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Jamee Wills never expected Vanessa Pierce and her friends to go this far. The trouble starts at cheerleading practice when Vanessa begins teasing Angel McAllister, a shy new girl at Bluford High. When the insults turn nasty, Jamee tries to stop them. She wins Angel's friendship but makes many enemies. Now Jamee is a target, and someone is texting lies and pictures of her all over school. Unwilling to tell her family or snitch on her fellow cheerleaders, Jamee is cornered. Will her next move solve her problems--or make them worse?

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From Reader Review Pretty Ugly for online ebook

Tyler says

This book is about a freshman in Bluford High School named Jamee. Living in the shadow of Darcy Wills, her sister (Junior) she has to find a way to be noticed and stop being associated with her sister, and the only way to do that is to join the cheerleading team (the one thing that Darcy cant compete with her in). Jamee joins with her friends and meets a new girl named Angel. Angel is a weak girl who everyone likes to pick on (your typical high school story). As the story goes on Jamee becomes friends with Angel so that she won't feel alone, and of course the main girl picking on Angel (Vanessa) uses this to her advantage to try to get both girls off of the team. Vanessa becomes an evil conniving person that humiliates both girls. However in the end both Jamee and Angel win and Vanessa is left with nothing.

Denise Prado says

i think this book is great because i love reading about drama and realistic fiction kind of books.

Precious says

Have you ever had a sister/brother in school that always does better then you and everybody thinks you are as smart as them? Well Jamee does her sister's name is Darcy and she is really smart and all of Jamee's teachers tell Jamee why cant you be as smart as your sister. This book is Realistic Fiction because this can happen to anybody. I thought this book was very good and awesome because I love books with a lot of action in them and this book was about how Jamee was getting bad grades and her sister Darcy always had good grades and people tell her why cant you be as smart as your sister and she has to bring her grades up if she wants to make the cheer squad.

This story took place at Bluford High, her house, and her aunts house. Jamee wanted to be a cheerleader at Bluford high. But in order to be a cheerleader she had to do good in school and she was doing bad. Then she started going to cheerleader tryouts to see if she was good enough for the team. Conflict Person vs self because she has to make her own decisions if she wants to make the team she has to bring her grades up. The main Character is Jamee, Darcy (Jamee's sister).

I was surprised when the teachers were telling her why cant you be as smart as your sister Darcy, I thought that was pretty mean. What I really understood why Jamee was standing up for once to her friend Angel (a girl that really didn't have no friends and was very shy) and tell them to leave and stop messing with her. The main Characters problem is getting bad grades in school because if she has bad grades she can't join any school programs.

I thought this book was pretty good and I rated it a 5 star because I like books that have drama and a lot of action. I rate this book also a 5 because the girls drama is like real life problems people would so I would recommend this to girls that have a lot of drama in their lives and see how Jamee handled her drama in school. If you ever read this book I hope you learn the same thing that I did stand up for your self and don't let people push you around and always do good in school because if you don't when you want to join a

school program you aren't going to be able if you are not then no team for you.

Jakyia says

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Kiacarter says

I didnt really like how at the beginning they talked about cheerleading which seemed like went on for forever. I would have to say that I would of been like Jamee in this book. When it came to Angel and all. There is always rumors going around about someone in high school or someone getting picked on and someone needs to do something about it. In this book I can understand how Jamee could get tired of being compared all the time but I think she was out of line at the end of Ch. 6. As far as there aunt Charlette goes, I wouldnt like her either. I dislike people that act like that. I like the coach in this book. I can also relate to Jamee when it came to school. I wasnt as bad but I can relate to some stuff. I thought CH.10 and the ending was okay but I rate this book a 4 :)

zekiah (yup thats me) says

In this book Pretty Ugly this is Jamee's freshmen at Bluford High. Jamee is feeling good about this year and is coming into the year confidently. She didn't really know that when she was in the middle school she did things that gave her a bad reputation, like kissed a boy she did not know and went out with Bobby Wallace, a student that wasn't liked. Since her big sister went to this school, a lot of people know Jamee because of her sister Darcy. Darcy had a good reputation so everyone is expecting Jamee to be like her sister.

so far I like the book because I like Jamee's attitude towards people because what she say to people is true and she speaks her mind no matter what. I also like that she sticks up for people because she cares about people. What I don't like about Jamee is that she does not get good grades and she don't care she cares about cheerleading more than a grade.

Imari says

Spoiler Alert

Reading a book so boring will have you go crazy, my book Pretty Ugly will have you excited, sad, eager, and inspired. The Genre of this book is Realistic Fiction. My opinion on this book is that I really enjoyed it. I was very determined and excited to read more. When Jamee's boyfriend broke up with her just because of

what people were saying about her, I felt her pain because how can your first love ever do anything to you like that.

The Setting of my book is At Bluford High School, Jamee's School, its relevance to the story is that, that is where the conflict started. The conflict is person Vs. person because Angel and Jamee have to go against bullies at their school.

Jamee is A freshman at Bluford High School. Jamee wants to be a Bluford Cheerleader, but the way her grades are set up it looks like she won't be one. So one day she see these group of girls ganging up on this one girl at cheerleading tryouts, instead of walking away and being a coward she stands up for the poor girl. But Jamee gets caught up in more mess, her mother and father expects her to be like her sister, her boyfriend wants to believe what other people say, and the girls who were ganging up on that one girl Angel, comes after Jamee with rumors saying that she like girls. Then when Angel's mom tells Jamee parents how brave and sincere Jamee were they finally decide that she could be on the cheerleading team and they understood that Jamee is not going to always be like Darcy, Smart and independent.

I can relate to the character, Jamee, because when i was in 4th grade this girl was getting bullied in gym class for being skinny and not knowing how to do things. I stood up for the girl and told the bullies to leave her alone, and then they started to pick on me for a while and I told the teachers and they left us alone. The character Jamee and I are similar because both of our parents do not understand, and they do not like to listen to our explanation when they think we are doing something bad when we were actually doing something smart. Like in the book when Jamee wanted to explain to her parents the reason she was skipping her classes to help her get better grades, and to go to cheerleading practice, was to stand up for Angel Mcollister.

I was surprised when Jamee stood up for Angel because in other books related to this book the person would just run and tell the teacher. I do not know about anyone else but i'll like for someone around my age to stand up for me. Just like when we went to the assembly, half of the school suggested when they get bullied they'll rather have someone similar to there age to stand up for them. I was convinced by this passage because it shows me how to be a better person. Also treat people how the way I want to be treated, because there is a 50% chance someone is not going to like what and how I do things but if I don't give them the satisfaction they'll leave me alone. That's exactly what Jamee did. I give her props.

In conclusion, on a scale 1 through 5, I rate this book as an 5 because not only that I liked it, I really could relate to the characters. I recommend this book to the people who are struggling in their life because this book might help you with your problems. So if you want to read a more relating book to yourself. Stop by the library you probably don't have anything else to do. Hehe!

Kennedy says

teaches u about bullying

Nashalie Hidalgo says

First book I read from the bluford series and loved it . I like reading books about realistic fiction, drama and love this is a great book to read when your going through a lot especially in school , takes your mind off things .

Mikayla says

Pretty Ugly is a book about a girl named Jamee Wills. As life isn't hard enough, she has to deal with mean girls. The book is written very well but at some points along the way, it was hard to picture some parts of the book. Other than that, the author Karyn continues the book perfectly. You are introduced to all of Jamee's problems. Algebra or family, you are able to feel the stress on Jamee's shoulders. I recommend this book to anyone who enjoys drama.

Jayna Johnston says

I enjoyed this book. It was about this girl name Jamee and she was going through a lot at school and at home. At school she was freinds with the mean girl and who the mean girl was mean to. Then at home nobody cared about her. I reccomend this book to 7 and older you learn a lot if lessons by reading it.

Taliyah Edwards says

The novel Pretty Ugly is mainly about Jamee Willis a student at Bluford High School, who is struggling with friend, family, and school work issues. Her parents seem to not want to listen to her because they are so caught up in her older sister Darcy's college plans, and all this college talk is really irritating Jamee. At school her grades are falling apart because cheerleading tryouts are coming soon and Jamee wants to be a Bluford cheerleader, but she also needs to retake a math test she failed so that she pass the 9th grade and be a bluford cheerleader. In the novel Jamee meets a new student named Angel and Jamee friends her but, a group of girls named vanessa, Tasha, Kym start being very cruel to angel and jamee sticks up for Angel everytime the 3 girls bother Angel, but it suddenly turns ugly when one of the 3 girls take a false photo of Angel and Jamee. It's really a good book i hope you enjoyed my book review.

Jose Cruz says

VANESSA WAS TEASING ANGEL IN CHEERLEADING PRACTICE, SHE COULDN'T TAKE IT SO SHE PUNCHED VANESSA. ANGEL GOT SUSPENDED BUT SHE HAD HER REVENGE. AFTER SCHOOL VANESSA WENT TO MEET UP WITH HER FRIENDS. THEY PLANNED TO JUMP ANGEL, BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW SHE TOOK KARATE. THEY GOT BEAT HARDER THAN WE SWAT ANTS THAT CLIMB ON US. GO ANGEL WHHHHOOOOOO.

WHHHHOOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

P.S THIS IS MY #1 FAVORITE BLUFORD SERIES BOOK PRETTY UGLY

Kevin says

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I was surprised when the teachers were telling her why cant you be as smart as your sister Darcy. I thought that was pretty mean to say that to her because it's like if there saying why are you so dumb. That affected Jamee in the story because she felt bad and she got mad. The main Characters problem is getting bad grades in school because if she has bad grades she can't join any school programs. This affected her in the story because she wanted to tryout for the cheerleading team.

When I was in the middle of the book I wished that Jamee made the cheerleading team because it was one of her favorite stuff to do and if she didn't make it I think she would get super sad and other people would make fun of her.

In the book they were calling Jamee stuff because she kissed a boy. I didn't understand why they cared if it didn't concern them. I thought they were just being mean and being a bully to her. This book and the book *The Fallen* by Karyn Langhorne Folan have one thing in common because at some point the main character was getting bullied too. At some point my brother was doing better than me in school and I was doing bad and my mom told me why cant you do good in school just like you're brother and I used to get really mad and felt like yelling at my mom but I knew if I did I would get in trouble. I was surprised when her classmates start spreading rumors and start to put pictures in her school. I thought that was pretty dumb and immature.

I thought this book was pretty good but not the best book I have read because I like books that include violence and a lot of action. I rate this book a 8 because it's about like girl drama so I would recommend this to girls that have a lot of drama in their lives and see how Jamee handled her drama in school. If you ever read this book I hope you learn the same thing that I did stand up for your self and don't let people push you around and always do good in school because if you don't when you want to join a school program you aren't going to be able because you need good grades.

Monique says

So this is a little interesting read I found discarded in someone's classroom library—it was a little used and abused but with a very interesting title and premise I thought would make a cute in-between read from some of the longer books on my imposing To-Be-Read list..Seriously I will have something to read for the rest of my life as I keep buying and “accumulating” more—I love a book challenge..

Okay so I have heard of this Bluford High series as a look at the problems and situations kids deal with going to an inner-city high school and is well written and real..this is the eighteenth book in the series—jeez but I enjoyed it so I will read another before deciding if its worth an investment for the elementary/middle school I work for..

Alright onto the story finally LOL---this one's main character is Jamee Wills who is entering her first year of high school is dealing with tougher academics, cheerleading and peer pressure with some mean girls, her boyfriend and her dating past and living up to the shadow of her brilliant overachieving older sister..what makes her even more relatable is that her mom is pregnant so she is becoming that all too familiar attention seeking middle child.... I thought her struggles were truly in tune with issues that any young girl goes through and the feelings of resentment and being compared came through vividly and made Jamee a girl you want to know about..

“It seemed as if everyone was pressuring her to be somebody else. Her family and teachers wanted her to be Darcy, Vanessa wanted her to be like Tasha and pick on Angel for no reason. Dez wanted her to be the girl with the bad reputation.” (Pg. 97)

Jamee however just wanted to be who she is and do what she enjoyed which is cheerleading—her failing Algebra test and a picture implicating a fake lesbian relationship to further damage an unpopular girl's reputation and force her off the cheerleading squad..After skipping tutoring help for two consecutive days to practice for tryout for cheerleading on the day of tryouts which is also the only day she can retake her test she has a big decision to make..I can really see kids wanting to know what she does, what they would do and how standing up for yourself and being a good person can be just as important as getting good grades..Real teen moral questions and segments on bullying and reputation—great discussion points for my 6th graders..
