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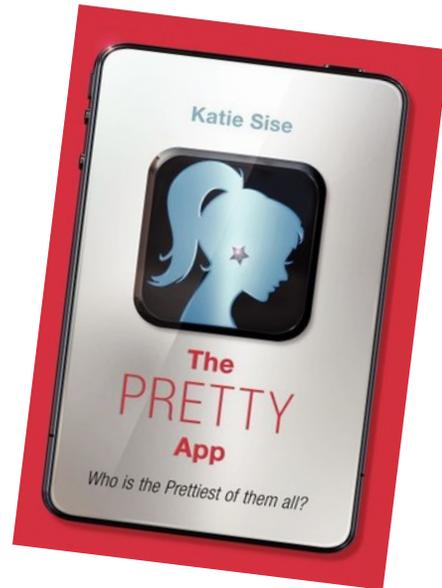
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Book Review

Title: The Pretty App
Author: Katie Sise
Reviewer: Aylea Stephens
Publisher: Balzer + Bray
Publication Year: 2015
ISBN: 9780062195296
Number of Pages: 342
Interest Level: Young Adult
Rating: Dependable



Review

Blake might be pretty, rich, and the Queen Bee of Harrison High, but she has her problems too, especially when a new app is announced that might change her life. The Pretty App is designed to find the prettiest teenage girl in the country. When Blake is chosen as a finalist, she is taken to a reality show where she will compete to be the prettiest of all. When it appears that her presence in the contest might only be to help her dad's political campaign after he bought her way into it, Blake has to decide how badly she wants to win and that someone's importance is not based on their physical appearance. With the help of her friends, she works to become a better person than she was in the past.

Although the concept of a beauty contest app leading to a reality show is interesting, the characters of the book were not as strong as they could have been. Blake wants to be a better person, but the book doesn't provide a lot of evidence about why she has had such a change of heart from her previous behavior. There are some good messages about how people are more than what they look like and how it is important to not be mean, but they fall flat because it is not clear how the character herself came to those conclusions. The book is a fun read but the message did not have the strength it could have had with more character development.

*Contains mild language and sexual content.