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A novel about ruling high school, being exiled, and fighting your way back to your rightful throne.

Sophie Donnelly is one half of the most popular and powerful couple in school, until new girl Angie Vogel shows up and compromises everything. Angie steals Sophie's starring role in the school play, and, worse, her super-popular boyfriend. Sophie has been quickly dispatched to social Siberia, but not for long--she'll do anything it takes to make a triumphant comeback.

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Rachael says

It seems like Sophie Donnelly has everything. She's one of the most popular girls at Kennedy High and has an equally popular not to mention super hot boyfriend, handfuls of cool friends, and a practically guaranteed lead in the school production of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*. But then Kennedy High acquires a new student Angie Vogel, and before Sophie can say "break a leg" and literally mean it, this blonde intruder swoops in and steals everything Sophie considers precious—first her golden role, then her golden boyfriend and the golden glow of being most popular. But this drama queen is not going down without a catfight, and it's about time everyone learned, particularly that Angie girl, who the spotlight rightfully belongs to.

The Comeback didn't hold much promise for me at first but ended up charming me anyway. Sophie is your typical overdramatic teen, a little more catty and selfish than she realizes and a little too outspoken and honest for her own good. There's something undeniably endearing about her character despite her all-consuming and sometimes desperate desire to be the top of the social food chain. It's probably because all of us have felt some degree of Sophie's jealousy before. I was a little put off by how Angie was portrayed at first as a devil in blonde's clothing until I realized that Sophie was letting jealousy cloud her mind, and that made the story and Sophie's character more realistic. I really enjoyed Sophie's dramatic (pardon the pun) character growth as well as the somewhat predictable but still sweet romance that's integral to Sophie's progress. Most of the lesser characters were developed only enough to play their short role, and a couple of them were just a bit unrealistic, but Sophie's surprising believability more than made up for that. *The Comeback* is a quick and cute book that will leave readers grinning.

The Comeback is a good pick for a weekend or sunny day. This book will be enjoyed by teen girls who also liked *Love on Cue* by Catherine Hapka, *Shrinking Violet* by Danielle Joseph, and *My Big Nose and Other Natural Disasters* by Sydney Salter.

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Ernieca Edwin says

HAHAHAHAHHAHA... i read this like more than 5 times already... over and over again... simple but good... All of my friends bought this book too.. ofc it is a typical love story, but thats what i like about it...lol

Katie says

Sophie Donnelly has everything she could possibly want. She has the perfect boyfriend, the perfect best friend, and she is pretty much guaranteed the lead role in the school play. Everything is going perfectly for her. That is, until Angie Vogel shows up.

Without a second thought to Sophie, her boyfriend leaves her for Angie who also stole the lead role from Sophie. Now she is stuck with practically no friends and no way to get them back. At least, that's what she first thinks.

Sophie knows that she can't be unpopular and she will do anything to get her popularity back. But will she be able to live with the person it makes her? And does she really want Connor back or has she moved on to bigger and better things?

I was pleasantly surprised with *The Comeback*. I really enjoyed it and I even managed to read the whole book in one sitting. While it was a very predictable book it was still really cute. Sophie was a pretty good character and I found myself rooting for her throughout the book.

The Comeback is basically just a cheesy romance book. I have no problem with that but I know some people who would like a little more substance to their books. I have to say that I didn't really see a message in this book. Sophie was always just trying to get her popularity back and in the end she sort of seemed to understand that popularity wasn't everything but I don't think it was a very clear message.

Overall, I liked *The Comeback* and I do plan on reading more of Marlene Perez's books. This one was just fun and easy and a good book to have on your shelf for a rainy day. I can't wait to read her other romance, *Love In The Corner Pocket*.

Princess Bookie says

My Thoughts: Sophie was.... at first I thought she seemed like a spoiled brat. She thinks she has to be popular. She really believes she has to be! I did not like her at the beginning of the book. I almost gave up because she started to annoy me, but I hate not finishing books so I read on. She wanted to be lead in the play and her life starts to crumble downwards a little at a time. I liked how she did change a little bit even though putting up pictures of Angie during fat camp was pretty mean. But I can definitely remember high school and some people are that mean. I did like that she changed a little bit but I really liked who she ended up with at the end of the book. That was my favorite part. I won't go into names so I don't spoil it for everyone else. It was a quick read for me and I'm glad I read it, just don't give up when you start. It does get better.

Overall: It was interesting to say the least. I've heard mixed reviews about this one and didn't know what to think. I'm happy the way things played out. Its also on the 4 for 3 (\$8.99) deal on amazon right now!

Cover: I like the cover. I think its artistic and its actually pretty up close. The pink kind of has a shine to it. (Reviewed by Princess Bookie)

Laura says

This is a very fun, quick read. Sophie Donnelly is a junior who is at the top of her game. She has a hot boyfriend, cool friends, and is about to land the lead in the school play, *Taming of the Shrew*. All is going according to plan until a new girl, Angie, shows up and steals the spot light from Sophie. Now Sophie will stop at nothing until she is back on top.

This is a wonderful story of a high school drama queen figuring out who and what truly matters in high school and life. Sophie's character is wonderfully flawed and the story is fast paced and fun. I would actually give it a 4.5 if it was an option.

Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Jaglvr for TeensReadToo.com

Sophie Donnelly has been at the top of the social ladder for the past few years. She's half of the school's IT couple. The other half is her boyfriend, Connor. Things are going well the first day of the new school year. At least until the new girl, Angie Vogel, shows up.

In just a few short days, Angie manages to snag the lead in *The Taming of the Shrew*, gain instant popularity, and the icing on the cake...steal Sophie's boyfriend! Sophie trusted Connor, so when he announces quite publicly that they're over, it's all the humiliation Sophie can handle.

She is determined not to let Angie keep her down, though. She's planned to stage her own comeback. With the assistance of her best friend, Imogene (I mean Monet...), Sophie hatches one scheme after another. But every attempt to make Angie look bad rebounds on Sophie.

Through all her turmoil, Sophie has to deal with Monet's irritating older brother, Dev. Little does Sophie realize that what she was looking for was right in front of her all along.

A quick, quirky read, *THE COMEBACK* calls to mind such darkly comedic movies as *Mean Girls*, *Election*, and *Heathers*. No matter what Sophie attempts, it always backfires and leaves her worse off than before. For all those teens who are only B-listers or In-crowd hopefuls, *THE COMEBACK* will make you feel like you're finally getting even.

Betty-Braden says

For a YA book this was cute. Cute is about all I can say. Part of it was hard to read because I am way beyond being able to connect to such a immature selfishly oblivious character... But Perez is such a great author that I found myself identifying with the main character- vapid and idiotic as she might seem...

Alea says

The Comeback was a lot of fun for me. A popular girl tries to regain her status by any means necessary and take down the girl that stole her boyfriend... I liked that it stayed fun and no one really got hurt, almost but not really. It was exciting to see Sophie try to navigate high school after dropping down the popularity ladder several rungs after losing her boyfriend. Would she learn something new about herself? Stay the same? Become really mean?

Sophie does get a little bit mean but not so much so that I disliked her. She gets herself into some funny situations thought for sure! By far my favorite part of the book was Sophie's flirtation with her best friend's brother, Dev who was like an annoying older brother to her. It was totally cute to watch, that made the book for me. Do they like each other do they not, do they?

One thing that distracted me a bit was how many secondary characters there were without established personalities. There were so many I was often times confused what I already knew about that person from before in the story etc. So I could have used about half as many secondary characters.

Fun drama-filled (in more ways than one) book with a very sweet romance as well!

Chrissy♥Dev says

The Comeback is your basic teenage book about rumors, breakups, love, backstabbing, revenge and friendship. It surrounds Sophie Donnelly who is our average junior highschool student, who is also the most popular girl in school along side her boyfriend Conner. Then things change when a new girl named Angie Vogel enters the picture and not only takes her boyfriend but her popularity as well. Now she must figure out how to get back to the top of the standings and take down Angie. Through her quest to take back her popularity she turns the whole school against her and even her best friend Monet Lucero. She becomes even more outraged when Angie gets the lead part in the play and she doesn't now she has to win no matter what! Through practising for the play she starts to develop feelings for MONET'S BROTHER. She soon realises that maybe she is over Conner and is ready to move on, only her pride was hurt during the breakup.

I liked the book, I found it an easy read but it was TOO predictable. It was like every single typical teen book and movie. I give this book a 1.5/5. There is a lot of drama in this book. There are 196 pages.

Elizabeth Aguilar says

A quirky kind of book. Sophie is one of those spoiled, catty characters so I can't say I love her. She redeems herself enough, though. Some of the things she does to maintain her social status are obvious, though entertaining. Though it was predictable, it was definitely funny and the type of book to read if you're looking for a quick or humorous read.

Shalonda says

The Comeback was a very cute novel and packed a pretty heavy punch. This book was full of drama, fun characters, hilarious charades, and romance!

From the first page, Marlene Perez had me hooked. Even though Sophie seemed to be a drama queen and a brat, I found something sincere about her. She was funny and a bit of a perfectionist. Her desire to become a better person showed that she was not just a pretty face who felt a need to be popular.

The other main characters, like Monet (Sophie's best friend) and Dev (Monet's brother) were also very believable. And because of the authenticity of the characters, the plot was well developed and held my interest. Even though the entire novel was quite predictable, the story flowed and all the loose ends were tied in the conclusion.

The only issue I had with *The Comeback* was the name-dropping of irrelevant characters. There were too many unimportant characters who made quick appearances and were never discussed again. It would have been easier to follow if the characters had not been acknowledged or were just mentioned as "a boy from my biology class", rather than given a whole name. This was just a minor setback and did not take away from my enjoyment of the novel.

While this book won't wow you, it is worth a read. And since it is less than 200 pages long, *The Comeback* makes for a quick, pleasurable read.

Yan says

The Comeback is one of those novels that scream TEEN NOVEL! It's the typical—girl is popular, new girl comes along, old girl is not popular anymore, old girl wants popularity back, insert: a crazy scene that degrades the old girl even more, old girl learns a lesson, and the let bygones be bygones.

This should all sound very familiar does it not? We're jumping back years of what young adult novels have come from. *The Comeback* is a guilty pleasure. One of which leads the reader back to the good ol' days where everything was simpler and a good pepper-down-the-dress can spoil anyone's big day.

Sophie is an aspiring actress that demands the spotlight. But when Angie appears from nowhere Sophie is pushed aside even by her own boyfriend. Insert diabolical schemes that makes me pity the poor girl. You can compare it to when someone pulls someone else's pants. It's mortifying for the person and you know you shouldn't be looking, but it's like stopping gravity from being...gravity—impossible. I feel like I should turn my head the other way when Sophie's schemes never turn out how she wants it to be but you just can't help looking.

I loved some the characters in this book particularly Sophie's best friend and the best friend's brother. Witty and strong characters. I did not really enjoy Sophie's ex-boyfriend though; a bit fickle for my taste and his reason for breaking up with Sophie was not really a good reason at all. In the end you kind of like they're friends though so you can sigh happily to the hookup between the best friend's brother and Sophie. I thought Angie was also a great character. The author provided substantial background information, some character build-up.

Overall: Cute. Nostalgic feeling of the good old days though I wished for a bit more pow in the book.

Julie H. says

I was shelving some books over the weekend and came across Perez' *The Comeback*. What a pleasant surprise! I don't even remember having purchased it. (Welcome to middle age, Julie. First the mind begins to wander. Oh, was I writing a Goodreads review?) Anyhow, it provided a delightful little middle of the night respite after days of grading furiously to meet yet another silly, arbitrarily-imposed university deadline.

The story recounts the (mis)adventures of 11th-grader Sophie Donnelly who experiences a colossal fall from grace (i.e., her slot at the pinnacle of popularity and hotness heaven) at the hands of new girl, Angie Vogel. I must admit that Sophie is pretty darn shallow, thoughtless with other people's feelings, and doesn't appear to

have grown too much over the course of the book. However, her best friend and conscience, Monet, and a host of entertaining (if somewhat two-dimensional) side characters make for some amusing "there but for the grace of God go I" reading.

The Comeback makes for a quite nice little read but, in my estimation, does not occupy the same pedestal-worthiness earned by the entrants in Perez' awesome "Dead is..." series. I particularly appreciate Perez' keen attention to detail and all things highschooler, and am happy to have made this pleasant little find. (Note to self: clear out base of nightstand more regularly. The Book Fairy leaves you goodies there.)

Kim Baccellia says

Sophie Donnelly is used to having it all. Gorgeous boyfriend, popularity, cool friends, and a big shot at being the lead in her school play. Everything changes though when Angie Vogel shows up. But Sophie refuses to stay on the sidelines. Now the real drama will begin.

I really loved this story with spunky Sophie who has a tendency to speak before she thinks. Her antics were very believable including the whole scene where she comes back at her ex. Perez's dialogue is snappy with some great one liners. I really liked Sophie even when she came up with some ways to get back at Angie.

THE COMEBACK is a fun read and will appeal to those who love stories that give readers a glimpse of the drama behind the curtain.

Sue says

Another disappointing book by Marlene Perez. At least with this one the main character tries to not be quite so shallow at the end. Otherwise, pretty girl gets dumped by hunk but there is another hunk waiting in the wings to take his place. That pretty much sums up the book.

Due to language and mentioning of STDs, I would not put this on my school shelf or recommend it to anyone.
