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# The Perfectionists

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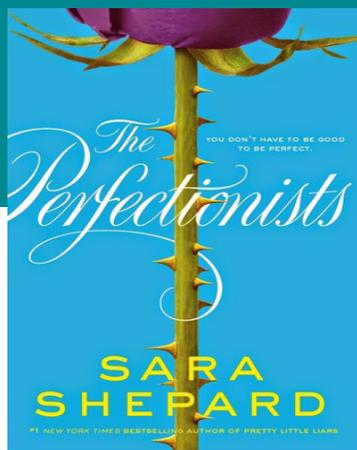
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## Book Review

# The Perfectionists

A prank and revenge go stunningly wrong at a party for the high school elite. The most popular boy, (a.k.a.) the host of the party, ends up dead and the girls who were out to teach him a lesson are the most likely suspects. Each seemingly “perfect” teen has secrets and defects galore. Walking a fine line of popularity, success, and parental pressure spins them completely out of control when the police begin targeting the most popular girls in the school. Boy-friends, friends, teachers and stalkers round out the list of suspects.

This was an interesting read with some vacuousness and a distracting number of namebrand labels scattered through each page. It is likely to affect the longevity of the story if nothing else does. While the characters are interesting and rounded out to be decent people, they ARE the popular girls and wardrobe is important to them. The strongest defect in the story is the way that it just ends. It stops. It doesn't just leave the reader with a cliff-hanger, it's as if mid-chapter the author realized that people would be forced to spend money another book if the story ended with no warning. It leaves the reader feeling cheated with no resolution or feeling of even temporary closure, which has the effect of making one ask oneself, “Why bother with the next one?” It was a huge disappointment. The plot was well developed and the mystery was well mapped out—but then nothing. This is a good book for those who frequently stop reading stories mid-chapter and well before the end.

\*Contains mild violence, mild sexual content, and mild language.

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### Rating

Dependable

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