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What could be more important to a girl just about to turn sixteen, than being popular? It can be all consuming, but the popular crowd is a difficult crowd and trying to fit in can be painful. High school gossip spreads quickly and mean girls who can be cruel and selfish fill the halls. They rule the school and decide with the flick of an eye who will be an outcast.

For Brittney Ellis, someone who has always been on the outside looking in, the world of the popular kids is heaven. In her mind, these girls are the most fortunate people because they have great clothes, beauty, and boyfriends. They walk the high school halls like royalty. Little does Brittney realize that the popular girls have problems too. They just hide them well.

Brittney also has a secret, one that makes her yearn so badly she cannot sleep. Brittney is in love with Chase, one of the top football stars. He does not even know she exists. To make matters worse, she has other issues that threaten to destroy her, like an eating disorder that left as a scar on her soul from a devastating childhood experience.

Even with all of the heartache in Brittney's life, there is still a bright and shining light. Sadly, Brittney stands blinded by what she thinks she wants and consequently does not recognize the good things she has. Brittney is blessed with genuine, caring friends, even if they are not the most popular kids. Mark a science and computer nerd and Alicia an art enthusiast are always there for her. Nevertheless, Brittney has grown tired of being the outcast, so she undertakes a project to make major changes in herself. Changes she believes will win her Chase's romantic attentions.

Meanwhile there are elements stirring under the surface, and although Brittney is not aware of it, she is about to learn that one of her close friends has a secret that will change Brittney's life forever. If you like "Gossip Girl," "Mean Girls," or "Glee" then you'll love, "I want To Be Popular."

## **I Want To Be Popular Details**

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## Books says

There are so many problems with this book I don't even know where to start. In a nutshell, it needs a thorough round of editing by a professional editor. There are lots of inconsistencies in the story and the characters are lifeless, stereotypical and dull.

I applaud the author for attempting to write a story with a message about happiness and love being more fulfilling than perfection, and wanting to send a message of hope to those battling an eating disorder. Sadly, the writing resembles that of a ten-year-old, especially the dialogue which is unbelievably unnatural and cringe-worthy. If I'm allowed to give only one speck of advice to the author, I'd suggest she drop the epilogue. The entire story is at best mediocre, but the epilogue takes away what little enjoyment there is to be found in this novella.

I'm also concerned about the messages sent out to younger readers about identity and self-worth. Also, the impression was clearly created that exercise and a good diet can solve a serious eating disorder such as Bulimia in a matter of a few weeks (in which the character lost fifty pounds, thanks to her friend who was secretly in love with her and found a diet for her on the internet). The root of the problem which started this eating disorder for the main character in the first place due to the sexual abuse she suffered as a nine-year-old, is only addressed as an afterthought in the epilogue.

These and a couple of other issues made this short story less than enjoyable for me. I'm sure many others would enjoy it, but judging by the writing, this author's books are not for me. I'm glad I got this as a free download.

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