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Book Review

Title: Geek Girl

Author: Holly Smale

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Interest Level: Intermediate, Young Adult

Rating: Excellent



Review

Harriet Manners is a geek and perfectly happy that way. Her best friend, Nat, however, wants to be a model. When they go on a field trip to a fashion convention, it is not Nat but Harriet who is spotted by a top model agent. Soon Harriet is flying to Russia for a modeling shoot, even though it means Nat is upset at her, the school bully, Alexa, has more things to mock her for, she has no idea how to handle the world of fashion, and the list of people who hate her keeps growing. On top of everything else, she doesn't know how to handle the attention of the handsome supermodel, Nick, who is one of the few people helping her avoid high fashion disaster. Although she does not always know how to handle the challenges that come, Harriet learns that she can be a geek and a model and like herself in both roles.

Geek Girl is a funny, lighthearted book that geek girls and fashion fans will enjoy. The relationships in this book are fun, showing arguments with friends and ways to fix them as well as a great family dynamic with imperfect parents. Harriet's relationship with her stepmother is especially nice to see as a loving relationship in this kind of family. Because the book is written in British English, readers may have difficulty with some of the vocabulary that is not used or has different meanings in America. The plot is somewhat unbelievable, but it is the kind of book that is for fun, light reading for younger YA readers.