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BOOK RESUME: THE BEST LAID PLANS

BOOK SYNOPSIS

A high school senior takes on firsts, lasts, and everything in between in this hilarious rom-com for fans of Lynn Painter, Meg Cabot, and Jenny Han.

High school senior Keely Collins is the last remaining virgin in her friend group. Problem is, she's known all the boys in her small high school forever, and it's hard to be into someone when you watched him eat crayons in kindergarten. And it is important for her to have that experience with someone she trusts and actually likes.

Keely can't believe her luck when she meets a ridiculously hot new guy named Dean. Not only does he look like he's fallen out of a classic movie poster, but he drives a motorcycle, flirts with ease, and is totally into her.

But Dean's already in college, and Keely is convinced he'll drop her if he finds out how inexperienced she is. That's when she talks herself into a new plan: her lifelong best friend, Andrew, would never hurt or betray her, and he's clearly been with enough girls that he can show her the ropes before she goes all the way with Dean. Of course, the plan only works if Andrew and Keely stay friends--just friends--so things are about to get complicated.

Cameron Lund's delightful debut is a hilarious and heartfelt story of first loves, first friends, and first times--and how making them your own is all that really matters.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Everyone at Keely's tiny Vermont high school has known each other forever, and since her lifelong best friend, Andrew, is a guy, the other guys at school seem to think she's one, too. She can just about bear being one of two known senior class female virgins, until, at her 18th birthday party, she walks in on the other one getting it on. So when she gets a job at the local video store and her handsome college-student coworker, Dean, seems to like her—or at least the more sophisticated version of herself she's pretending to be—she decides that it's time. Worried that Dean will freak when he finds out she's a virgin, she asks Andrew, who's known as a bit of a player, for help. In her debut, Lund takes the right-under-your-nose rom-com trope to the extreme, and when the scales finally fall from Keely's eyes, readers may wish the endless detours could have been avoided. Still, watching Keely take risks and be brave once she knows what she wants is satisfying." —*Publisher's Weekly*

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“The themes, and how they are addressed, make the story stand out. In the end, there's a group of teens who have grown and have a thorough understanding of what they've gone through and are fearless as they approach the unknown future. VERDICT This heartwarming, funny novel will resonate with anyone struggling under the weight of societal pressures.” —*School Library Journal*

“A high school senior aims to lose her virginity. Keely Collins has grown up with the same small, tight group of kids all her life, making romance a difficult proposition. It's hard to feel sexy with someone when you've seen them eat paste. But after discovering she's the last virgin standing, Keely resolves to lose her virginity before finishing high school. Luckily, Keely's earned the attention of her sexy older co-worker, Dean. While Dean and Keely get hot and heavy, Keely's best friend, Andrew, starts acting weird. If you think you know where this is going, you're absolutely right. The novel takes the "childhood friends figure out they love each other" trope and sprints with it, forgetting to prop it up with complex characters or dynamic plotting. Events spill forward with little regard to pacing save for one element: the sexy bits. The author's steamy scenes are appropriately titillating when they need to be and emotionally affecting when it counts. The book's scenes of true intimacy and pure sexual energy are well-crafted set pieces, using heavy petting to illuminate characters that are stunningly two dimensional before and afterward. There's just enough going on here to halfheartedly recommend the title, but there's also enough potential to cause anticipation for the author's sophomore outing. All main characters are cued as white; secondary characters are black and Korean. Read it for the sexy parts.” —*Kirkus*

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [TeachingBooks.net resources](#)
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