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Every Ugly Word



Synopsis

When seventeen-year-old Ashley Watson walks through the halls of her high school, bullies taunt and shove her. She can't go a day without fighting with her mother. And no matter how hard she tries, she can't make her best friend, Matt, fall in love with her. But Ashley also has something no one else does: a literal glimpse into the future. When Ashley looks into the mirror, she can see her twenty-three-year-old self. Her older self has been through it all already--she endured the bullying, survived the heartbreak, and heard every ugly word her classmates threw at her. But her older self is also keeping a dark secret: Something terrible is about to happen to Ashley. Something that will change her life forever. Something even her older self is powerless to stop. Perfect for fans of *Thirteen Reasons Why* and *The List*, *Every Ugly Word* is a gripping and emotional story about the devastating consequences of bullying. This is a new release of the previously self-published title *Breakable*.

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book this afternoon, gave it a five minute window of reading time to grab my interest , and Voila- 3 hours later I gobbled up every last word and am now reviewing it! This story tells a more extreme experience in terms of coming of age tales; and yet, despite how painful it is to read Ashley trials, I could still relate and identify with this coming of age tale. Her fears and hopes, her one step forward two steps back experiences, her love for friend- they rang true. I was from a very overprotective family but watching less protected girls navigate the perils of social pressure, bullying, and sexual shaming was horrifying, and this story conjures up those horrors up without exploiting those themes like Young Adult lit so often do. And I liked the supernatural twist that allowed Ashley to hope and to envision an outcome that was more than her 17 year old self could imagine. I also loved the sliding doors angle, because it showed how our actions influence others- ie, the more Ashley expected from others the more others like Matt were given the opportunity to arise to the occasion. It was so nice to see a young adult book where the overly sexual bad boy is NOT the prize to be won but cast as the proper sociopathic villain he should be too(I'm looking right at you Finn!)

A very dark story; very well written. I, too, was bullied - during a time my mother was having her own psychological problems, hence no support to me. Nightmares followed me until I returned for our 30th reunion. I still felt as an outcast, but I was voted most changed - and the nightmares have stopped. The only thing is is that I've not changed - they have. This book highlights the trauma bullying can cause. But I agree, it's not them that destroys us; it's how we respond. Teens have to be strong - during a time of life that is full of insecurity. We adults must be observant and ALWAYS intervene. Share this book.

WHERE DO I EVEN START?! First of all, I want to give thanks to the ladies over Mark My Words PR for the ARC, you guys rock! And of course, to the author herself, Aimee, for writing such a masterpiece! Her latest book gets nothing from me but admiration! I started reading Every Ugly Word without any clue of what it's about (not unusual for me). And yes, I personally think that the first chapter was so gripping enough that I have to sit and finish it on one sitting. When I started the second chapter, it was then revealed that our protagonist, Ashley, is on therapy session. Her therapist is making her re-hash everything that happened until that incident (which is the reason why she's doing therapy in the first place) It's a past/present narration. It's like Ashley is just having

a back flash. And let me tell you, the narration is impressive! It's so compelling and as soon as you're on track, it will not let you go. You will find yourself hanging on every word that Ashley is going to say. You see, Ashley was bullied. And she has an honest and open voice as a protagonist that she's literally breaking me inside every time she tells a scene from her past. There are no even tears, it just aches, inside. Because I know that all that kind of stuff happens in real life and it's painful to think that someone out there is being bullied and no one is being there for her/him. Just like Ashley. I've never wanted to hug a fictional character so bad. There's also a lot of rage inside me. These people, these cruel and ruthless people, I can't believe that they exist in this world. But we're all being real here, right? We all know that in this world, people like them exist. Though Ashley thinks she's alone and isolated, she's neglecting the one true person that cares for her, Matt. I'm not going to say that I'm a fan of this friendship. Because first of all, it's one of the many reasons that Ashley is the way she is. And Matt has flaws too. I love how the author made a guy that is authentic. Yes, he's swoony and Ashley is totally in love with him, but he's... not perfect. He can be a douche. He still cares about his rep. And he's stupid. See? A normal high school boy. But the most interesting part here is that Ashley talks to herself. OKAY. So we all talk to our self. But Ashley actually sees her Older self. In the mirror. And they're having normal conversations. It's a fascinating thought to think about. Imagine your older self giving your present self advices, and talk you out about stuff that you should not do. Pretty cool if you ask me. But Ashley and her Older Self have a complicated situation, first, it shouldn't be known by anyone and second, Ashley is convinced that her Older Self is keeping something from her. Which I tell you, dear readers, is right. So I'm going to stop here because this is the part where I got mind blogged (is that even a word?) ANYWAY, I really don't know what I... felt. It's just, I got mind blown. SERIOUSLY. LIKE, WHOAH. Yeah, I'm sorry, only a gif can explain it. It's such a plausible and incredible concept and I don't know, maybe I'm stupid for not figuring it out, but I was really astonished. It was a total WHOAH moment. Every Ugly Word has a powerful grip on me. I felt everything Ashley has been through. Aimee Salter made a moving novel with a set of bona fide and memorable characters. It's haunting, provocative and touching. I highly recommend it!

Definitely make time for this book. Aimee Salter not only has a great name, she has an incredible ability to tell a story that will keep you guessing right to the very end. Ashley has a problem, well several problems. Not only is she being bullied, she's discussing it with her older self who haunts her in the mirror. No one believes her about any of it, including herself sometimes. Is she crazy, or is something else going on? That's it. If I tell you anything else I risk spoilers on how this amazing tale plays out. YOU HAVE TO READ THIS BOOK! If you have ever been bullied. If you have ever felt crazy because you were different from others. If you have wondered if you were going to overcome the odds. Ashley's story will sadden you and inspire you at the same time. As the victim of bullies when I was young, and even when I was grown up I related to Ashley's story very closely. I wasn't bullied as badly as she is, but really, bullying is a personal thing. We all handle it in our own way. At times I found myself screaming, internally, at her to wake up and see what she was doing, but I knew that wasn't how it worked. At other times I just wanted to hold her and tell her I understood. And other times I cheered with her and cried as she tried to pick up the pieces and start again. That's how amazingly Aimee Salter brings her character to life. When I'd finished the last page I wanted to call Ashley up and tell her how much I loved her. She was that real to me. Read this book. You won't be disappointed.

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