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### The Truth About My Success

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# Book Review

**Title:** The Truth About My Success

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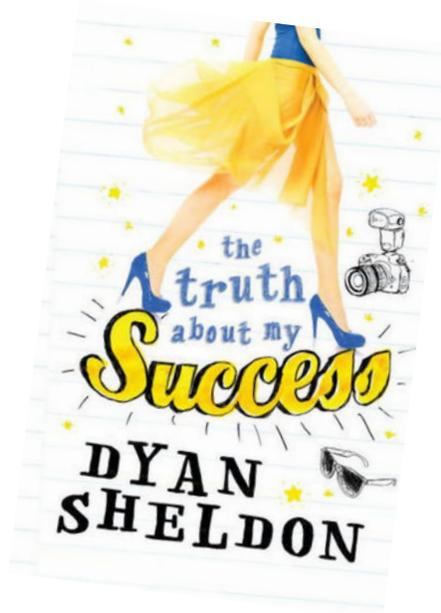
**Publication Year:** 2015

**ISBN:** 9780763672720

**Number of Pages:** 352

**Interest Level:** Young Adult

**Rating:** Dependable



## Review

Paloma Rose is a TV star and a teen icon, but she's spoiled, bratty, and making life miserable for her agent, mother, and the people she works with. Oona Guinness, however, is barely holding her life together. When Paloma's agent, Jack Silk, spots Oona, he notices that she looks a lot like Paloma and hatches a plan to save Paloma's—and his—career. Paloma is sent to a ranch away from civilization to learn how to be a better person and Oona is trained to look and act like Paloma until she is ready to be back in the spotlight. Before long, both girls realize they are being used by Jack and Paloma's mother for their own ends and come up with their own plan to achieve what they want.

The point of view alternates between Paloma and Oona, but the story is told in third person present. It reads more like a script than most books do, and the style distances the readers somewhat from the characters. There doesn't seem to be any logical reason for telling the story in that tense, and many readers might find that style distracting. Paloma is incredibly obnoxious, even by the end of the book when she is supposed to be more likable. Oona is much more likeable but still doesn't have a lot of depth. This book is more of a fun fluff read than a serious book, but is still enjoyable if the reader can get past the difference tense.