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Choco Chip Hips



Synopsis

Sixteen-year-old Jessie, a baking aficionado, is shy, overweight, and worries too much about what people think. But one summer, a family emergency makes her realize that life is too short to live it on autopilot. Taking her life by the reins, she embarks on a journey that involves ditching the apron for her tank top, as she hip-hop dances her way to new friendships, stronger family ties, and into her school's most elite club.

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Customer Reviews

I started reading Choco Chip Hips earlier this week but since its a busy time at the office, I only got to finish it tonight. So yeah, CCH tells the story of Jessie who has a baker for a Father and lost her mother, who was a dancer, at the age of 2. How she loves baking and eating sweets, how she's a Daddy's girl, how she struggles to keep herself from getting overweight? I cannot tell you guys how much I can relate to this story and Jessie. I love how she found herself and learned to believe in her talent and conquer her fears. This book made me cry a couple of times and as usual, Ms. Agay did

it again. Another awesome book indeed!

For a novella, Choco Chip Hips was able to deliver a significant and touching message despite the length constraints. I have read and loved the author's two other books, Vintage Love and Once Upon A Player, and in Choco Chip Hips did not disappoint. I loved the themes explored in the story because they dealt with issues relevant to young people nowadays: self-image, peer pressure, and belongingness. Just like the author's two other books, the romance in Choco Chip Hips was just right. I don't even know if I can properly call it as a romance but I liked how Jessie's love interest was played. It gave the right amount of kilig and at the same time the story did not dwell too much on the love angle. This, I think, sets the book apart from other mainstream YA stories where the love story is central to the entire plot. Choco Chip Hips was more about Jessie's story and how she survived her insecurities. Also, I must not forget to mention that there is a lot of food in this book. Ah, all those marshmallows and cakes. And the metaphors are also on food! Do not read this book on an empty stomach. Lastly, there is music and dancing. Jessie's dance routine was so vividly described I can clearly see her dancing hiphop on my head. Jessie, as the main character, is easy to like. She may not be perfect and she may have made mistakes, but I love how she wants to change herself to become a better person. I particularly like how she readily owns up to her faults and how readily she forgives, including herself. I love that humble spirit in her. If only we can be like Jessie and forgive easily, too. As I mentioned, I love how the story delivers despite its brevity. Choco Chip Hips is a book that I will willingly recommend to anyone, young and old alike. Jessie's story tells us that change is not something we wait to happen to us. Change must come from within and it starts with just one step and sometimes with a little nudge from someone who matters the most to us.

Disclaimer, I generally don't like YA books. They always leave me feeling just a bit unsatisfied, and I can't relate, despite being a teenager X number of years ago. Yikes. That being said, READ CHOCO CHIP HIPS. 51-ABljn1L_SX311_BO1,204,203,200_ This may be the first time I felt tears spring to my eyes when reading a book, and it was in the best way possible. (Yes, I have a heart!) It's so surprising when you find a character that says everything you find that you tell yourself in the mirror. I was reading Choco Chip Hips while waiting for a doctor's appointment, and I had to hold myself back from crying in

public. That's the magic of the book. Jessie is funny, cute, sweet, a little bit on the shy side but shines so brightly that you can't help but be so happy for her at the end of the book. I love that Choco Chip Hips isn't about her weight struggle, but her fight to be more self-confident. Oh, and to dance. It's one of the things I wished I could do (I may or may not do it when I'm alone!) The book perfectly describes the struggle every curvy chick goes through. My heart broke every time someone implied the F-word at her. She's probably the most relatable character I've ever come across, and I couldn't put the book down. It's written from the heart, and everyone appreciates a good, heartfelt book. To top off the sweetness there's Dave, the cutest teenager on the block. Who doesn't love a guy who looks past your own insecurities and thinks "holy crap, you're amazing?" Plus, he's still got his flaws, which makes him even more adorable. Other supporting characters, like Kim (YES!) her Dad and her Mom (needs to be mentioned separately!) remind us just how important it is to have such a great support system. And how fantastic it feels when we finally have our moment in the sun. Oh, stop reading my little review and read it, read it, read it!

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