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Jess Hall's dad is the new general manager at Porchester Park, and is moving Jess, her brother and pet cat into a staff apartment there. Jess is dreading the move, until she learns the apartments are strictly A-list only and soon to be populated by actors, musicians, models and millionaires- But fraternising with the stars isn't all it's cracked up to be, and soon Jess is wishing for a return to real-life - but can she admit to her friends that the gilded cage isn't quite as golden as she'd anticipated?

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Dentro de un Libro says

El libro esta orientada a chicas entre 12 y 16 años pero eso no impidió que disfrutara con su lectura. El estilo de la autora es muy sencillo y entretenido, no me costo nada engancharme con la historia, y leerla de un tirón. Trata varios temas, algunos profundos, otros no tanto. Habla de los celos, las compras, los chicos, la familia, la amistad, la perdida de un ser querido y el proceso de duelo. Al final sucedió algo que me sorprendió, la historia me conmovió hasta las lágrimas. En definitiva este libro fue una linda sorpresa, me gustó más de lo que esperaba.

Una novela divertida, de lectura rápida y sencilla que entretiene.

Borislava Kratkova says

In the beginning that teenage story is sooooo boring, but then it becomes more interesting with the friendship between Jess & Alisha. Love it, but still it can be more interesting & also I didn't like the fact that Jess's choice wasn't made between the two of the boys.

Lauren Rees says

Million Dollar Mates may seem like another girly, boy-obsessed, light-hearted book - and some aspects of it is - however Jess' story digs deeper than just (hilariously) embarrassing mix ups and petty school fall outs. It's about a teenage girl's struggle to accept the loss of her mother just when she needs her. It's about learning to accept change and solving some of life's most difficult problems. It's about living with grief and letting go. Cathy Hopkins mixes the hilarious mis-haps of a teenage girl finding her feet with the life-changing experience of a significant loss to create a beautifully moving story about love, life and - most importantly - mates.

Mehsi says

Friendship, glitter and glamour, cats! I really enjoyed this book!

So far most of my Boekenfestijn books have been second or more in a series, but I apparently was lucky with this one! Yay!

I loved that the book had hilarious moments, but also serious moments. Jess lost her mom not that long ago and she still misses her loads. Then there is the fact she moving away from her grandma's place to be with her dad. And she is also working hard on getting better with her swimming. Alisha (one of the bigger side characters) also has her fair share of things in her life (and I didn't like her at first, but later on I could understand her much more). There is lots of seriousness, but also hilarious situations as she falls in love with not just one boy, but two! (Though I am not really a fan of love triangles, but it was pretty nicely done in this one.) She tries to hide her cat when he has to leave. There are visits by a new cat who keeps escaping his home. And then I haven't even talked about Jess and her mates. I just loved Pia and Jess together, they are such fabulous friends!

I wouldn't have minded seeing those apartments myself. It sounds like a dream place. Though only the rich and fabulous get to live there. Or, well if you are staff, but then you are not technically living there. :P

Jess was a delightful girl, I loved how silly she was. Her zombie queen routine, haha, I would have done the same, and then just like her, be embarrassed about it because I did it in front of my crush. I also liked how she was with her brother. Often brothers/sisters would be fighting, but these two were pretty tight and close. I loved that!

And I just like a girl who loves animals and treats them right.

Plus Jess and her mates were just great. We mostly see Pia and Jess together, but we also catch glimpses of Meg and Flo. They are really fabulous friends, Jess is lucky to have such great friends who care about her, protect her, and are there for her. And they are just as mad/crazy as Jess is.

I had some problems with the dad. How he didn't give his kids a bit more time to get used to the situation, maybe even talk with them about it. Instead he moves them away, and then works almost the entire day, which is definitely not helping his kids get used to things. I get that he is also getting used to everything, but maybe it would have been better if he had gone there first, and then later brought the kids.

I also felt so sorry for Jess. She had such a hard time getting used to the whole situation. Every time she got a bit of happiness that was thrown away again. Like with her cat, or with the swimming. Not even to mention how Alisha was acting. I just wanted to hug the poor girl and tell her things would be all right.

I get why they named it Million Dollar Mates (it is explained near the ending), but it still seems weird as it takes place in the UK... and they don't have dollars there. So maybe Million Pounds Mates sounds better then.

The ending was terrific, it was so exciting, I was rooting for her (no, I wasn't wearing those caps).

Definitely going to see if I can find the other books in this series. Even though I am a bit worried about the JJ x Jess x Tom situation. Hopefully she will just sort it out in the right way. Though darn it, if I had known I would like this book so much, I would have taken the other book I saw at Boekenfestijn as well. :P

Recommended to all looking for a fun, but also serious book!

Review first posted at <https://twirlingbookprincess.com/>

Jessica says

Million Dollar Mates is the first book I've ever read from Cathy Hopkins, (yes, I know that's pretty bad of me!) and to be honest, I wasn't expecting too much from this. I thought it would be a light read for the weekend. Just glancing at the pink, sparkly front cover suggested a flighty read filled with a load of girly talk and expensive clothes etc.

While it did indeed include this, it was also a lot deeper and meaningful that I had anticipated. Cathy Hopkins surprised me by tackling the loss of someone you love dearly, trying to manage the grief, and how to carry on through life. Hopkins did this gently and used main character, Jess, to show us all of the emotions you go through.

I am incredibly glad this plot had that topic, as it added maturity to the story. I sort of wish the cover wasn't quite so glam and glitz, as it probably puts off several people who dismiss it as too girly and with no real meaning.

Anyway, on to the characters. Jess, our main girl, was perfect. She was a typical teenager with a lot thrown at her. I loved the story being told from her perspective, as she explained all the emotions about losing her mother, dealing with her new dad, trying to get her around boys etc. brilliantly! I really emphasised with her. The way she talked about her mother leaving a bit hole in her heart made me realise just how important Mum's really are. It's all of those little things they do that make them so amazing.

Pia, Jess's best friend, had such a fun spark to her that you couldn't help but love her character. She was cute and caring and is the type of friend you would be lucky to have. Their friendship had me laughing along the way.

Of course, how can I forget to mention the boy's? You have Tom - confident, good-looking, and pretty full of himself. Then you have JJ - tall, dark and handsome, down to earth and radiating charm. It's probably pretty obvious who I prefer, but then I guess we just have to see who Jess chooses in the sequel, *Paparazzi Princess!*

Some of the characters fell to the wayside slightly, mainly Charlie and their Dad. I would of liked to read more about the two, and feel they could of offered more to this novel. Hopefully the other books in this series will involve more of them.

Sometimes I think people really do believe money is everything. Brand names, big parties, fit to burst purses - I have a friend like that who I would love to lend this book to. It would teach her a few little morals about life.

Overall, this was a fantastic read that proved Cathy Hopkins to be a writer that I'm glad I have tried! I definitley will read *Paparazzi Princess*, which is out now.

Alex says

From the front cover of this it's easy to presume it's just a little girly book about nothing of importance. To some extents this is true; there are dilemmas about clothes and the usual boy drama. However, Cathy Hopkins sort of makes you get really involved with the boy drama, and deciding who is right. But, other than this, there are issues arisen that you wouldn't expect from the average book aimed at teenage girls. Things such as losing things close to you and dealing with not being liked and being the one that not many people are itching to talk to. I would really recommend it for any girl in their early teens. A truly great book!

Grace Hannah says

Million Dollar Mates, is a sweet and easy read for all teens/YA fans.

So if you're looking for a quick book to pick up, then I'd definitely go for this one, and even the whole series. It gives the reader a clear perspective of how life can change, seemingly for the worst, and learning to come to terms with the positives and giving yourself time to move on, that Jess later discovers is for the better.

Genres; romance, narrative,

Suitable for 11+.

Libby says

Since passing my collection of 'Mates, Dates' books and a few of my copies of 'Truth, Dare, Kiss, Promise' to others, I have read very little Cathy Hopkins. When I picked up this book in the library yesterday, I expected very little from it. I thought it would be a light book for a Saturday evening read.

I was pleasantly surprised by the moral running throughout--money can't buy you happiness. Hopkins writes very well, with a clear perception of how hard it can be to live the life of a teenage girl. Although at times I felt the story was lack-lustre, there were humorous moments.

All in all, although the book was not my favourite of all the books written by Hopkins, it is not bad. I will probably read others in the series, but I doubt I will actively seek them.

Sol says

Reseña en el blog Solo déjate llevar

Hace como un millón de años que no leo libros de esta autora.

Me acuerdo que cuando tenía 11 años mi Mamá me había comprado "Princesa Pop" y luego de un año comencé a leerlo. Después había empezado con otra historia de la autora, pero lo deje porque no me convencía.

En fin. Esta es otra historia de Cathy Hopkins, por lo tanto, nuevo mundo y nuevos personajes.

En amigas millonarias nos encontramos a Jess, una chica de 14 años que vive con su abuela, su hermano y su gato. Jess es una adolescente común como vos y yo: le gustan la películas, está enamorada y le gusta salir con sus amigas. Pero, un día, su padre aparece y se entera que se ira a vivir con él en el lugar más VIP.

Jess comienza a vivir en una casa nueva donde sus vecinos son ricos y superestrellas. Ella está encantada pero, en un momento, todo se derrumba.

Como todas las novelas de la autora es muy rápida de leer y te engancha al instante. La historia es muy adolescente, pero eso no significa que un adulto no pueda disfrutarla.

A mí, al principio, no me enganchaba por completo, pero luego de un tiempo y leer me fue copando la historia y en un momento me tuve que poner freno porque me lo estaba leyendo en un día entero XD.

Muchos piensan que estas novelas son las típicas de "Chico y chica se conocen, y se enamoran", pero no es así. El amor se lleva de una manera secundaria con respecto al conflicto de la historia.

El personaje de Jess me gusto demasiado, sabía cómo salirse con la suya y no ser la histérica que encontramos en un 75% de libros juveniles. Es una chica que tiene los pies sobre la tierra aunque, muchas veces, sueña un poquitín. Sabe lo que es recibir un puñetazo en el estómago y que sabe levantarse ante cualquier situación.

Cathy Hopkins no formo a la familia perfecta, si no que durante la historia el padre de Jess se tienen que ganar la confianza de sus 2 hijos. Es un desafío totalmente para él y cuanto más avanzamos en la historia nos enteramos que es un buen padre.

Un personaje que me dejo con ganas de más fue Charlie, el hermano de Jess. Me dejo con esas ganas de conocer más de él, aunque me pareció un chico totalmente simpático.

Es un libro que no supera las 200 páginas y se puede leer en un día o dos. A demás es muy divertido y te hará pasar una buena tarde.

Me quede con ganas de más cuando lo termine de leer, por suerte tengo el segundo a mano. Cuando me decida voy a comenzar a leer el siguiente.

Micaela Vairo says

Cathy Hopkins es una autora que leo hace muchos años y de la cual leí muchos libros. Sus historias suelen estar más bien dirigidas a un público femenino juvenil de a partir de los 13 años aproximadamente. En sus libros narra la vida de las adolescentes con sus problemas cotidianos y hasta sus actitudes a veces un poco infantiles y otras un poco queriendo aparentar ser más grandes de lo que son. Por eso es que amo tanto a esta autora. Sus historias ya no me atrapan tanto como cuándo era un poquiito más chica pero sí que me siguen

gustando sus libros y es por eso que la sigo leyendo. Porque me gusta como realmente sus personajes son siempre tan reales y tienen problemas (a veces más y a veces menos) tan cercanos a la realidad adolescente, además de que es infaltable ese toque de humor que le da que logra hacerme reír siempre.

Keira says

One of the first books i ever read and definitely worth it read it in a day

Fede Valotta says

Reseña publicada en mi blog

Este libro lo tengo pendiente hace muuuuuuucho, pero, ahora que ya van publicados los primeros 4 libros de esta serie dije...Fede...es hora. Tenía miedo que sea algo muy cliché, femenino y que no me dieran ganas de seguirlo, pero al ser un libro cortito dije...¿Porqué no?.

Al comenzar a leerlo dije...meh, va a ser lo mismo de siempre...Chica quiere conquistar a chico, se vuelve popular de la noche al día y todos felices por siempre. ¡Pero no! Estaba muy equivocado. Este libro encierra un montón de otras cosas y la parte amorosa casi queda en segundo plano. Es un libro que nos habla de la tolerancia, las injusticias, luchar por lo que uno quiere, prejuizar al otro y la amistad.

La verdad quedé muy sorprendido con este libro, no fue para nada lo que esperaba, y me sorprendió gratamente. Si bien tiene cosas femeninas no es un libro 100% femenino, por lo que no se dejen engañar y alejen sus miedos si son hombres, es una historia muy fácil de leer (en menos de un día lo liquidas, xD), muy fluida y con muchas enseñanzas.

Si son padres, y tienen hijas (diría que si tienen hijos también pero probablemente los nenes chiquitos lo rechacen por el simple hecho de la portada) COMPRENSELO. Es muy linda historia y divertida.

Gracias a VR Editoras por el ejemplar.

Chloe says

at first i actually thought this book was rubbish, to be frank. but, after the first maybe three dull, typical teenage book chapters, it was actually alright! i admit, i thought it was a bit annoying, because the general theme was that if you want to do anything in life you have to look amazing and buy the right stuff. i hate it when people think that. but apart from this, i thought it was really good, and i got really into it after a while.

June Jones says

Good teen read.

Natasha GJ Nanny Nakia says

Amigas millonarias es una novela entretenida y ligera, en la cual se nota la experiencia de la autora para crear los momentos ideales de clímax y distensión. Con fuerte humor en los diálogos, descripciones primorosas y temas bien actuales, es fácil sentir atracción por la historia desde el comienzo hasta el final. Jess es una adolescente común que recientemente ha sufrido mucho. La pérdida de su mamá hace nueve meses será una mancha continua en su búsqueda de felicidad. Incluso mantiene un secreto al respecto que no le ha contado a nadie, ni siquiera a su mejor amiga Pía. Una vez que se acostumbra a vivir con su abuela, se enfrenta a una nueva realidad: debe ir a vivir con su padre, con quien no mantiene una buena relación debido a la ausencia de este después del divorcio.

Todo esto nos enteramos en el primer capítulo y es imposible no continuar leyendo. Para rematarlo, Jess no se irá a vivir a una casa cualquiera. No no, ella irá a un predio de apartamentos donde se alojarán los famosos y más ricos personajes. A pesar de las ideas que se hace previamente, no resulta como ella y su amiga lo planearon. Pero tendrán que leer la novela para saber por qué.

Jugando con las emociones y las reflexiones profundas (sí, dije profundas), Hopkins nos brinda una historia especial en donde los sueños que una adolescente promedio tiene se ven cumplidos, pero a la vez, este sueño fácilmente puede convertirse en pesadilla. Los celos, la envidia, el enojo, la frustración, la desesperanza y la pérdida de un ser querido, luchan con las promesas de amor, la fiel amistad, el cariño de una mascota y los valores familiares.

Las menciones a las marcas famosas y las alusiones a famosos reales me hicieron acordar al internacional juego de modas online para chicas, Stardoll. Sin resultar cargoso ni demasiado consumista, la moda y los lujos serán temas constantes de las conversaciones de los personajes de esta novela.

Para las amantes de los felinos, también habrán varios personajes que les caerán simpáticos. ¡Aparecen tres, nada más ni nada menos! Cada uno de los mininos es único; me ha encantado Dave, su actitud en la novela es muy... vengativa, jajaja.

Tanto las lectoras más jóvenes como las más grandecitas podrán disfrutar con esta divertida novela, que sabe tener sus momentos super felices y algunos muy tristes. Sin duda podrán identificarse con al menos una de las chicas.

Si bien el título hace referencia a un status económico alto, la protagonista no tendrá casi nada para gastar en las tiendas y su mejor amiga aún menos. Sin embargo, el por qué del título cobra sentido en un capítulo y en una frase. No la transcribo porque es un momento especial de la novela, pero tiene su buena justificación. Lo único que puedo decirles es que en ningún momento se hace apología al alto nivel de vida, en realidad, todo lo contrario. Así que no se dejen intimidar, vale la pena embarcarse en su lectura.

¡Oh, el amor! Jess dice una frase super atrevida para una chica tan joven: "¡Hay que tener opciones!". Sin titubear se embarca a suspirar por dos galanes, y aunque el triángulo amoroso no llega a cerrarse aún, ya se puede ir sintiendo.

Otro detallito a mencionar (y que lamentablemente ocurre muy poco en la literatura juvenil) es que Hopkins agrega personajes de todas las nacionalidades y estilos. Podremos encontrar desde rusos hasta asiáticos.

Incluso cierto famoso importante es afro-americano.

Amigas millonarias resulta una novela atractiva, ideal para divertirse y compartir impresiones con las amigas. Con pase libre para soñar, Hopkins regala los mejores pensamientos para incorporar a la vida.

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