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The fourth book in Spotlight's fun and delicious tween series is told from the perspective of Alexis, the most organized member of the Cupcake Club. Alexis likes everything to be exact and logical, but she's finding that when it comes to love, there's no room for logic!

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Crys says

The Cupcake Club is back - and this book's focus is on Alexis.

Alexis' sister, Dylan, is turning sixteen, and The Cupcake Club has been hired to provide the dessert. There is just one problem: Dylan. She is an unreasonable customer, but sticking with the theme of this series, all things are worked out in the wash.

The true focus of this novel is not on The Cupcake Club and their dilemma with Dylan; the focus is growing up and developing first crushes. For Alexis, that crush is Matt Taylor, brother to her best friend.

This installment deals with the importance of friendship and remaining true to yourself no matter the situation, difficult older sisters and crushes included.

I thoroughly enjoyed the book, but I gave it four instead of five stars because I felt the focus was too much on Alexis. But as all things happen when growing up, the author is moving the series from being about the group as a whole to giving readers individual characters that are enhanced when with their group of friends. I guess you could say that by book four in the series, the author begins to show young readers the importance of friendship, but also the importance of one's self.

Alice says

devoured this book in a whizz. Loved Alexis's side of story and it's so well panned out. this is such a mature and apt read for a teen. most importantly, the values instilled are very much appreciated and precious for even an adult. I want to finish each and every book in the whole series.

Kathy Marker says

The frequent real-life first-person dialogue and events of this story held my interest as I read this book. I felt connected to Alexis from the beginning. The little doodles along the borders of every few pages brought back memories of being that age. Alexis sets a goal to analyze things that may help a boy notice her, and privately documents notes and data about him and other important things in an interesting way that involves math equations. There is a little struggle within her of how to act and feel around a friend when Alexis realizes that she likes the friend's brother, so that she doesn't lose that friendship. She and her friends are close as they work out a few situations, including how to make Alexis' sister happy with a cupcake order for her 16th birthday.

Emily says

I think the series is very cute, but this book was VERY cheesy. This book was about a girl having a crush

and it ends up stirring the batter (haha see what I did there (;) The end had the cheesiest ending EVER, and it seems like the author was starting to write the book and was taking her time with it... AND THEN SHE JUST STOPPED. The whole series isn't hard hitting and action packed (I mean its about cupcakes and tweens and drama what can you expect). If you really needed to read an entertaining book and get it done fast, any of the cupcake diaries series books would fit that purpose. I like this series, but this book I wasn't very impressed with.

Ubalstech says

Alexis is the practical one of the cupcake club. She is the one who keeps the budget, making sure there is a profit from every sale. So when she develops a crush fellow cupcake member Emma's older brother Matt, Alexis deals with it as systematically as she does expenses. She begins a research notebook, recording how changing her hair or clothes affects her interactions with Matt. Alexis also records everything she knows about Matt and advice on boys she overhears. But what happens if someone else finds the book? What will she do then.

This fourth book in the Cupcake Diaries series by Coco Simon is an improvement on the last. Alexis's no-nonsense approach to landing a crush is right in character for her. And that it would be her best friend's older brother is also fitting, because for many girls they too find themselves having feelings for a friend's older brother. Excellent recovery from Emma's wobbly story.

Ms. Yingling says

Alexis' older sister Dylan is having a Sweet 16 birthday party and has turned in a monster over the plans. She doesn't want the Cupcake Club to make the cupcakes and gives them grief over every cupcake they pitch. Alexis has bigger problems, though-- she has a huge crush on Emma's brother Matt, who will be at the party. Since she loves math and research, she tries to scientifically determine how to make boys like her-- soft clothes in soft colors, curly hair, vanilla perfume. It takes a while to get the formula right, but Alexis manages to get everything-- cupcakes and herself-- perfectly organized before the big party. Matt asks her to dance, but there's no chemistry at all. No matter! Her research will come in handy with her conquests down the road.

Strengths: Did like the twist at the end with Matt, and loved that Alexis had a head for numbers.

Weaknesses: The reinventing herself for a boy was disturbing, but so true to life!

Asuka Mai says

Usually it takes me a couple days to continue the series book after finishing one of the series. But not with this Cupcake series.

I was eager to go on and on and it didn't bore me at all.

This series is so entertaining me and give heart warming.

This time we'll meet Alexis, who a math lover and geek in counting profit.

Well, after she helped Emma by calling up Matt with the dress she couldn't afford to Mia's Mom's wedding (book 3).

She realized that she's in love with Matt, but too bad Callie from PGC in love with him too.

And this time, the Cupcakers will be in Dylan's birthday project, in Black and Gold theme.

Dylan is Alexis older sister.

Den Alessandra says

I really like this book. It is all about Alexis crushing on Emma's brother Matt Taylor. And she wants to get his attention. She worked on her Matt Taylor Project.

And her sister is throwing a birthday party. But Dylan, Alexis' sister is being mean. Her mother and father had a peep talk about Dylan. She finally learned her lesson and discovers Alexis likes Matt. Dylan helped her sister impress Matt and get his attention.

That's all I've got! Thank you Coco for writing Cupcake Diaries. They're all my favorite! I hope you open your cupcake bakery! Goodbye and Good luck!!!

Harmony says

This book was not EXACTLY what I thought it would be. I thought it would be more like just about a girl who liked baking cupcakes and stuff. I didn't think it would be about not only that but, about how this girl liked this boy and all. It was also a really short book it took me about 2 days to read it. But it was the first book I have read in the whole series so, maybe the other books will be better? One thing I thought I was going to SCREAM at was in the book Alexis's friend Emma gets mad at her for liking HER brother?! If Alexis and Emma were true friends Emma wouldn't be mad at her.

I think this book could have been much longer..... it wasn't all that long. I have to give credit to this author though, she did really well on the plot and theme. No misspellings from what I saw..... 2 and a third stars.

Addie says

This book took me a long time to read because at the beginning it was super boring because it was the exact same things that happened over and over. Alexis is the most boring character in the series.mNear the end of the book it got really good.

Hannah gauruder says

The cupcake club is asked to make cupcakes for Alexis's older sister, Dylan's, Sweet 16 party. But Dylan seems to be too picky, and Alexis is getting annoyed! Alexis has also formed a crush on Matt Taylor, Emma's older brother! Which makes Alexis and Emma together awkward and uncomfortable!

Alexis wants to get the b-day party over with and get Matt to notice her. When Dylan finds out Alexis's crush, Dylan offers to help. But can she really? Alexis is grateful for 4 great friends.

kaleigh says

I didn't love this book as much as the first three books in the series, but I still loved it! I thought that it was sweet that Alexis liked Matt so much but at times I was like ok kid slow your roll he's not the love of your life. But this is a middle grade book, so what'd I expect? Besides for that I really liked the friendship aspect in this book and I honestly had such a fun time reading it.

Gabrielle says

I thought Coco did a great job describing all the different scenarios Alexis was going through. The one main reason why I liked the book is because I can relate to Alexis and how she is feeling. I think the book had lots of action and I highly recommend this book. I will read the next book of the series, Katie Batter Up, it had a lot of things I can relate to and it can give me some tips on how to act around crushes. Also Read the first three because those are really good. By reading the first three you might understand the book better.

Jaya says

Alexis and the perfect recipe was about a girl named Alexis Becker and her and her friends (Mia, Katie, and Emma) have a cupcake club and they sell cupcakes at school. YAY! GO CUPCAKES! Anyway, Alexis' mom is planning Alexis' older sister Dylan's Sixteenth birthday party and Alexis has to make cupcakes for Dylan's birthday but, Dylan has to have her cupcakes black and gold (which I am not picky with cupcakes, if there good and pretty you can't go wrong.) So, Alexis has to deal with that, but there is a boy in her life too, his name is Matt and she really likes him, even though it is Emma's older brother, and in the end they are all happy.

Heenly Pelayo says

I like this story a lot. I love how it's about friendship and love. I love how Alexis tries a lot to reach her goal, I felt as if I was in the book. Coco Simon did a very good job on this book to be honest. I think you would have a great time reading it as much as I did but I would start from the beginning of the series. I think this book would go more recommended to girls because it's a girl and how she expresses. Anyways you should read this book you'll love it!

