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Zoe has a great pair of legs, perky boobs, and wears exactly what she needs to show it all off. She works hard for the easy sleazy *you only wish you were me* reputation, burying who she really is---an all-out nerd. The only time Zoe gets to be herself is when she hides under her comforter to read X-Men comics, sending jealousy stabs at everyone who attends Comic-Con.

Zak's a geek to the core, shunned by everyone in school for playing Dungeons and Dragons at lunch and wearing "Use the Force" t-shirts. And Zoe's got it bad for the boy.

Only Zak doesn't want Popular Zoe. He wants Geek Zoe.

Praise for the How To Series

It made me laugh, swoon, and desperately wish for a hot nerd of my own! ---Farrah, Amazon reviewer

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♥ Rebecca ♥ says

Although I was pretty frustrated with Zoe in the beginning, this turned out to be pretty good. Not as good as Reasons I Fell for the Funny Fat Friend, but better than Switched.

(Zak didnt have glasses, but this guy is hot so he is gonna be my Zak for now. :P)

I hated Zoe at first because of the way she behaved at school. She may have been just pretending to care about nothing but fashion and boys and herself, but in the process she put herself before everyone, she hurt people's feelings and she was willing to do it, so that makes her a bad person for real.

Zak was a total sweetie pie who she did not deserve. I was making constant comparisons to Trevor from Geek Girl while reading this, but in the end I think I liked Zak more, although its been awhile so I'm not sure. Zak was such a nice person who gave Zoe so many second chances. Even after all the times Zoe hurt him and turned her back on him, he agrees to help her out and accepts her back again and again. He claimed to not have much forgiveness left in him if she failed him again, but he had already forgiven her more times than she deserved.

"I'd let it go because I knew it wasn't the girl at school under this blanket. It was my friend."

But I gotta admit they made a cute couple. When Zoe wasnt being a bitch and they were just hanging out, they could be pretty adorable. And I loved how Zoe described Zak playing with his lightsaber keychain when he got nervous. That's so cool! I have a few Star Wars keychains myself, but not a lightsaber one. :P I'd imagine its one that lit up.

I enjoyed Zoe's dramatic speech at the end. It was very much like a teen movie. Like *Never Been Kissed* or *Easy-A*. I think this would make a good movie. I wish her speech would have been longer though, and that she had said something about herself. The speech she made showed that she was willing to become the nerd she used to be again. But if she had said more she could have made it clear that she had never really stopped being Geek Zoe.

"I march right up to a table in the center of the cafeteria. People are sitting at it, but I don't care. I climb on top and look at my audience, which is now half the student body. Everyone is telling their friends to look in my direction, some already laughing, but most are gaping at me."

I unzip my jacket and toss it on the floor. Here I stand in my bright blue Superman shirt."

"The Star Trek franchise includes six series: The Original Series, The Animated Series, The Next Generation, Deep Space Nine, Voyager, and Enterprise, totaling 726 episodes..."

From reading the Acknowledgments at the end of this book, I would guess that Cassie Mae is a true nerd herself, but perhaps not a Whovian. She kept writing Doctor Who as Dr. Who, which is just wrong and doesn't make sense. A true Whovian would know that. But this book has encouraged me to continue reading more of her books. I love her writing and characters and humour, although I may not always like the weird twist she *always* has in her stories. But I am looking forward to reading *How to Seduce a Band Geek* because the male lead is Levi, a friend that Zoe made in this book. He was really nice and super hot. He always

reminded Zoe of Zak and made her miss him. :P But Levi was a few years younger so it makes sense that he could be a love interest for her sister. Although Sierra was only 14 in this book. A few years better have gone by by book 2.

P.A. Warren says

10 STARS..But realistically we will give it 5 since thats they way it goes.

I received a ARC for an honest review

When I first heard Cassie was writing How to Date a Nerd I admit there may have been some happy dancing going on,Im not going to lie.When I hear that the awesome Cassie is writing another book your darn right Im going to get excited.

Lets delve right in without any spoilers,mmmokay?Zoe is the epitome of mean girl at school.Not going to lie I envisioned Lindsey Lohan in the movie Mean Girls.

But Zoe was 10 times better then Lindsey.The catch here is that Zoe is a closet nerd.Majorly closet nerd.She doesn't want to risk her reputation of being popular..possibly loose and somewhat mean.Say what?How can you possibly like a girl like that?Easy.Its a facade.Perhaps a bad choice on Zoe's part but a facade is what it is.You will learn why Zoe is the way she is once you read How to Date a Nerd. Zac is the boy next door and the boy Zoe has the hots for.The problem?Zacs a nerd.Major nerd.Like one that would ruin Zoe's Popularity.But he's also happens to be a really HOT nerd.I have to say the ending was amazing and I wasn't prepared for how satisfying it would be.It left me literally hungry for more.Will Zoe finally overcome her fears of not being popular or will she choose popularity over love?

The writing as always flows amazingly smooth.The story draws you and keeps you entrenched in Zoe's we will say mental battle with the battle of popularity or nerd.Cassie makes writing a review easy because I can find nothing to critique her on.Period.Want some critiquing,Cassie ? You need squirrels in your book.There.

I am utterly convinced that Cassie is the next big thing.She is an amazing writer and I dive into her books the minute I can.You will not be disappointed.Give How to Date a Nerd a try..You will not be disappointed.Congratulations Cassie on another amazing book.

Rahmi says

"Why the X-Men? Why this book? Why not the sisterhood of the what's-it pants book? Or The Notebook? Or a book at all? Why read this book?"

"Cause it's frakking awesome."

He chuckles. "Why?"

"Zak ..."

"Humor me."

Gosh, I'd do anything for him right now. Even talk nerd with him.

"I dunno. I guess 'cause they are all totally hated for being different and still the fight to save the people who hate them, and that's pretty heroic." I pause before adding, "And they are all super badass."

What I want after reading this book :

A nerdy boyfriend who talk about Star Wars and love X-Men like Zak *dreamy eyes*

Review to come ... well when I'm in the mood to write a review lol

Lisa Jayne says

5 PERFECTLY NERDY STARS

Cassie Mae is fast becoming my go-to-author for when I need a young adult sweet, funny fix. There are times when I crave a book that is cute, silly, predictable and full of all things 'Young love'. With that in mind that's just what I found here with this delightfully nerdy and at times touching novel. Welcome to 'How to date a nerd' a book that has that 'don't-stop-now-I'm-having-a-good-time' quality stamped all over it ... Here are my nerdy loving book thoughts.

What's it all about?

Zoe is a young teen who has found herself turning her back on all her nerdy, intelligent ways. This wannabe 'it' girl has made her way up the food chain as one of the popular girls at her high school, trouble is Zoe is still the same girl on the inside and longs to learn how to be herself, but with a history of being an outcast will Zoe give it all up to embrace the real her? Zac knows the real Zoe inside and out, they used to be best friends so he has never given up hope that the girl he loves will find herself once again. But with Zoe's reputation at risk and the possibility of heartache will these love birds find a way to love against all odds?

What did I love?

This book showcases the best of young adult novels. It has a great message of being true to yourself and finding love. It's a cute, funny, silly and at times out right touching tale, with a coming of age theme that reminded me of how it feels to learn how to love yourself and others. I was completely charmed by this book, Cassie Mae has a special way of making her books come alive with characters that could be your best friend/little sister/first love/next door neighbour. Her humour and quick witted writing comes together to form the sweetest of stories and even the 'not so nice' aspects of the story telling are light hearted and comical. 'How to date a nerd' has personality by the bucket load, pages full of heart warming friendship and loving affection that melted my heart. I love books like this and I'm excited to read more by this gorgeous author. Both Zac and Zoe as leading characters were adorable I loved reading their journey to happiness, the author did a great job of making them stand out as a relatable, cute couple. As with most YA books the drama can be immature and exasperating but both these high school students stole my book moments away with their nerdy, charming ways.

Final thoughts ...

Warning those that do not connect with books of this genre need to stay clear. There's nothing new about this story line but in my opinion it has an utterly charming predictability. As with all books there will be readers who won't connect with this books message. But if you like sweet, funny and well written YA novels then you will love this book, which is written with a refreshing lightness and will undoubtedly leave most readers with a heart full of silliness and love. So if all the above has got your attention, go grab it readers. Enjoy ... Kisses.

This Book was generously gifted from the author, Cassie Mae In exchange for an honest review

Melyssa Winchester says

The one thing I took away from this, well, besides the fits of laughter I found myself in throughout, is how true to life it is. This might be a fictional book, but the struggle Zoe faced, not being true to herself because of how people would treat her if she did, it's realistic. It's what a lot of teens face daily and I think that's what kept me going through the entire story because I wanted to see her realize that breaking away from the "norm" doesn't have to be such a bad thing.

This story really does have everything. Characters you can identify with, no matter how old you are, comedic moments, the sweetest little love story ever and even a book boyfriend or two. Levi! Ah! What a lovely little surprise he was. I want more with him now. Then there was Zak. I absolutely loved Zak. He never gave up despite the times when everything screamed that he should have. Definite book boyfriend material.

I'm quickly becoming a Cassie Mae fan girl with the way I react to her stories and I can't wait to read more of them! Definitely recommend this book to everyone, regardless of the genre you like most, because you will find something in it that you identify with. I would rate this even higher than a 5 if I could. It's absolutely brilliant!

Sofia The Great says

5 Platypiress!

I literally one clicked this book based on the title alone. For those who don't know I have been on a quest for nerdy/geeky books but real nerdy books. Meaning the characters had to be wearing their geek flag high. Comic books, sci-fi shows, cosplay, gamers etc... not a book where the person is just socially awkward and is labeled a nerd. Just no!

"How to Date a Nerd" by Cassie Mae fit the bill. It was a cross of "The Summer I Became a Nerd" by Leah Rae Miller but written in the style of Kody Keplinger. I devoured this book all in one sitting. Going to high school and being a geek is really hard so I understood where Zoe was coming from. I didn't like the fact that she cared so much what other people thought about her but then again there wouldn't be a book if she was more confident. I also adored Zak and thought he was a great nerdy male lead. Great book boyfriend material.

This book scores major points for all the geeky references and I can't wait to read more from Cassie Mae. I already bought the next book in the How to series.

I would recommend this book for all those nerdy, geeky readers.

Bárbara says

From time to time I like to read a cute and cheesy book. These books usually give me a warm feeling but they also come with a lot of cliches. How To Date a Nerd had cliches but not as many as I expected.

First, the main character is not so annoying. Zoe is the mean, narcissistic and shallow popular girl. But in middle school she was the Queen Nerd, bullied constantly. To escape all the pain she became Popular Zoe. In order to do so, she ditched her best friend/crush Zak and all of her interests: Star Wars, X-Men and Comic Con. Books with a main character that is not the traditional hero has the bad habit of making them completely unaware of their bad behavior. They tend to blame others for their problems and nothing is ever their fault. Zoe, to me, showed to be very easily influenced. She cares a lot what other people think about her and does whatever it takes to maintain her popular status. What makes Zoe such a good character is that she makes a lot of mistakes but she is always aware of her bad behavior. She knows it's all her fault. She takes responsibility for her actions. Of course she has flaws. Zoe always expects people to forgive her. I also identified with her struggle to be someone that people expect her to be or the person she really is.

What I didn't like about this book is how everything is so divide. There's no middle ground for her to be a nerd and still be fashionable. In a chapter of the book she needs to choose between flip flops (nerd) or heels (popular). No in between? Maybe flats or sneakers?

The book just re enforces the stereotype about nerds and popular.

And the cover?! This book deserves a better cover.

Jade Hart says

This is hands down my favourite YA / NA read. I adore Zak. I want to hug Zoe. Everything about the nerdisms, the dialogue, the laugh-out loud awkwardness is perfect awesomesauce.

Highly recommend.

Katie W says

After 50 pages in...maybe it was my mood, but this wasn't really a book for me. Way too much language (crude talk and swearing--s, b especially). Zoe was so desperate to get Zak's attention that she would undress in front of the window where he could see, would always stuff her phone down her chest and slowly get it out, etc. There was also a scene where a boy tried to force a girl into doing something she didn't want to do. Nothing overly graphic, but a little uncomfortable, and then she tried to blow it off. I'm sure there are some readers who will love this, but it just wasn't for me. Now, if you take some of that content out, I would adore it because the storyline is really cute.

Jenny Morris says

I can not tell you how much I love this book. I too was a closet nerd in high school. I'd sneak home just in time for Star Trek. Zoe is so many girls out there in school right now. They want to be popular, want to fit in, and they are willing to do whatever it takes to make people love them. I think that's why I fell in love with her from the minute I read her list of rules. She's constructed this idea that the life she lives makes her happy but then a pesky little thing happens... Zak. How can you ignore the adorableness of this guy? He is one of my favorite book guys because he kinda of reminds me of my geeky husband who loves Star Wars and comic books. His character really brought out the best in Zoe and they make such a cute nerd couple.

Even if you don't speak elvish or know all the answers to the Harry Potter game you will still be able to find

so much to love about this book and these characters. Most of us in high school hid who we were to be liked. Or maybe we didn't even know who we were at the time. This book really shows how growing up helps us become who we were meant to be. Even if that means wearing glow in the dark Green Lantern t-shirts.

Vigilante says

I'll keep it short and simple. Zoe is your typical fictional character who manages to party hard yet keep her innocence. She redefines the word annoying! Her constant selfishness and ignorance to all those who love her is just unattractive and boring. Yet I had to finish this in one sitting, because when you meet Zak and Zoe you realize that your inner nerd is screaming for you to give the physcotic girl a chance! For all I knew Zoe was just the typical moron! Then I read that she played World of Warcraft and had a Lord of the Rings obsession. So I gave her a chance..and she blew it, just like with Zak! The whole time I was reading my expressions changed from happy to sad to happy to angry! Although the book has a poor choice in words, "frakking" being the worst of them all, I did have some good laughs. Please tell me literature hasn't come to this...Even though I did enjoy this crazy book I must say that I wouldn't recommend this to anyone.

Taylor says

Okay, so I was reading this other book, and at the end had the first chapter of this book. After I finished it, I freaking searched my little heart out trying to find the rest of it, and a completely inhuman sound came out of me when I found out THE BOOK WASN'T EVEN FREAKIN OUT YET! So, like the stalker I am, I found Cassie on Facebook and was all like 'What the hell, man? You can't leave me hangin' like that! GIMMIE GIMMIE GIMMIE!!!" So like the amazing author she is, (and probably scared for her life) gave me a copy to review yesterday. I literally powered through this book, it was that awesomesause. And Holy crap, this book was AWESOME! It had an amazing mix of humor and significance. It's the type of book that can make you laugh and all depressed at the same time. 'How to Date a Nerd' had some really good messages and concepts that some teens should really take into consideration, like sense of self and belonging. It's an amazing way to get the messages across because it was relatable to a wide range of audiences and had a hilarious side to it, "Get out of my house!" Oh my God, I freaking laughed so hard reading that scene! LOL!! Zak was the totally sexy nerd that Zoe fell for and Oh my Gosh, I loved him so much! He was the sweetest dude out there and some of the things he did, I really doubt most people could do. Zoe is fighting an internal battle with herself, and is probable the most common problem that teens face these days. Zoe is an amazing role model, and it's important to know that what she did, she did for herself, and her happiness and well as Zak. Anyway, this book is an awesome read and totally worth it! It's stuffed full of cuteness, laughter, sorrow, and love!

Okayyyy, now...Where's my Sexy Nerd Boy? Seriously. :(

?Beth? XoXo says

this book was just plain adorable. ♥♥♥

the book was just so refreshing. i really needed a quick, fluffy, cute book to read. after all the dark and

depression books i've read. lol

this is a story of the popular Zoe who has the HOT on her next door neighbor who happens to be an ex-bff/nerd (major nerd) i'm talking about Pokemon cards in his front button up shirt pockets. Zoe has hard time dealing with her problems and who she really is.

this book is was just too cute and unrealistic at some points but totally worth the adorableness.

i'm glad i read this book. i totally feel refreshed and ready to read ALL DARKs now lol. also this book is the kind of book you read when you feel other books are becoming too much and you feel like you need a break from everything.

i recommend it with a very good mood. :)

Jo ★The Book Sloth★ says

Yeap, I finished this one in one sitting. And yeah, I did love it. It was sweet and funny.

When I read books like this one or watch movies I always wonder if bullying is in fact so bad in US. Don't get me wrong, the phenomenon exists in Greece too but in all my years at school I never came across or even heard of so extreme cases. Of course some kids are teased and made fun of but not at this level. I've never known anyone who was thrown food, got beat up or ended up hiding in the toilet. Also, even popular kids weren't such a big issue. I can honestly say that I have never seen school activity stop because a popular kid did something unpopular-like. Popular kids were normal kids with a lot of friends. Unpopular kids were normal kids with one or two friends. The End. If things in the US schools are indeed how they are depicted in movies and books it makes me really happy to have been born in a country with so much less racism.

About the book...The story was easy to read and although you did feel sorry for Zoe through the whole of it, the angst never became so much as to frustrate you. I thing I like Cassie Mae's way of writing. The story seems like it was in reality written in the journal of a teenager. It makes it seem authentic.

Zoe is a pretty messed up girl. She is a dork, who knows that is a dork, who likes being a dork BUT she hides all that behind an "evil cheerleader type" of girl just because she can't take the bullying any more. What I liked about this heroine was that she knew that by pretending to be a bitch she had become one two. Maybe she didn't realise exactly how much damage had been done but she knew it was there. Although at times I had the feeling that I should hate her for being ashamed of herself and her "friends" I couldn't bring myself too. How many teenagers around the world wish they could have been someone else?? She just went one step ahead and did it.

Zak on the other hand I didn't get for most of the book. Don't misunderstand me, he was sweet and funny and Zoe was right in liking him. What I don't get is how he could stay stuck up on her after all the shit she pulled on him. Well, I guess that's what being in love does to you. I was satisfied though when he proved to have

known that Zoe hadn't changed all that much. I understood why he would have stayed in love with her since he knew that deep down Zoe was still the geeky friend he had once been all over.

Another thing I liked about the book was that it was clear whom Zoe wanted. She may have flirted and made out with some boys to keep up her "popular girl" persona but she always knew that the one she really wanted was Zak. This minimised the drama a little bit.

Tbh I would have preferred not to be liked because I was a geek (even if I got teased about it) to not being liked because I was a slutty bitch. But still I've never had this kind of problems at school so who knows?

In general the books is pleasant and I will definitely try the rest when they come out! The truth is I considered giving it a 4* but I can't. I know I've read better books, with more work done on them but I think we should rate books based on their goals. This one is a book for teenagers, sty to keep you entertained for some time. So 5* it is.

Lauren ♥ Inked in Chapters says

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Here we go again with this big, goofy, stupid looking grin. I can't wipe it off my face. Trust me, I've tried. My husband is beginning to worry about my sanity. It. Just. Will. Not. Leave. My. Face! My cheeks literally hurt. Cassie Mae, you are a frakking genius! The way you write... The storylines you dream up... All of it serves to further my opinion that **YOU** are a nerdy mastermind, hell bent on taking the literary world by storm. (Ha. Storm made me think of X-men which totally fits in with the storyline. Maybe you're not the only genius running around out here in cyber space.)

Yeah. I'm a total closeted nerd.

I'm not cool with pity glares in the hallways, painful jabs, and social scars. No thanks. It's much easier to keep my true nature hidden beneath layers of eyeliner, skimpy outfits, and even I must admit to myself, a rockin' body.

Zoe is living a lie. Literally. Being queen of the nerds in middle school wasn't cutting it. The summer before high school changed all that. Armed with enough romantic teen comedies to entertain a troop of 12 year olds, Zoe begins her research into non-dorkdom. Leaving behind her nerd ways meant leaving behind her friends, too - one in particular, Zak, the nerd next door - king of the dorks.

Problem - Zoe is in freakin' love with Zak. Like, flat out, head over flipping heels, love. All her booty shaking and underwear flashing, doesn't seem to faze him, and keeping up her "popular persona" is becoming a chore she could do without. It's exhausting trying to hide your obsession with X-men, Harry Potty and Star Trek. If only she could let her freak flag fly, but being her dorky self is just too scary. What will people say? How will she survive? Then there's Zak... Maybe being a dork is worth it; maybe being **herself** is worth it, if she gets to do it with him.

I'm a freaking horrible person who made out with some random guy before stumbling after a guy who I'm face over feet for and I don't know why. And I just... I miss being me.

I cannot give this book high enough praise. We've all been to high school, and maybe some of you are there now. It's one of the best and worst times in a young person's life. It's so easy to feel insecure about yourself. If I could go back 14 years, (Holy hell! 14 years...) to my senior year of high school, I'd tell my very

apprehensive self, to just be, me. To do what makes me happy, and forget about everyone else. AND...that's exactly what I wanted to scream into my kindle for more than half of this book. If people don't like you for who you are, they're obviously not worth your time. Life is too short for that nonsense. It makes me think of that quote... You know, the one by Bernard M. Brauch. "*Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind.*"

Just like my dad said, there will always be people who don't understand who I am or what I choose to do with my life. But screw 'em. I totally get what I'm about to lose today when I walk through those doors, But unlike yesterday I won't let the whispers and the laughs get to me.

It never ceases to amaze me how much I can get out of a little ol' novel. In each of her books, Cassie Mae challenges us to think deeper, to love harder and to accept ourselves, warts and all - especially in *How to Date a Nerd*. I have yet to read anything of hers that I haven't fallen in love with. She has a beautiful voice, and I am so glad she feels driven to share it with us all!

I don't care if everyone thinks I'm a friggin' nerd. I am a nerd, but I like it. I like this. All of it. All of him. And he likes me too.

How to Date a Nerd did not disappoint. In fact, it left me with the need to confess something. I... um... Geez, this is harder than I thought it would be. I... I play... oh, come on woman, spit. It. Out. Okay, fine. I play World of Warcraft. Happy now, world?! You know my deep dark secret and I blame it all on this fabulously written, fun loving, uplifting piece of brilliance.
