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## BOOK RESUME: HER GOOD SIDE

### BOOK SYNOPSIS

Sixteen-year-old Bethany Greene, though confident and self-assured, is what they call a late-bloomer. She's never had a boyfriend, date, or first kiss. She's determined to change that but after her crush turns her down cold for Homecoming—declaring her too inexperienced—and all her back-up ideas fall through, she cautiously agrees to go with her best friend's boyfriend Jacob. A platonic date is better than no date, right? Until her friend breaks up with said boyfriend.

Dumped twice in just two months, Jacob Yeun wonders if he's the problem. After years hiding behind his camera and a shocking summer glow up, he wasn't quite ready for all the attention or to be someone's boyfriend. There are no guides for his particular circumstances, or for taking your ex's best friend to the dance.

Why not make the best of an awkward situation? Bethany and Jacob decide to fake date for practice, building their confidence in matters of the heart.

And it works—guys are finally noticing Bethany. But things get complicated as their kissing sessions—for research of course!—start to feel real. This arrangement was supposed to help them in dating other people, but what if their perfect match is right in front of them?

### REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ “This fake-dating story will delight readers to no end. Alongside a strong cast of characters and a vivid portrayal of California, the author crafts a fully formed world and authentic depiction of first love, which celebrates awkward high-school experiences, unexpected romances, and stellar support systems.”  
—*Booklist*, Starred review

“Sincerely rendered character dynamics provide a well-rounded vehicle through which to explore themes surrounding stigma, sexual identity, and healthy relationships.”—*Publishers Weekly*

“Light and sweet.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

“A unique addition to romance collections that will connect to many readers.”  
— *School Library Journal*

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