit one-starred the **4th book**, honestly just out of severe boredom. So to say I was skeptical of *Impostors* is putting it mildly. It was mostly curiosity that led me to pick up the copy that showed up on my doorstep. And the verdict? Holy crap, I am so glad that I am a curious sort!

I devoured this book. I liked the characters, the plot, the setting... I truly can't think of anything that I didn't like, come to think of it. My only complaint in the whole thing was that Mr. Westerfeld, sir, I need a *map* because I cannot figure out where all these towns are. I beg of you, **map**.

Erm anyway. **The action started and never stopped.** There were little throwbacks to the first book, but it wasn't overwhelming at all- I needn't have remembered much (which is good since I read it five years ago) and if you really wanted, **could probably read this on its own without the first four.** Because it's set, appropriately, years later, in a very different sort of world.

I basically could not stop reading, it sucked me in from the very start. **A few extra tidbits that I loved:**

- Short chapters!** This is a personal thing, but goodness I love a short chapter- plus it makes for very easy "one more chapter"-ing late into the night.
- All the characters,** not just Frey, were great. Even some of the more minor characters were awesome- and a few were perfect for a couple of lighter moments that were great in the midst of a pretty dark situation.
- Frey learned a lot about herself during the book, and I **enjoyed her development.**
- The **stakes always seemed high,** danger was always around the corner.

Bottom Line: Is book 6 out yet? Because I am totally in, and cannot wait to see what else this world and these characters have in store for them! And also, excited about those maps ;)

grace ?? (gracelwrites) says

HOLY SHIT.

i remember reading the books and being very caught up in them.

AND GUYS.

G U Y S.

I'M VERY EXCITED. i think i'll have to reread the entire series to catch up with everything—not that i'm complaining though!

maybe this will be the year i go back to my dystopian novel roots, since it seems that the science fiction/dystopian genre is making a comeback with sequels to the shatter me trilogy, the darkest minds, and all that.

jessica says

the '*uglies*' series was one of my all time favourites as a teen. so what a treat its been get the chance to re-enter that world 10 years later in a brand new story.

scanning the reviews for this, there has been one word that keeps popping up and that is 'nonstop.' i cant think of a better word to describe this book. this hits the ground running from the very first chapter and honestly doesnt slow down. its action packed, full of daring rebellion and planning. the fact that there was always something going on, in addition to the very simplistic and unhindered writing, makes this a story that is difficult to put down. and dont even get me started on that ending - holy cow. i cant wait to see what happens in the next book! the plot development and pacing of this was just so good!

however, i think the one thing i was really hoping to get from this, which may have led to too high of expectations, was more interaction with the world. as i said, i loved the 'uglies' series, so i have been beyond excited to relive that experience, in a way. but there honestly wasn't much world building. if anything, this story was extremely plot driven (hence calling it nonstop), and other than a few subtle mentions here and there, there wasn't really anything that connected this with the 'uglies' series. so that aspect was a miss for me.

but overall, this was a fast and easy-going read. it definitely delivers a couple hours worth of active entertainment and a very promising hope for the series to come!

? 3.5 stars

Lena says

CAN 2018 GET ANY BETTER?!?! THIS IS NOT A DRILL. I REPEAT THIS IS NOT A DRILL. SCOTT WESTERFELD IS GOING TO WRITE FOUR NEW BOOKS IN THE WORLD OF THE UGLIES SERIES.

COUNT ME THE FUCK IN!!! THIS IS HONESTLY THE BEST NEWS EVER!!! UGLIES WAS ONE OF THE FIRST YA SERIES I READ WHEN I WAS LIKE FOURTEEN YEARS OLD SO STILL A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AND AAAAAHHHH I LOVED THESE BOOKS TO THE CORE. WOW. JUST WOW. SO EXCITED *-*

Fables&Wren says

WrensReads Review:

HERE IT IS I AM SO HAPPY I CAN'T AHHHH MOST ANTICIPATED RELEASE EVER!

Also, I will say when I saw the trailer I thought it was becoming a movie franchise or something... BUT THIS IS SO MUCH BETTER. SO MANY STORIES TO BE TOLD IN THIS WORLD I AM SO BEYOND EXCITED!

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Amanda (MetalPhantasmReads) says

NOTE: Don't start with this book if you haven't read this series yet. I recommend reading the original trilogy, since there are some references to the original books and it does take place after SPECIALS.

Review is up on my blog now linked here!

<https://metalphantasmreads.wordpress.com>

But this was super disappointing for a new series installment! The action was too "stop and go" for me while never feeling intense or that there were any high stakes or the risk of death. Frey is a boring person, Col is

one of the worst and bland male characters ever (the author could've done way better frankly) and the whole plan for another rebellion doesn't really even happen! It's one long and boring set up book :(
