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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 7–10—Jules McCallister-Morgan has first-world problems. It's her senior year, and this overachieving, neurotic, privileged perfectionist might possibly explode unless a few things happen first: 1) her favorite Ivy League school accepts her application, and 2) she becomes the new editor in chief of her high school's newspaper. Just as things seem to be going well for Jules, her senior year veers off course when she falls for a hot former boybander with a mysterious past. Then, a rival journalist creates a video newscast, throwing her beloved newspaper under the bus. Even her volunteer job as a dog walker is compromised. It doesn't take long before there is an all-out, vicious war between the print and the video journalists, with Jules at the helm. Spalding excels at creating flawed characters whose own issues and mistakes propel the plot forward. Readers will grind their teeth over some of Jules's narcissistic and selfish decisions, such as publishing a hurtful article about a person she really cares about and ignoring and lying to her best friend for months. Her change of perspective at the end feels a bit contrived but does create a satisfying end. Jules's two moms add a layer of diversity, but many readers will find this Los Angeles prep school drama difficult to relate to. **VERDICT** A cute and fluffy read, this book will appeal to those who want a gentle high school drama with a touch of romance.—Leighanne Law, Scriber Lake High School, WA

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Praise for *The New Guy (and Other Senior Year Distractions)*:

"Every Directioner's dream come to life.

?*TeenVogue.com*

"The sparks that fly between Jules and Alex, the ex-boy band star and newest addition to the senior class, are hot enough to make them a couple worth rooting for..."? *Kirkus Reviews*

"Characters and plot are painted in broad, bright strokes; Spalding has a quick, easy sense of humor..."? *Publishers Weekly*

"Spalding excels at creating flawed characters whose own issues and mistakes propel the plot forward...this book will appeal to those who want a gentle high school drama with a touch of romance."? *School Library Journal*

"The internal conflict between her drive to succeed and her attraction to Alex make Jules the most dynamic character...Jules's first-person narration pulls the reader into her thoughts and feelings, and her dialogue creates a sense of immediacy."? *VOYA*

"One of the funniest YA novels I've read...You'll love every minute of it."? *BookRiot*

"This is easily one of the funniest YA novels you'll read all year - maybe ever."? *Paste*

"Jules' hilarious dilemmas will appeal to every girl who's ever been thrown off her game by a crush (so, every girl). Amy Spalding writes endearing characters who stumble and soar in the most entertaining ways."? *Melissa Walker, author of Unbreak My Heart*

About the Author

Amy Spalding grew up in St. Louis, but now lives in the better weather of Los Angeles. She received a B.A. in Advertising & Marketing Communications from Webster University, an M.A. in Media Studies from The New School, and currently manages digital media planning for an advertising agency specializing in indie film. Amy studied longform improv at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre, and can be seen performing around L.A. Amy is also the author of *Kissing Ted Callahan (and Other Guys)*, *The Reece Malcolm List*, and *Ink Is Thicker than Water*.

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