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This fabulous social-networking mystery, a sequel to TOP 8, is the perfect novel for the Facebook generation.

Madison MacDonald thinks things are finally working out!

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Status Updates:

mad_mac Nate and I have been together for two months, and it s wonderful! Life is good!

mad_mac Well, except for the fact that I still might be failing history.

mad_mac And I no longer have a BFF.

mad_mac But aside from those things!

mad_mac Okay. So, um, apparently I ve just been put in charge of the school s priceless heirloom.

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What's Your Status? Details

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Leighann Wolle says

After reading the first of the three Top 8 books, I was excited to see what the next one had in store. After reading it, I realize it keeps you on your toes as much as the last one. As well as the similarities in the action, the purpose in the two books is very similar. The main purpose is to shine light on the fact that cyber harassment happens all the time. The author, Katie Finn, does a good job of making a serious subject easy to read about.

The theme of this book is that friends need to stay together, through good times and bad times. Struggles can make your friendship stronger. The friend in What's Your Status?, are each going through a different struggle. The friends can all confide in each other to get help.

This book was a narration. It went from the middle of 2nd semester of the characters junior year until prom. The book is well written for a narrative. I enjoyed how the author was not having constant flash backs like in other books of this style. She always kept the book moving forward.

I really enjoyed this book. It is one of those series that even if it is a long time from when you read the first one to when you read the second one, it still makes sense. The author is very good at giving the characters true high school relationships while still keeping moral standards. I would suggest this series to anyone who like a love story, but also loves mysteries.

April says

What's Your Status by Katie Finn is a novel which incorporates social media within it's pages. However, the social media has new names, Facebook is now Friendverse and Twitter is called StatusQ. There are some minor changes, but you get the gist. The center event of this event is prom. IDK I may be alone in this, but I thought prom was a whole lot of build up for a whole lot of average.

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Anna Motteler says

I loved this one just as much as I loved the first one, if not more. I feel like this one was a lot better than the first because it's not as "dramatic" as the first one was. They're both dramatic, obviously, since they deal with high school girls and prom, but this one seems a lot more realistic than the first.

I love these books!

Autumn says

Madison things that what happened last spring is over; Shes going to have a great prom (with Nate of course!), party with all her friends, and the afterparty is going to be awesome.

But then, Mad gets the schools priceless heirloom: The Hayes Crown and sooner then she knows it, its gone. And it just so happens that her friend Schulyer stole it! Or did she? Then theres the drama with Nate- did he, or didn't he sleep with his ex Melissa at the prom last year? Schulyer being "blackmailed", oh, and you can't forget The Hayes Crown has just disappaered.

As Mad starts to put together a plan, she can't get something out of the back of her head that Dave said to her: "If you could forgive Schulyer so quickly, why not Ruth?" She has no answer.

On the night of the prom everything seems perfect- the plan is going great... untill Madision and her crew realize that Isabel is out to make getting the crown impossible!

Thats basically the whole book plot right up there, yeah, very complex right? I think if Katie Finn might have just gone the extra mile and put mor detail into it, it would have been an awesome read! I found the plan very confusing and not well written, and then why was Dell there at the end again? Oh yah- 'revenge' ha! I really hated how Madision, Schulyer (hell, I don't know how to spell her name!) and Lisa eneded up being friends with Ruth again.... I know I wouldn't. I would just keep on the: "Hi, how are you?" basis.

This sequel to Top 8 is along the same lines as the first one. At the beginging of Top 8 Madision uses her Friendverese profile (a rip off of Facebook, if I should say so myslef!) and gets hacked while on vacatuon then at the end of the book she stops using it alot. Then at the beging of Whats Your St@tus she uses this new StatusQ (Makeshift twitter) thing too much, loses the crown and at the ends stops updating her staus every second and choses who and who can not follow her. See the patteren there? Why wouldn't she have just learned her lesson in the first one.... I wonder whats going to happen in Unfriended- (maybe a cheap Myspace and she post too many pictures?) Haha! Who knows.....

Don't get me wrong I liked this book- not loved it- liked it, and I can't wait for the final book to come out this July! (Unfriended)

Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Jaglvr for TeensReadToo.com

Madison MacDonald is back. Things at school have finally returned to normal for Madison now that the FriendVerse fiasco has been solved. Madison is out a best friend, but she now has an awesome boyfriend, Nate.

It's prom season, and Madison has found herself as Kittson's scapegoat in getting things done in time. It's the week before the prom and Madison is being pulled in every direction possible. She hardly has any time for Nate, and when they do get a moment together, a crisis always arises.

The most horrible crisis Madison could imagine happens. She is entrusted with delivering the school's infamous Hayes crown to the hotel for safekeeping for the prom. But her friend, Schuyler, for some unknown reason sneaks the crown from Madison and hands it over to Isabel, the rival school's prom planner.

Isabel lords it over Madison and her friends. She is giddy with joy, thinking she has finally gotten one up on

them. But Madison and her friends come up with an elaborate plan to get the crown back. It helps that both schools have planned to hold their proms at the same hotel, on the same night. If everything goes as planned, Madison and friends may just be able to save the day.

WHAT'S YOUR STATUS? is another book in the TOP 8 series. Readers don't have to have read the first book to know what is happening in WHAT'S YOUR STATUS? This is strong enough to be a standalone story.

TOP 8 seemed to have more status updates and IMing going on, and I did miss that in WHAT'S YOUR STATUS? It's there, but not as frequently, I don't think. And to me, that was one of the most unique features of the original story. But beyond that one complaint, I enjoyed the intrigue and planning that Madison and her friends developed in this book. If you can suspend your belief that high school kids could pull off what they did to get the crown back, then WHAT'S YOUR STATUS? will be quite the treat for you.

Bree T says

What's Your St@tus picks up 2 months after the end of Top 8 and life is going fairly well for Madison MacDonald. She's been seeing her boyfriend Nate Ellis for those 2 months and everything is going great. She's no longer a social outcast – the hackers were caught and punished and Mad is trying to move on. And her favourite social networking site, Friendsverse has a new part to it called StatusQ, which shows only status updates and none of the stuff like quizzes, fave bands and farms. It's basically like Twitter and it's Mad's latest obsession.

Madison is helping plan the prom with Kittson Pearson, who is the head of the prom committee and with whom she is forging a tentative friendship. The two girls have their differences and their relationship is a bit snarky but they're getting there. Madison and Kittson have very different ideas about what the prom should be like and it's a constant battle between them. Madison is entrusted with the Hayes Crown that the homecoming queen of Putnam High is always crowned with by their assistant principal, Dr Trent, and ordered to take it directly to the Putnam Plaza where their prom is to be taking place. But Madison, being Madison, is delayed getting the tiara down to the hotel and it is stolen from the trunk of her car. It's never a secret who steals the tiara, and why, and it's someone Madison cares for and wants to help so she calls in the 'old crew' – Francophile Lisa, her boyfriend Dave, Schuyler, Kittson and her new boyfriend Glen Turtell, the perennially grounded Brian and her theatre buddies Sarah and Ginger to try and come up with an amazing plan to get the crown back before the prom and also, before Dr Trent realises that it's not actually in the vault at the Plaza. Since the events of Top 8, which caused Dr Trent to reluctantly have to expel his favourite student, he's had his eye on Madison and it's not exactly a friendly one. He's following their StatusQ updates and watching everything like a hawk and Madison realises they're going to have to be extra sneaky if they can pull this off successfully. Because of Dr Trent finds out that something has gone wrong, Madison is likely to be shown the door as well.

While all this is going on, Madison and Nate are also having their first troubles. Nate is older than Madison and not far off graduating and he's been somewhat involved in a prank at his high school. His assistant principal can't prove it, but keeps hauling him in for questioning which makes Nate, who has been accepted to Yale, a bit stressed. He also refuses to tell anything to Madison so that she can't let anything slip, which Madison resents. Madison also put her foot in it regarding how fast their relationship is moving and now both she and Nate are circling around each other, confused about the signals each other are sending and Madison finds out that Nate's relationship with his ex (which he has never discussed with her) was quite a bit

more serious than she previously thought. So not only is she stressing about the crown and having the prom night go off without a hitch, but she's also stressing about the personal aspect of the prom too and just how things are going to be with Nate at the end of it.

After reading and really liking Top 8, I downloaded this sequel to my Kindle. I wasn't sure how the formatting would go, as I know they utilise pictures and layouts like Facebook and Twitter, but to my pleasure and surprise, the formatting was flawless and smooth. We jump straight into some cute action with Nate and Madison, establishing their 'coupleness' as you don't really get to see that too much at the end of Top 8 before Madison's life takes an abrupt turn for the worse. I really like Madison, I think she's a genuine character with flaws for all the world to see. In Top 8 she is a bit of a gossip, in What's Your St@tus she is hurt and jealous about Nate's previous girlfriends, but also giddy in her new relationship with Nate, letting her schoolwork slide, getting mixed up in others relationships again (this time Dave and Lisa's) and she's missing Rue, who was her best friend. Even though what Rue did to her was nasty and she was very hurt by it, she still misses the one that she automatically turned to with exciting news, her confidante. I think that Katie Finn nails teenagers, especially the way she writes Madison.

Madison is extremely busy with prom organisation and the detentions she keeps getting for being tardy due to rendezvous with Nate aren't helping her time management. When the crown is stolen and the race is on to get it back, Madison is even busier as she tries to come up with the perfect plan, and then pull it off without anyone getting caught. The risk everyone has to take is fairly high and it's a sign of strength in their friendships with Madison that they back her mostly unhesitatingly, even Kittson. And in this novel I thought Kittson was awesome – a real interesting blend of icy prom queen and a girl who knows how to get her own back! That's another thing I really love about these books – the cast of supporting characters. They are even more fun in this novel and the way they throw themselves into helping Madison is really sweet. They all have their roles to play, all of equal importance!

Madison learns another lesson in this novel, about communication and how all the status updates in the world aren't a substitute for, or an equal to, actually sitting down with someone and talking things out properly. It's a lesson quite a few of the characters could learn and even though they make the most of StatusQ during their big plan, using it to implement different stages of it, when it comes to saving some friendships and some relationships, social networks are a poor substitute for face-to-face communication and heart-to-heart's! I hope this isn't the last we hear of these characters because I think there were definitely a few unresolved issues at the end of this book and with summer on the way, I can see another chance for a story.

Melissa says

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The use of a Twitter-like application as a plot device is clever, but that is some of the best writing in the book by far.

I can't finish this one. I'm just past the 100 page marker, and it just keeps annoying me more. Just because one writes a book about high school students using technology does NOT mean that the technology needs to have more personality than any of the characters. The book is incredibly repetitive, and while I know high school students "poll" their friends about what to do in a particular situation, that does not mean that I need to read the same conversation with zero growth four or five times with only the names changed. I don't care if the protagonist talks things out with her boyfriend or has a successful prom, and those are the only inklings

of a plot there has been. I'm not impressed.

Sarah BT says

About the Book: Sixteen-year-old Madison still loves logging on to Friendverse to see what her BFFs and her cute new boyfriend Nate are up to. But the latest social networking craze is Status Q, which is all about rapid-fire status updates. When one of Mad's friends has to pull off a high-pressure heist, the gang relies on Status Q to send code messages to each other...all in the middle of a school dance! Will up-to-the-minute social networking save the day...or lead to good old-fashioned disaster?

GreenBeanTeenQueen Says: I was happily surprised by this novel! Sure, it's fluffy and somewhat chick-litty, but I like that sort of thing, so I enjoyed What's Your St@tus. It was a quick read and loads of fun. The beginning of each chapter is told in Status Q updates, so I think it could have appeal for readers who like books written in chat, text, e-mail style. I wasn't expecting a lot going in and I was surprised at how much fun I had reading this book!

There's romance, mystery, and a great James Bond/Ocean's Eleven style heist the group has to pull off a prom night heist to take back what was rightfully theirs and stolen from a rival school. (I don't want to say too much because I don't want to spoil it!) The whole feel of the book was fun and it's something I could see easily being turned into a movie. There's lots of laugh out loud moments and even though the whole prom heist is somewhat unrealistic, it's still fun to read about. There are a lot of characters to keep track of, but after a few chapters I got used to it and I had a blast reading this one.

What's Your St@tus is a sequel to Top 8, but it's not necessary to read the other book first, as the author does a job of catching the reader up so they don't feel lost and What's Your St@tus can stand on its own. I'll be recommending this one to my teens! It's perfect for fans of Pretty Little Liars, mysteries, chick lit, or readers looking for books about prom.

Elaine says

Another very good Katie Finn book with a surprising ending.

Dawn says

There was one twist that I didn't even see coming.

Radhika says

a fun, light read to give your brain a break.

Lauren says

Top 8 is back, and it's better than ever before, I have to say, because in this addition there's more romance, mysteries, heists, and extremely funny scenes that will have almost any reader laughing out loud!

If you thought Madison's life was hectic in Top 8, well you haven't seen anything yet, because in What's Your Status everything seems to be going wrong. For one, because of some unintended innuendo and an unfortunate hand gesture, Maddie's boyfriend thinks that she wants to go all the way, which is far from reality. Add in the facts that she just lost her school's most coveted treasure, her best friend is dealing with something major problems, and her other one is mad at her, well, let's just say that Maddie's prom season will be anything but forgettable.

The one thing I love about Maddie is the fact that she's flawed just like anyone else is out there. She makes mistakes and yet she doesn't let her occasional bad choices get her down- quite the opposite actually because she learns from them and does better the next time. The other thing I love about her character is how much she loves and cares about her best friends and how she would do literally anything for them. It's easy to tell she would be a kick-butt friend to have if she real. Also, I love her romance with Nate, and the fact that unlike some relationships out there in YA, it seems real, because they actually talk and communicate, not just make out.

Moving on, the plot of this is filled with action, action, and more action, which left me to be hooked on this book because I was dying to find out what would happen next. Like, would Maddie ever get back the crown? Would she work out her problems with Ruth? How evil is Isabel? And plenty more, leaving this book to be one I promise you is un-put-a-down-able. Also, I love how technology is incorporated in the plot!

Lastly, Katie's writing is even better in this addition because she fully fleshed out the characters and plot events to the point where they jumped off the page, and from that she shows she's one author who knows how to write quite the kick-butt chick-lit/romance/mystery read.

In all, the Top 8 series is one you shouldn't miss for anything! I can't wait to read more by Ms. Finn!

Grade: B+

Preslea Wilson says

When I first came across "What's Your Status", I vaguely remembered reading the first book "Top 8". All I remembered was that I liked how the book was formatted in certain chapters by having the conversations with the characters through a social network site called Friendverse (like Facebook but more Myspace style).

When I picked up the second novel, I thought it was just going to be a light read, like before but then I remembered how in the first novel that Madison had been hacked and she had to clear her name and how difficult it was. Diving into the second book and seeing that she was in, yet again, another predicament to clear her name. As the novel went on, I realized how this book was more appealing and captivated me more in how she was going to clear her name, what the plan was going to entail, and would it really work? By the

time I ended the book, my heart was racing and I was thrilled to find out that there was going to be a third book to series! I felt so much had not been done, yet everything worked out in the end.

This is, so far, my favorite series!! <3

BethLee says

What's Your Status by Katie Finn is an honest portrayal of teenage life and drama.

Summery from Goodreads:

This fabulous social-networking mystery, a sequel to TOP 8, is the perfect novel for the Facebook generation. Madison MacDonald thinks things are finally working out! Followers: 300 Status Updates: mad_mac Nate and I have been together for two months, and it's wonderful! Life is good! mad_mac Well, except for the fact that I still might be failing history. mad_mac And I no longer have a BFF. mad_mac But aside from those things! mad_mac Okay. So, um, apparently I've just been put in charge of the school's priceless heirloom. mad_mac And the assistant headmaster has a vendetta against me.

There was one thing I really liked about this book. It showed real teenage drama. The teenage years are ones full of drama. Madison and her friend went through typical problems in a normal way.

On that topic, dances are another thing that causes major trouble in schools. It is probably a proven fact that you cannot plan a dance without conflict. Katie Finn showed that here, and it was fun to read.

Why exactly was Madison put in charge of the crown. After she lost it, she could have just blamed it on Kittson, who wasn't supposed to pass off the duty anyways. That would have solved a lot of drama.

I thought Madison was a relatable teen, but not one that I really liked. She was not respectable. She was addicted to social media and had too many boy problems. I don't really think that if she was real she would be my friend.

The plot in this book moved fast, and never was boring. Katie Finn really knows how to keep a book moving, and make it easy to read.

Another problem I have with this book: Do you really think no one would have noticed that weird things were happening at prom. Every one seemed oblivious to it.

Overall, this was a fun and easy read.

Kristen says

Pretty predictable but still enjoyable, and a quick read.
