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There is nothing wrong with getting high, or so Carol and Karla felt until they saw Rod high on Bath Salts. Carol makes up with Karla to ease her guilt about what happened to Karla at the party. There are two new boys in town that happen to be free for the taking and Karla and Carol are just the ones to find them. When Mrs. Centon flips out at Karla afterschool and calls the police on her, she has had enough. She and her new found friends decide to take a little road trip. All goes well until Carol's new boyfriend starts using a new drug sold over the counter called Bath Salts creating a disastrous event for all.

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From Reader Review Road Salt for online ebook

Tami Montano says

An intense look at the dangers of drug experimentation especially focusing on the "legal" or synthetic drug bath salts. A realistic look at what the outcomes of using this drug is for young people. I think this is an important read for both teens and parents as well as community leaders.

Stephanie (the nerdy princess) says

**** I received a copy of this book from the author through Librarything.com Early Reviewer program for an exchange of an honest review. That in no way has influenced my review. ****

This book is about drug use and the effects that drugs have on you mainly bath salts. Bath salts are very big in the area I am from. They are now official illegal but the damage has already been done. It is very sad to see the effects that these drugs had on the kids in my area. I am so glad that our government finally stepped up and did something about this.

Karla is new to the school. She does not have a great relationship with her mother, and that is because her mother is a mean drunk. Her father on the other hand is never home. She does not know if he is off working or out with someone else. She could care less after what happened to her a few months ago. Karla went to a party with a new friend of hers, Carla, where Karla meet up with a boy who drugged her and raped her. Karla ended up overdosing on whatever the guy gave her and almost died. So now she is officially grounded until further notice.

Carol is an ordinary girl who lives with her parents. On the volleyball team and popular, Little does anyone know is that Carol is addicted to Coke. We find out that Carol's mother is also addicted to Coke and keeps stealing Carol's stash.

Carol and Karla meet two new boys in school named Max and Rod. Max has a normal family. His father is a lawyer and a normal mother. Max does drugs mostly pot. Rod on the other hand is a bad boy. Always in trouble and big into drugs. His drug of choice is Cloud Nine, aka, bath salts. Rod has a job at a gas station. One night while working, he comes across an irate customer and ends up getting into a fight with the customer and that customer runs into the gas station with his car. Rod gets scared, robs the gas station, and makes it look like it was the person who ran into the gas station.

Max gets kicked out of his house for not having a job to pay room and board, Carol packs a bag and runs away from home because she is tired of having her mother steal her stash. Karla goes to the basketball court to meet up with Max and finds Carol, Rod, and Max already there. They have this great idea to go on a road trip. Little do they know this is going to be a road trip from hell. The kids end up stealing cars and stealing money to survive there road trip. Trying to figure out why Rod is acting so weird.

To me there was not enough drama or excitement in the book. I was bored in the middle of it and kept thinking ok what is going to happen next. What I did hate was how the book ended. Out of know where all this Shit was going down. It felt like she rushed to end the book.

But overall it was a decent read.

Elizabeth says

The continuing story of Karla. Karla's dad had lost his job and her mother is always drunk so they are forced to move into a lower income neighborhood where sKarla has been befriended by local tough girl, Carol. Even though Carol has made Karla's life hell, Carol feels terrible about her treatment of Karla and Karla is so lonely for a friend she accepts Carols apology and friendship. Then they meet the new boys and an adventure that turns out just as horrendous as Karla's first ensues. Can not wait for the next installment to see how Karla recovers from her harrowing experiences. Good way to spend an afternoon in the sun!

Kimberly says

I just finished reading the book Road Salt by Linda Nelson, I would recommend this book to ALL young readers. I learned a lot about a subject I have only heard about so far which is people using Bath Salts to get high. Linda makes the reader feel that they are with these four teenagers as they are experiencing this road trip and all the things that happen along the way.

This is a great book which will make the reader think. How well do you know your friends? Do you or your friends think you need to get high to have fun?

I hope that this book reaches all young and old alike that thing getting high on bath salt (or anything) is the answer. I hope it reaches all that are thinking about giving it or any drug a try. Drugs are such an epidemic in today's world with so many young and old alike loosing their lives needlessly.

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for my honest review, rather it be good or bad.

Heather says

I couldn't continue this book. The writing seemed like it was done by a 12 year old due to choppy sentences. Also, the author kept repeating the same thing over and over.

I really could not continue this because I was just getting annoyed with the writing and redundancy. It's a shame because I was really looking forward to this book.

(I received an ecopy of this title from LibraryThing in exchange for a fair and honest review).

Jan says

I received this book for free in exchange for providing an honest review.

This book is the second book in the series Wings to Ashes series. In the first book Karla, the new girl in town becomes friends with Carol. Carol, the proverbial bad influence invites Karla to a party that ends in tragedy. In Road Salt Karla is back in school and again meets up with Carol, who feels guilty for what happened in the first book one, The girls go on a road trip with their boyfriends that ends in disaster. One of the boys has been using what they call bath salts. This substance is readily available and sold over the counter as "incense". This drug can have deadly consequences.

Putting the grammar and spelling errors aside. The book was alright as far as it went but in my opinion the story line was a little far fetched. Sadly I don't think that this book will reach its intended audience.

P.W. says

This review is based on an ARC from LibraryThing.

Poor Karla. She's got a hard life, and nobody understands her. Her friend Carol **also** has a hard life, and a similar lack of understanding. Logically, the smart thing to do is run off with two guys in school that are so new the girls haven't even determined if they (the guys) are bad news yet.

Luckily for the reader (and unluckily for Karla and Carol) the guys **are** bad news. Soon, an interstate crime spree is underway with drugs, sex, car theft and more! Bonus: an RV actually gets eaten by a tornado!

In the end there are no winners in this crazy world where some people get high on bath salts. And probably a significant amount of restitution charged to the modern-day Bonnie and Clyde kids.

The novel was a seemed a little heavy-handed to me, but I have absolutely no experience with bath salts other than seeing them at convenience stores in the past. It was a little like the book "Go Ask Alice", but only if Alice was a Debbie Downer for the entire 200 pages or so.

My biggest issue with Road Salt is that Ms. Nelson could really use a proofreader. There was a lot of interchanging of the word "waist" and "waste", a couple typos, a place where the swears were muted with apostrophes but clearly typed elsewhere, and a few other cases (that I forgot to highlight) where a phrase was altered slightly repeatedly. It was distracting for me, and ultimately took a little enjoyment away from the read.

That said, there are probably a lot of kids who are at risk that could be well served by this book. I actually will probably recommend it to some people I know in the Social Service "scene".

Laura says

I enjoyed the topic the story was written about. The book is about drug use and the effects that drugs have on you. In my opinion, this is a very important subject matter and all young readers need the dangers of drug use brought to their attention. However, the book was in terrible form. Two of the chapters even though they had completely different titles were written exactly the same. It did not appear that it had been proofread at all. I feel the book could have been so much more if more time had been spent on it.

Rachelle says

I wanted so much to enjoy this book. It is an important topic to explore, and teens and parents alike should read and be familiar with lesser known drugs. However, this book reads as a very rough first draft. I wanted to edit the book and send it back to the author. Unfortunately I was unable to finish this book. I would love to reread it if it was properly edited.

Millie says

I RECEIVED AN ARC COPY OF THIS BOOK FROM LIBRARY THING EARLY REVIEWERS BUT THIS HAS NOT INFLUENCED MY REVIEW IN ANY WAY.

I understand that the theme of this book is drugs and its effects, however, it was too much for me. Everyone one of the main characters, has the same family background, drug abused parent and the other one doesn't care. This made me disinterested in the characters. However, I enjoyed the writing style and I did want to read more as it unfolded. The ending I believe was a bit rushed and the events should have begun earlier as towards the middle I became a bit bored.

CHARACTERS:

2/5

No individuality between character backgrounds as I thought the family's situations were all similar.

PLOT AND ORIGINALITY

3/5

Varied interest rates with a slightly rushed ending.

WRITING:

4/5

Can be a page turner at times.

EFFECT ON ME

3/5

Too much of an overload regarding the theme of drugs. It could have incorporated different ideas instead of just one.

OVERALL RATING: 3

RECOMMENDED RELATED READS: The Queen Bee of Bridgeton by Leslie DuBois

Crank by Ellen Hopkins

Megan says

Good book. But bad memories mom. I believe a lot of young people will love it.

Irene Adam says

I received this book free from the author through LibraryThing in exchange for an honest review. This book needs editing very badly. The many typos were very distracting. I do feel that this book is one that should be read by every teen and discussed with parents, teachers, and counselors. Every one of the teens in this book have a very dysfunctional family life with little or no parental guidance and very risky parental behaviors. These teens make very poor decisions and continued with risky behavior. They don't seem to feel any guilt about what they are doing and seem so tough and hard. This book does emphasize how dangerous and risky the practice of smoking Bath Salts can be.

Kathy says

I received this from Library Thing to read and review. I personally think this book should be required reading for all young people. In addition to illustrating the dangers and evils of drugs, it depicts the story of Karla, who is going through a bad time in life. Enter Carol. Who is not a particularly good girl but who befriends Karla when she needs a friend. Both decide to go on a trip, a sort of vacation from friends and family and school. This short "vacation" quickly turns into the vacation from hell, as they get mixed up with other people their age, who have criminal intentions they act on as well as who take a whirl with current drugs on the market, to include the new drug bath salts. These actions lead to a series of expected events, which make everyone wish things could go back to where they were. This book graphically shows the dangers of crime as well as of drugs and of life when things don't necessarily go as planned. I think a story such as this one can probably have a better and longer impact on young people than many lectures or infomercials on how and why crime doesn't pay and how dangerous drugs are and can be. I think parents, teachers and others who work with or deal with teenagers regularly can also benefit from this story. As I read the book I found many errors the author failed to correct. Many may have been typos, but many included word choice and usage. Nevertheless, the book tells an interesting story with a very strong message.

Angie ~aka Reading Machine~ says

Carol Bower wants nothing more than to make amends with Karla Centon for what happened at the party. Karla is suspicious of Carol sitting by her at lunch but agrees to hang out with her after school. When Karla and Carol meet up with Max and Rod on the basketball court for some fun. None of them expected the chain of events that would occur the following days. An unplanned road trip which involves drinking, smoking weed, stealing cars, and so much more. Rod finds Cloud 9 knowing it gives a good high offers to share some with the others but they decline. What are the consequences for the road trip? What is Cloud 9? Find out in Road Salt.

This heartbreaking tale about bath salts is a real eye opener as a reader and a parent of three young adult girls. The story and characters were flawed, honest, real, raw, compelling, and intriguing too. I encourage parents and teens alike to read this book.

Cindy Holdmann says

This book was remedial at best. It took you on a journey of four friends who went on a drug induced hiatus and all the trouble that ensued because of it. First, let me point out that the editing was abhorrent. Even a first grader with spell check could have done better than that. The characters didn't have much depth and the conversations seemed forced and flat. Most people speak using contractions. Although the book did keep me

somewhat interested enough to finish it (thankfully it was a short read), some of the minor characters were unnecessary and clouded up the story line. Also, the epilogue, like many other parts of the book, was nothing but redundancy. I learned more about the substance of bath salts by watching a 1/2 show on t.v. than I did by reading this book.
