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# The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks by E. Lockhart

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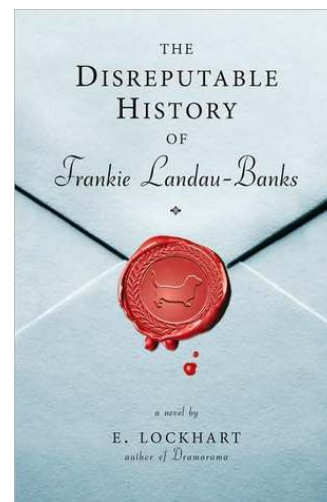
Publisher: Hyperion Book

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Number of pages: 352

Rating: Excellent

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Review:

Frankie Landau-Banks is entering her second year of private school with a physique that is suddenly getting her noticed and a continued crush on the most-wanted boy in school. She also wants to gain respect from The Loyal Order of the Basset Hounds, the school's legendary all-male secret society. Her desire intensifies as she not only gets the boy but also discovers that he and his friend are co-presidents of the society. Frankie soon infiltrates and then commandeers the group anonymously. Her ideas and proxy leadership bring the society back to its former glory, until her boyfriend's friend is caught. Frankie comes forward to take the blame, only to discover what her boyfriend and his friends actually think of her.

This is a cleverly written book with a delightfully unique but surprisingly accurate portrayal of a conflicted female protagonist. The strength of this book comes from E. Lockhart's ability to put on paper the internal battle that goes on in the girl who wants to be the cliché love interest of the boy she likes, but also sees how that detracts from her independence. Lockhart captures the unique feelings and inevitable relinquishing of self-respect that come with being a cliché love interest. This is a good choice for readers looking for a book with an intelligent female protagonist who learns to defy social norms and gender-based assumptions.

Reviewer: Lauren McMullan

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