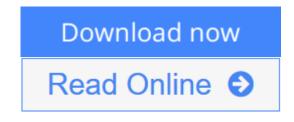
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Gr 9 Up-High school junior Scarlett is heavily involved with the Lycanthrope High TV show's online fandom, writing fan fiction and live tweeting the show. In real life, she is mostly invisible, hanging out with her supersmart best friend, Avery, and her elderly neighbor Ruth. When her favorite show is canceled, Scarlett and her online friends are devastated. And then her real life starts falling apart. The teen begins writing new fanfic, set in the Lycanthrope High world but based on events and people in the real world. She does not paint the most flattering portraits of them, so when her writing is discovered by people in her school, there are serious consequences. The initial impression of the book is of a quippy, good-time read. But as Scarlett's life takes a dive, the tone darkens. Breslaw includes Scarlett's fanfic, which is engaging to read, especially when she is stymied and writing in terrible clichés. Unfortunately, while the inclusion of the protagonist's work and Tumblr-speak feels fresh, many of the main ideas do not: a smart, pretty girl hiding her light; a rough-around-the-edges single mom with a heart of gold; an absent dad with a perfect new family; and a mean girl who is not so mean. The book feels uneven and loses steam toward the end, but it is a quick read that is still enjoyable. An abundance of scenes with teens drinking casually make this title more appropriate for high schoolers. VERDICT A fine additional purchase.-Geri Diorio, Ridgefield Library, CTα(c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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"Absolutely delightful, the kind of book you'll be reading for an hour before you realize you've been grinning the whole time. Sarcastic, hilarious, and secretly sensitive Scarlett will be immediately recognizable to anyone who spent their teenage years unsure of what they were doing or where they fit in (i.e., anyone who was ever a teenager)." —**Buzzfeed** 

"Though her life is full of good people—her mother, her best friend, Avery, her delightfully vinegary neighbor Ruth—who hold up loving mirrors to her most judgmental, emotionally distancing impulses, Scarlett stubbornly sees herself as an underachieving loner with a uniquely sophisticated read on the world…readers will quickly see what Scarlett doesn't: that she pushes people away, that her underachievement is a pose, that she's often thoughtlessly cruel and self-absorbed, and that's she's worth rooting for anyway. A sparkling, unabashedly feminist debut." —*Kirkus Reviews*, Starred Review

"Super-realistic and laugh-out-loud funny...By the time you're done, you seriously might grab your cell to text Scarlett and then feel bummed when you remember she's a fictional character." —*Seventeen* 

"Scarlett is very funny, and her first-person narration is full of snappy literary and cultural references that will endear her to readers. But Breslaw doesn't allow her heroine to hide behind her wit. Eventually, Scarlett begins to truly see the pain and beauty of reality. <u>A perfect match for fans of Rainbow</u> <u>Rowell's *Fangirl.*" —*Booklist*</u>

"Smart and witty, laced with snarky pop-culture references and crackling one-liners à la *Gilmore Girls*." —*Publishers Weekly* 

"Breslaw's humor is biting, vicious, and laugh-into-the-page funny....[a] pitch-perfect teen tale." —*The Christian Science Monitor* 

"[Scarlett] is acerbically clever and surly in all the best ways....Fans of character-driven stories, members of fandoms, and teens who live on Tumblr will devour this immensely readable and hilarious story." —**VOYA** 

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"A very funny, very smart, very real story that works on every level. Scarlett Epstein is the hardest kind of character to pull off: someone at once heart-stirringly familiar and totally unique. Anna Breslaw has a beautifully calibrated ear for how people talk, type, and think." —Jesse Andrews, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl* 

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"Scarlett Epstein is so funny and smart it makes me wish *I* were her when *I* was a dorky Jewish teen." — Megan Amram, author of *Science...For Her!* 

"Fresh, raw, immediate and true. *Scarlett Epstein Hates It Here* feels so hip and now and yet somehow echoes back to Judy Blume. I fell in love with Scarlett and cried the kind of reading tears that slide down your temples and pool in your ears. It's also laugh-through-your-tears funny, though, and gets five Jersey tomatoes from this girl who knows Jersey."—Wendy Wunder, author of *The Probability of Miracles* and *The Museum of Intangible Things* 

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