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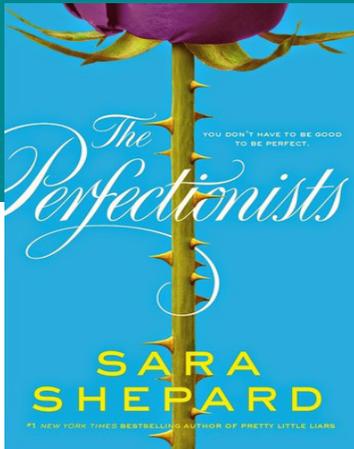
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Book Review

The Perfectionists

Sara Shepard is the queen of teen drama. The author of the extremely popular series, *Pretty Little Liars*, knows how to build suspense and keep readers guessing. In *The Perfectionists*, students in Beacon Heights are not your typical teens. They are used to being the best and having the best and they will stop at nothing to get what they want. Nolan Hotchkiss is the guy that everyone loves to hate and when he ends up murdered, an unlucky group of five girls becomes the main suspects. The girls must team together and find the real killer before their seemingly perfect lives are turned to shambles.

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Rating

Dependable

Level

Young Adult

Pages

322

Year

2014

Publisher

HarperTeen

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9780062074690

The Perfectionists is the first in this mystery series by Sara Shepard and it sets the tone for the books that follow. The book ends in a cliffhanger, and it's enough to make the reader want to continue on and find out what happens next. The mystery of this series is reminiscent of Shepard's earlier works, but still contains enough differences to make it fresh and new. This book contains language and mild sexual content so it should be read by older teens and young adults. Parents will want to screen this before letting their teens read it. The specific circumstances that take place in the book are a bit extreme for the high school characters and would be better suited for college aged characters instead. This book could easily lead young impressionable minds astray so proceed with caution.

*Contains moderate language, mild sexual content, moderate alcohol and drug use.