



Guyaholic

Carolyn Mackler

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*Age Range: 14 and up

Grade Range: Grade 9 & Up

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Sometimes it takes getting hit with a hockey puck to help you see what's good for you! Carolyn Mackler is back—and V is off on a solo road trip—in this funny, poignant follow-up to *Vegan Virgin Valentine*.

Ever since V's mom dumped her with her grandparents, she's bounced from guy to guy. That is, until a fateful hockey puck lands her in the lap of Sam Almond, who is different from the start. But V makes an irreversible mistake at her graduation party and risks losing Sam forever, spurring her on a cross-country road trip to visit her mom in hopes of putting two thousand miles between herself, Sam, and the wreckage of that night. With humor and compassion, Carolyn Mackler takes readers on an unforgettable ride of missed exits, misadventures, and the kind of epiphanies that come only when you're on a route you've never taken before.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Mackler's unsentimental feel for how kids think and talk, and how they go about entering the grown-up world, makes V's journey engrossing."—*The New York Times Book Review*

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“Eye-opening as a sequel yet solid on its own, V’s narration is simple and accessible as she learns to be brave.” — **Kirkus Reviews**

“V comes across as an engaging character whose struggles seem very real. . . Written with humor and verve.” — **Booklist**

“V’s troubled relationship with her mother rings true, and teens will be rooting for the protagonist to pull herself together.” — **School Library Journal**

“We care about V because of her flaws and so we are willing to go with her on this journey.” — **Bina Williams, NECBA Listserve Review Project**

“Readers who loved *VEGAN VIRGIN VALENTINE* and were left wanting to know more about V will be thrilled with *GUYAHOLIC*.” — **Teenreads.com**

“Wild child V Valentine, who first appeared in Carolyn Mackler’s *Vegan Virgin Valentine* is back in *Guyaholic*.” — **Publishers Weekly, “Children’s Notes”**

“Mackler is an accomplished writer for older YA readers, especially those serious about understanding human emotions and behavior.” — **KLIATT**

“This coming-of-age novel teems with the author’s biting wit and honesty.” — **The Oklahoman**

“The fact that Mackler makes V both sincere and empathetic, while also less than romantic, makes *Guyaholic* rather unusual in YA... There are so many facets to V’s character that it will be easy for all sorts of readers to identify with her struggle.” — **Bookslut**

“Fans will find the novel endearing.” — **VOYA**

“With her trademark blend of humor and compassion, Mackler takes readers on an unforgettable ride of missed exits, misadventures, and epiphanies.” — **Spartanburg Herald-Journal**

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.