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Broken Hearts & Revenge #2: Revenge, Ice Cream, and Other Things Best Served Cold

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Book Review

Title: Broken Hearts & Revenge #2: Revenge, Ice Cream, and Other Things Best Served Cold

Author: Katie Finn

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Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

Publication Year: 2015

ISBN: 9781250045256

Number of Pages: 400

Interest Level: Young Adult

Rating: Dependable



Review

Starting right from the end of the first book in the series, Gemma is dealing with the discovery that Hallie knew who she was all along and that she might have ruined their friendship even more when she had pretended to be someone else to correct it. To make things even more complicated, Ford, her longtime crush, and Teddy, her ex-boyfriend who cheated on her with Hallie, are back in the Hamp-ton. Now instead of Hallie being the one behind all of the revenge plots, Gemma now wants revenge on Hallie for stealing her boyfriend and trying to make her life miserable. The two of them are constantly looking for ways to make the other one miserable, leading to distrust of good friends and hurting people they both care about.

The writing isn't that great and the characters aren't always very smart or likeable, but it's still fun to read. It has a lot of "mean girls" elements and is unrealistic, but it's enjoyable even when realizing how unrealistic it is. It again leaves a lot open for the ending of the story by having a major event happen that is supposed to be resolved in the next book, but it will leave readers wondering if Hallie and Gemma will ever solve their differences, especially now that they are going to be tied together in a way they hadn't expected from before. It shows some of the reasons why getting revenge is a bad idea because lots of people are hurt as a result, but in this book the problem with seeking revenge isn't explored thoroughly. While it has faults, the book is still fun to read and will leave readers both laughing and annoyed at the adventures of these characters.

*Contains mild language.