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Lara gets even with Kate because she can't bear to watch Kate stealing Jake. Kate's been searching for the boy who rescued her at Ben's party and now it seems she's about to find him. Can Lara dream up a scheme that will lead Kate straight to the wrong guy?

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Nicky says

A really good one, not one of my absolute favourites, but notable for its sheer drama. It's Lara's first book, she's on the cover sporting a bleached, cropped do and an inebriated-looking smirk. Perfect!

My favourite part of it is Kate's search for the guy who carried her out of Benjamin's birthday party when she got punched out 2 books ago. She thinks she's destined to be with this guy. Now, if she had any sense she'd figure out it was Jake. There were four guys at the party:

-Aaron: been there, done that. Plus he probably couldn't/wouldn't lift another person.

-Lucas: Kate's already said he's like a brother to her.

-Benjamin: He's blind. He's very capable but I'm not sure he'd be able to lift a woman off the floor and walk outside with her.

-Jake: The only person who could possibly be the person she's looking for.

Kate decides to confide the details of her search in Lara. Kate has a strip of shirt from her rescuer, which she shows to Lara. Lara sees Jake in the shirt, figures out he's Kate's hero-boy, and due to her own Jake obsession, conspires to make Kate believe Benjamin is the guy who carried her out of the party. KATE TOTALLY BUYS IT!!! GAH!! She slathers herself up in aloe lotion (she thinks Benjamin will like this because he's blind and but can still smell things. She knows he's blind...but she still thinks...anyway...) and ambushes Benjamin with a kiss. Naturally Nina is lurking outside Benjamin's room, sees the kiss and is so heart broken that she flees Chatham Island.

Aisha has a bit of boy-drama in this book. She tells her scholarship rival David Barnes that he's no Christopher, but he'll do in a pinch. He's into it because she's so pretty and he likes her so much. I'm glad Aisha is getting some attention for something other than her scientific prowess and her terrible dancing. They have a blissful date, David asks her to the prom, she accepts, he walks her home (which is pretty good considering she lives on an island and he lives on the mainland), and then Christopher shows up. Cripes. Get out of here Christopher.

The other thing I want to talk about is Zoey. When I first started re-reading these books I couldn't believe how cool Zoey was, because I remember her being a total pill. Now I know that what I remember. From book 6 onwards, Zoey is a jealous, petty, pathetic little thing. I know she's had a lot of messed-up stuff happen to her, but so has Jake and so has Nina and they've managed not to become almost completely unbearable.

Claire's plot to break up her dad and Aaron's mum comes to a head when the mash note she posted to her dad from Florida arrives and results in a fight and the postponement of the wedding.

Favourite bits:

-Nina fantasises about being a guest on Ricki Lake:

“Ricki: Claire, is Nina just compulsive? Or is she plain stupid?

Claire: Well, Ricki, she's both. She's stupid and compulsive. She'll never have any luck with men. That's my department.

Ricki: Thanks you Claire. By the way, you're exquisitely beautiful. You should be a model.”

I have the feeling that if Claire fantasised about being on a talk show that's the way she'd envision the dialogue too.

Gotemar says

Drama drama drama !

Eventually, all the story lines are going somewhere (part from the Zoey-Lucas relationship, kinda stuck in the mud, but we see there is a break up ahead)!

The whole thing between Kate and Lara, with Lara persuading Kate that Benjamin is her savior, was very funny. I can't tell if she's making fun of Lara (because of the rivalry for Jake) or if she grabbed the first idea that came to her mind. Either way, it was very comical.

Can't wait to read what's happening next.

Isa says

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Vanessa says

Read these as a kid, me and my sisters loved them -Vanessa

Elaine Mullane says

Feeling nostalgic for the books of my youth, I revisited Katherine Applegate and her *Islanders* omnibus editions (first released as the **Making Out** series way back in 1993. Yes, I am that old...).

While I found them to be overly-dramatic and a little bit cheesy on second reading, I think they would be loved by teenagers today. YA has taken a much-welcome step in the sphere of fantasy, science fiction and Dystopia, largely, in recent years so for teenagers looking for the traditional romance novels filled with teen-angst and buried secrets, these are a good series to turn to. A little bit **Dawson's Creek** in its setting and its drama, *The Islanders* is the perfect teen soap opera.

Nikki says

Read in high school.

Katelynn says

After a few less than stellar books, we're finally back on track. There's forward motion, drama, humour, and more than just girls sitting around talking about boys (except Aisha, whose scenes I can't even read anymore). Finally, this is about secrets and friendships and kids trying so hard and screwing everything up anyway. And poor little Nina; she's always been so good at tugging at my heart strings.

Saadia Y says

What a dramatic ending.

I'm not a big fan of Kate. She's living in Lala land. I mean really, you believe you're destined to be with a guy (who's identity is unknown to you) because he did want any human being would do when you were passed out. ?

I actually think Lara may be bipolar with the way her moods constantly change and how she's become so obsessively attached to Jake. Her behaviour is creepy and I don't know why no one is pulling her up on it.

At least Benjamin seems to be coming out of his funk a little but can Zoey and Lucas get it together already!

Aisha, Aisha, Aisha smh ?

Nadine says

diese Buchreihe hat mich während meiner Teeniezeit begleitet. ich habe sie so geliebt...
