



# BOOK RESUME: REAL LIVE BOYFRIENDS

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

*Real Live Boyfriends*, the fourth book in the uproarious and heartwarming Ruby Oliver novels that finds Ruby Oliver as neurotic and hypervocal as ever as she interviews her friends for a documentary on love and popularity and while doing so turns up some uncomfortable truths.

She's lost most of her friends. She's lost her true love more than once. She's lost her grandmother, her job, her reputation, and possibly her mind. But she's never lost her sense of humor. The Ruby Oliver books are the record of her survival.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Fans will enthusiastically embrace this hilarious novel."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"Wryly comic lists, footnotes, and narration lay Ruby Oliver's heart bare and construct a vulnerable, sympathetic character with whom many teens will relate."—*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

"Fans of the series will clamor for Ruby's latest adventure."—*Booklist*

"This may be one of the few young adult novels out there that honestly addresses mental health issues in a way that is not message-driven and does not make the mental health issue the point of the book."—*School Library Journal*

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- WINNER - ALA Best Books for Young Adults

## RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

['Thirteen Reasons Why' and 'Real Live Boyfriends' OK'd by panels for Polk County schools](#)

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**Grade Range:** Gr 9 Up  
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