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It's April Fools' Day, and the twins have a brilliant plan. All of their friends expect them to swap identities for the day as they do each year. But this year they decide to just pretend to switch places--and Jessica's surefire plan becomes a day of trouble for Elizabeth.

April Fool! Details

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Alycia says

Read this as a kid... definitely my favorite one in the series. Very cute.

Rajeshwari says

great book.

getting april foll herself.....

Sheila Read says

I remember the cover just not the story.

Samantha Glasser says

This book made me wish I had a twin I could play tricks on people with. The Sweet Valley girls were my absolute favorites and I wished I could be just like them.

Cws says

JAR4-Pas

Elizabeth McKernan says

Love this series

TRACE says

In this one, it's April Fool's Day at Sweet Valley. Every year, Jessica and Elizabeth traditionally switch places on this day, but this year they decide to do a variation: pretending to be each other pretending to be each other! Groundbreaking! However, while Jessica gets her life living as the beloved Elizabeth, Elizabeth gets stuck with all of Jessica's punishments and all-around shitty way of living.

This book ends with a twist of M. Night Shyamalan proportions. wow amaze~*~*

Alex says

I still legitimately love this one.

Justine says

I really love this book! The twins play an awesome joke! If you have a twin I think you should read this book and see what a great joke they play!

Tiffany Spencer says

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PLOT: Every April Fool's Jessica and Elizabeth switch places. This April Fools they decide to do something different and not switch. But everyone still treats them as if they've switched regardless. Elizabeth ends up getting all the bad benefits of what it's like when people believe she's Jessica. Then at the end, it's all a surprise and they give her a big party.

MY THOUGHTS:

*Elizabeth sure is full of herself. She's already got the subscription she wants for the essay contest all picked out like no one else stands a chance. She is a WAKEFIELD after all.

*Then all the people in Sweet Valley treat April Fools like a holiday. On April's Fool's day someone might call you on the phone, tell you something that's not true, get you to believe it a hot second, then it's like APRIL FOOLS and that's really the extent of it. April Fool's Day is not a "thing" at school. Apparently, at SVM even the teachers and principle are clowning around playing jokes. RIIIIIGHT!

*And Elizabeth is supposed to be the smart one. She's confused about the plan like she'll have to constantly be thinking am I Elizabeth or am I, Jessica.

*It is slightly annoying to read Elizabeth as Jessica acting like Elizabeth.

*Souffles is a kind of advanced dish for 12 years olds to make.

*We really call it Make A Fool Out of Elizabeth day. She gets dumped on all day. I would have a hard time finding the humor in getting two detentions, getting a low grade, and then having sore arms from washing a car at a fake car wash. But then, in the end, the whole thing was probably an elaborate set up to throw perfect Elizabeth a party. For what I'm not exactly sure. She even has a cake that says April Fool's Elizabeth. Unbelievable! As if being celebrated in every other book isn't enough. She even gets celebrated on the holidays.

RATE: 5 stars. C This was the last SVT book I think I own and read. After this one, I was done with the series. I guess I outgrew it. I don't really think it was all that great a prank the idea just not to switch places. That was kind of lame. Then the end prank of Elizabeth wasn't that much better. It just kind of fell short for me. I've read better pranks than these. And I really don't think Elizabeth did anything to deserve a party. She already has a superiority complex.

kylajaclyn says

After reading this book, I'm convinced now that April Fools' was a day invented for sociopaths.

So Liz and Jess normally dress as each other on April Fools'. But on this particular April Fools' Day, Liz agrees with Jess to just PRETEND to dress like each other. So Liz dresses as herself, only more exaggerated. Same for Jess. But as the day begins, Liz sees there is much more profit in Jess being her than in her being Jess. No one will believe they haven't really switched. So Liz misses out on a magazine of her choice for the essay contest she won. Jess chooses Teen Rock instead. Liz manages to get two detentions for stuff Jess has done. When she cooks an amazing soufflé in home ec, Jessica gets the A and Liz gets a C, because no one will still believe that Jess would never cook anything that perfectly. Then Pamela won't let Liz help decorate the gym for the party that night, because she says "Jess" isn't supposed to help. She's shut out of the gym and approached by the Unicorns and told they are hosting a car wash and that she must help. Liz is dubious. The Unicorns don't do any actual work! Like, ever! And they don't, of course, because they tell Liz they've already washed one car each (yeah, right), and now it's her turn. Liz does a thorough job but is thoroughly miserable afterwards. It doesn't stop once she gets home, either. Her mom tells her something about Oberman plans that she's supposed to mail. If she can't find them, she'll have to go with her parents to a town hall meeting that night and miss the party. Jess comes upstairs and Liz begs her to come clean, but she refuses. Instead she trudges off to go swimming with Amy. Then Liz misses a chance to work at the stables. She can't find the plans (because she doesn't know about them), so she reluctantly goes with her parents... who end up at SVMS. Liz is mortified she will have to see her friends, but they have to give Jess a shirt because she spilled punch on hers. Liz delivers Jess the shirt... and everyone shouts APRIL FOOL at Liz. Yes, her sociopathic sister used the whole day as one long con against Liz. She even calls Liz a good sport and doesn't give her time to be upset. Then Liz muses that at least she got her history homework done while she was stuck in Jessica's room.

I give up.
