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What's the best revenge when your best friend ditches you for the popular crowd? Alyson Noël reveals all in her hot new young adult novel, *Kiss & Blog*.

As freshmen at Ocean High last year, Winter and her best friend Sloane thought they could ditch their nerdy past, launching from invisible to cool. But after another miserable year of standing on the sidelines they make a pact to do whatever it takes not to go unnoticed in their sophomore year, promising each other that whoever makes it into the cool group first will bring the other along.

One Sloane gets a taste of life on the A-list, she slams that door in Winter's face. Suddenly cast out of her former best friend's life, Winter takes revenge the modern way: by announcing all of Sloane's dirty little secrets on an anonymous blog. Then the blog becomes more popular than she ever dreamed and Winter must decide if her retaliation is really worth the consequences—and if the price for popularity is one she's willing to pay. Once again, Alyson Noël navigates the tricky waters of the high school social scene with the heart and humor her readers have come to love.

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Zunaira Ghazal says

The truth is, no matter how much I tried I couldn't make myself like the character that was Winter Simmons. I hated how she was frivolous, flippant, a giant ungrateful brat. She was too stupid and caught up in herself to see what was right in front of her all the time. She was so busy reveling in the drama of her non-existent social life that she gave away the only thing that could've made her happy and then she didn't even have the guts to go back for it. She had no spine, no personality, was unnecessarily snarky and mean to her little sister for no reason at all. As far as I'm concerned she was just as bad, vindictive and bitchy as Sloane--she just didn't get to that point in the social ladder, or i'm pretty sure she would've been a Sloane clone. The only thing going on here was that there wasn't an insta love scene—which, I am very, very grateful for.

The only reason I read this was because I once read a fanfiction that was inspired by this novel, so I may have been misguided a little. But that fanfic was so awesome that I had to read where it was originated.

So if you're looking for a quirky, original, ass-kicking heroin, this would so disappoint you.

Lexine Garcia says

I really didn't enjoy reading this book but hey it's kinda intriguing and well i'm a teenager so i can relate to the story. First time to read a Alyson noel book, I'm not saying I don't like it but it lacks something. I think the ending is cliffhanger to me, because Winter as the lead of the story just stop writing about her ex-friend which is Sloane who was Winter's blogging about all of her secrets. Well I don't blame Winter because Sloane is a bitch coz she ditched Winter just to be popular. Like she didn't mean anything to her, they're like sisters and everything then just like that she just let her go because of popularity. I hate the fact that Sloane didn't think about Winter, like if she's okay by herself but no she didn't think of her because she's enjoying her new clan. I hate to break it but Sloane is so not a good friend though Winter did such a bad thing by blogging her secrets but she always want to make it up to her, and she feels sorry for what she has done coz she knows she is wrong. I will not talk about how her lovelife runs here but the thing is it's cute with Winter and Rey i love them :)

So that's it, well I guess I just say that don't let people get in your way and don't waste your friendship just because you want to be one of the popular girls at school, who even care if you're not one of the popular girls when your in highschool as long as you can make a name for yourself when you grow up you'll be known! :)

This book is for those who loves gossips, teenage drama and who are into a relation with friends that might have the exact drama between Winter and Sloane.

Beth Reekles says

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past, launching from invisible to cool. But after another miserable year of standing on the sidelines they make a pact to do whatever it takes not to go unnoticed in their sophomore year, promising each other that whoever makes it into the cool group first will bring the other along.

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I've always thought Alyson Noel books are perfect for quick, easy, light reads – and they're usually really enjoyable, but sometimes I'm left wanting more. This one was one of her better ones, I felt.

That said, the premise – outcast girl makes blog about the cool kids that goes viral and she worried it'll all come back to bite her on the butt – felt familiar. Given that I read a similar plotline in *The Manifesto on How to Be Interesting*, written seven years later but read by me seven days apart, I felt like I knew where this book was going.

That said, I liked Winter's character, and even if I didn't agree with how she went about getting back at ex-bestie Sloane, I understood why she did it and I thought that Winter was a great character. She makes mistakes and she tries to deal with those as best she can, but she does it like any other teenager might. And, there was Rey. Sweet, kind, and a great love interest for Winter. Their romance was absolutely adorable!

I liked the pace of this book, and even though I did feel like I'd have liked to read more, it was perfect to pick up for the train journey to London and back. Not one of the best YA books I've read this year, but enjoyable enough as the easy, light read I wanted it for.

Michelle Tierney says

This book was great! It was one of the best books i've ever read. This book would be best for teenage girls since it involves alot of drama, which teenage girls go through daily. In this book, two best friends are split up over popularity which involes lots of backstabbing, gossip, and girl drama. I could not put this book down. I would deffinetly reccomened it.

Chrissy says

So, I definitely feel too old to admit that this type of gossipy young adult fiction is a definite guilty pleasure of mine, but I'm saying it regardless. I definitely enjoyed *KISS AND BLOG* and I would recommend it to anyone who secretly stashes away smutty gossip magazines -- because it's just THAT fun!

Backing up a little bit, *KISS AND BLOG* is about two best friends who have decided that they are absolutely tired of being social nobodies at their high school. Thus, they spend their summer researching fashion tips, cheer-leading moves, and general personality characteristics that lend themselves to easy teenage popularity. After a new wardrobe, new hair colors, and countless hours of emulating moves from higher places on the social ladder, Sloane and Winter know they are ready for the A-list crowd at school...

... Except, things don't quite work out like the girls planned. While Sloane has the hair flipping, eye batting, and girly giggling down to a science, Winter feels awkward and uncomfortable around the popular kids, still finding cheer-leading and teeny-bop fashion to be laughable, at best. Sloane is part of the A-list crowd right away, but Winter just doesn't mesh with the crowd, finding herself to be the laughing stock of the cool kids once again. And now, Sloane is mocking her too, it seems.

Hurt and angry from the blatant betrayal by her former best friend, Winter takes out her aggressions through her new blog, a quirky series of entries by a character, Eleanor Rigsby, that semi-anonymously spill each and every one of Sloane's dirty little secrets, accumulated after years of friendship. Winter doesn't expect that anyone will really see her rantings, but it ends up being a fun way to release her hostilities, even if it ends up being a secret kind of revenge.

Soon, though, the secret gets out, and everyone knows about Eleanor Rigsby and her hilarious reports of Princess Pink and her diva squad. But, is Winter really as anonymous as she thinks? And, is she willing to let her bitterness over a failed friendship overshadow a possibility for a chance at love?

Sure, KISS AND BLOG is a definite guilty pleasure read, but it is definitely fun and compulsively readable - easily read in a single sitting, even. I was a little worried when things started gearing up for a cliché love triangle, but the situation was quickly diffused. Yay!

And yeah, the characters were catty and bitchy and ridiculously mean, but that was part of the fun. Think "MEAN GIRLS" -- except, throw in a blog, a hippie mother, a semi-celebrity father, and a couple of hipster teenage boys on the side.

It's not War and Peace, but nobody picks up a book like this expecting a classic. So, if you want a fun, quick teenage read, give KISS AND BLOG a chance. Maybe it will be your next guilty pleasure, too!

Alaina Meserole says

Actual rating: 2.5

Kiss & Blog is about the friendship between Sloane and Winter. They were best friends forever and they were tired of being outcasts. So they made a goal together: become popular. However, once the two start becoming popular.. well, Sloane ends up ditching Winter and Winter makes out with a bunch of god damn hotties.

Okay so Winter was kind of annoying. Scratch that, most of the characters were annoying. I honestly have no idea how Winter and Sloane were ever friends. Hot damn, the amount of back stabbing between these two. Sloane basically uses Winter and wasn't a good friend.. but then Winter wasn't an angel either.

The blog idea seemed fun and kind of makes me want to create my own but for books. I really liked Winter's younger sister, Autumn, was probably my favorite. She definitely should've been the main character. Then this book would've gotten a way better rating by me.

Besides that, there are the love interests that were basically meh to me. I liked Rey a little bit more than Easton but not by much. Easton was a terrible character because he was just meh all over. Then there was Rey who was a little bit swoonworthy but I also couldn't say he was my ultimate favorite love interest. He

was, however, a better option than Easton.

Overall, it was an okay read. It had a bunch of flaws and I wished Autumn was the main character and not Winter. This book had so many cliches in it that I rolled my eyes countless times.

Marissa Marzano says

I came along this book by accident, made the choice to randomly go to the library one day and this is what i picked up.

I have this routine, that when i pick up a book, i'll read the first chapter, and if i like it, i'll continue reading. This was definately one of those books!

I love the fact that they based it on a girl who likes a different kind of music, and whose family is based in a different decade. I thought that brought a whole different level to the book.

As materialistic as some of this may seem, i really think it does differ from some other teen drama novels for the simple fact that this book is based on the revenge from a friendship, not over a guy.

Even though, like any teenage novel, boy drama is of course evident, but to me, it doesn't take over the story line as much as some other novels. It's all about holding a grudge and stopping at nothing until you are satisfied with the revenge you have tried to gain. It's brilliant.

I think if your anything like me, and have the constant need to only read teen dramas, but are just looking for that slight difference, this is the book for you.

Alyson {Error Nebula} says

As some of you may know, for some absurd reason, I made an Alyson Noel haul. Yes, two books is a haul for me. Now shut up! I'm not a Noel fan, never was really, but something makes me read her novels, even when I want to falcon punch most of the characters in the face.

Winter and Sloane are besties forever. Or so they though. After years of being outcasts, they casted a goal: to be in the popular squad. But Sloane ditches Winter and Winter makes out with hotties.

Plot:

Cliche, such a cliché my dear Noel. Two best friends, one ditches another, revenge, bla bla bla, yada yada yada. Well, I did like the blog idea and telling anonymously dirty secrets. If only I had the balls to blackmail people or posting their embarrassing crap all over the internet, I would be a happier person. I think. Maybe.

No! That's a bad idea! On the internet, you can be found out so easily it's not even funny!

Writing:

One minute she was talking about her back story, next minute she said something about her crush getting

into the cafe. What?

Heroine- Winter:

This is going to be a long rant. Belts please.

I don't know what Noel thought when she created Winter. Wait, I actually do. In one of her interviews, Noel actually said that she first comes up with a story, then with a character. Most of us do, right? But here's the punch line: she feels the story is more important than the characters. Characters=Plot, not Characters. Anyways, here's a brief summary of Winter. Winter is an outcast girl music from the eighties, likes to read and write, and is really shy.

Magnifique.

It seems like Winter only listens to Sex Pistols and The Beatles (if I get something wrong here, I'm a noob in music, so don't take to your heart), never opens a book, less writes anything and is making out with total strangers. Sigh.

I think that when Winter says she likes to read, leads her to love to write, leads her to write a blog. Huh.

Anyhow, she calls herself shy. In what fucking parallel universe are you shy Mary fluffing Sue?!

You make out with a guy and almost had sex with when you've known him for, like, two weeks. There's no flicking romance or electricity, it just shows how teenagers nowadays can be... umm... passionate.

If all that description wasn't enough to explain how much I hate, despise the main character, I'll tell you a secret. If she existed, I would come to her place and be like:

Bestie to Enemy- Sloane:

Social reputation? Please, that girl can't even mean what she says.

Sloane was Winter's BFF and turned into a teenage version of Honey Boo Boo. She also lies, she stubs in the back and flirts with guys only to score. Okay, I don't always hate this kind of characters, but she was so one dimensional. She used Winter and all, but I just... I want to choke her.

Love Interests- Easton & Rey:

Before you hate me, here's the truth- I never like Easton. And in the beginning I liked Rey, but by the end he was ruined so badly.

Easton was that guy from some fancy art school that you use him to make out. When we first met him, he was bleh. The rest of the book he was bleh. But on the other hand we had Rey. When I first met Rey...

That's right he was *that* guy. It's been quite a while since I met a fictional male character that I can swoon over, so when we're introduced to Rey, I don't know why not love him. He calls the girl *milady* and sings *songs* to her. I just wish it was me and not Winter-frozen-brain.

So if choose between Easton and Rey, me and Winter both agree on Rey. (What kind of name is Easton anyway? Sounds like tooth brush brand)

Little Sis- Autumn:

Autumn is my most favorite character in this novel. She's an artist, smart and chooses boys by their mind, not looks. She also has really good taste in fashion. She was a bit of a perfection of me.

Popular Squad:

Such a cliché I don't even want to start writing about it.

Overall:

Kiss & Blog could be a nice read if not all the unnecessary description and rolling in the blog idea only 30% into the book. Also... how the hell people shrug so much in this book and their shoulders don't hurt one bit?!

2 STARS**Recommened for:**

- Alyson Noel fans
- Blog lovers
- Love triangle lovers

Liked:

- Autumn
- Blog
- Rey(kind)

Disliked:

- Majority of the plot
- Most of the characters

And now, a little lovely quote from the book:

"Memories are the only things we really own, the only things that stay constant." He shrugs. "Everything else becomes dust."

Review on my blog!:)

MJ Nicholls says

Read my review of this at my blog:

<http://www.markwritesbookreviews.blog...>

Alternately, here is the first sentence:

This book is a political allegory set in a flea dip, with the Lead Flea an allegorical Idi Amin and the Lower Flea the Oppressed Downtrodden Peasants of Nigeria and comparisons to 1984 are not . . .

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. . . a terrific and heartwarming . . .

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Sara says

This book wasn't the worst book I've ever read, but I'm still surprised that I got through about half of it before tossing it aside. I can't remember where I heard about the author; her most recent book sounded interesting, but the library didn't have that one, so I picked this up instead. It was quite a let down.

The plot had a lot of promise - two girls, determined to get to the top of the high school social chain, decide to do whatever it takes to get there, but once Sloane gets in, she leaves Winter (the main character) behind, who then channels her anger into starting an anonymous blog and spilling Sloane's secrets on it. Cyber-bullying - very timely. Unfortunately, the execution of this idea wasn't as good as it should have been. It takes quite a while for the actual blogging to start, and then other people at school find out about the blog completely randomly, saying something like, "Oh I just found this cool new blog yesterday!" Since Winter doesn't use *any* identifying details on her blog, that seems pretty farfetched... plus, the blog entries included in the book aren't very interesting anyway; they include nothing any other emo teen would be posting. So, disappointing. Furthermore, their friendship seemed, from the beginning, like it was based on history together rather than actual continuing friendship. Winter is a little irritating, and they all talk like a stereotypical girl from Laguna Beach would, despite the fact that Winter says living there is nothing like life on the show *Laguna Beach*.

Anyway, I gave up with this one. There are so many good teen books out there, but unfortunately this isn't one of them. Even if you're looking for total escapist fare, you could do better.

Aileen says

This is definitely one of Alyson Noel's best works. I have read more than one or two of her books and she has never disappointed yet. She is definitely not only one of my favorite authors but I love reading her books again and again. Though she unlike some other authors, give such subtle hints to outcomes when they happen you cannot help but be overcome with joy at what happens to these lovable characters. When I first saw this book I thought it would be much different from what it actually was. I believed that Winter would either become a sell-out or a popular kid just like Sloane, instead she stayed true to who she was and that was one thing that in real life does actually sometimes happen, her books are not like most others when they always end happy, everyone is friends again, and everything ends in the perfect way, instead she tells it like it is, the way that things can happen in life and most of the time they do happen. She is a breath of fresh air to the world of superficial bimbo's, she writes about how they aren't perfect and that behind their fake smiles the really are the horrid people everyone else sees them to be.

Amanda says

Pre-reading: I don't really expect this to be very good, but it's been on my bookshelf forever so I figured I should read it.

Post-reading: So I was pretty much right with my original opinion of the book. It wasn't very good to say the least. It was poorly written, mostly unrealistic, and had too many random and pointless subplots & details.

Basically the main character Winter is really annoying and made me want to throw the book at the wall about 70 times while reading it, which is never a good thing.

Venessa says

Update: Finished the book last night. I liked the second half more than the first. I wish, oh how I **really** wish Winter would have gave Sloane a tongue lashing once and for all!

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I picked up *Kiss & Blog* to tie me over until *Dark Flame* is released. The Immortal series is my introduction to Alyson Noel. I liked them enough to check out her other books. My library only had *Kiss & Blog*, but I wasn't picky.

Okay, so one of my little pet peeve with some authors is the overuse of one word through-out the entire book (think Meyer and "chargin"). Anyway, some where around the middle of *Shadowland* I picked up on "gaze" and its may versions. I didn't notice it in the first two books (maybe it wasn't as noticable or maybe I was just in a mood... don't know). In any event, it started to become distracting.

What does my "gazing" ramble have to do with anything? Well, I start on *Kiss & Blog* and on the very first page:

"She gazes at her watch..."

::bang head on desk::

Rain Misoa says

Bah! This book did absolutely nothing for me. It just rambled about nothing of importance and it was so predictable that... I can't even begin to tell you what I thought. **Sighs** The characters are shallow, the plot is boring... I just can't stand this book. I now this is just a very short review but... this book just annoyed me to no end! Read it and decide for yourselves.

Marci says

I could not put Kiss&Blog down. Seriously! Totally addictive... Winter is a shy, awkward, 15 going on 16 girl who just lost her best friend (and only friend) Sloane. Sloane ditched Winter for the back-stabbing, mean girls of Ocean High. You see, Winter and Sloane had been planning and planning their sophomore year all summer, their break-out year; where they went from nobodies, to A-listers. They changed their hair, body care products, and attitude. But once Sloane was at the top, there was no way she was going back to the bottom. Winter was a true friend to Sloane, but Sloane didn't give it a second thought about hanging with the girls who bashed just about everybody. After being thrown away by her best friend of 8 years, Winter is seeking revenge. So, she starts doing so by creating an anonymous blog. The blog reveals all of Sloane's dirty little secrets. Did you know she made out with her cousin TWICE? Did you know she gave her Jr. High School principal a Teddy bear on valentines day saying "I wuvvv you this much!" Sloane is "Princess Pink" and her "friends" are the "Pastel Posse." Basically, everyone who is in the blog has a secret, and creative code name. And Winter herself is Eleanor Rigby. Winter's love life has several ups and downs. As well as all of her friendships. Sloane ends up getting ditched by the "Pastel Posse." Too bad she couldn't see that Winter was a true friend... Overall, I loved this book!!! The blog posts by Winter were tons of fun to read, and be prepared for some serious drama. This book has it all! An absolute, 110% MUST-READ!!!!
