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# The Big F

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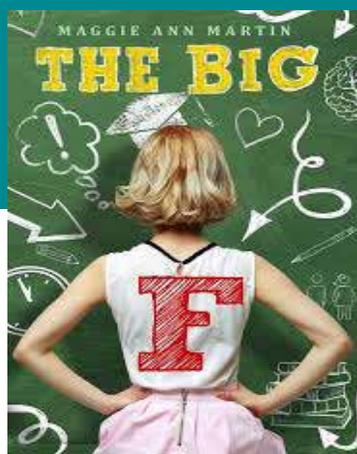
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## Book Review

### The Big F

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#### Rating

Dependable

#### Level

Young Adult

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277

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Danielle has her life all planned out, but everything falls apart when she doesn't pass English and her early admission to Ohio State is revoked. When the truth comes out at the worst possible time, Danielle finds herself at odds with her mother and with no plans for the future. Begrudgingly, she enrolls at Denton Community College, where she reunites with her childhood crush Luke. She also gets a job at the campus bookstore and meets Porter, one of Luke's roommates, who seems intent on ignoring her. As Danielle works through the semester, through her maddeningly difficult English course, and through her relationship with her mother, Luke and Porter are there at every step to be the perfect boyfriend and the almost-friendly coworker, respectively. And in the end, only Danielle can decide if she'll make the 'Big F' the best or the worst thing to ever happen to her.

The Big F is a book that fills a niche not often written about: that confusing time right between high school and college that many readers will identify with. This book does an excellent job of portraying the dual themes of confidence and confusion that most people feel during that time of their life. Though Danielle can seem shallow and overly ditz on occasion, she becomes a more deep, rich character as the book progresses, and readers will enjoy the journey as Danielle finds her voice and takes steps to become more of who she wants to be. A developing love triangle will not surprise any readers; however, both Porter and Luke are likeable and fun to read. Unfortunately, many secondary characters feel undeveloped at most times. In end, The Big F is a quick, fun read for any young adult's bookshelf, though it will not be considered a necessary addition.