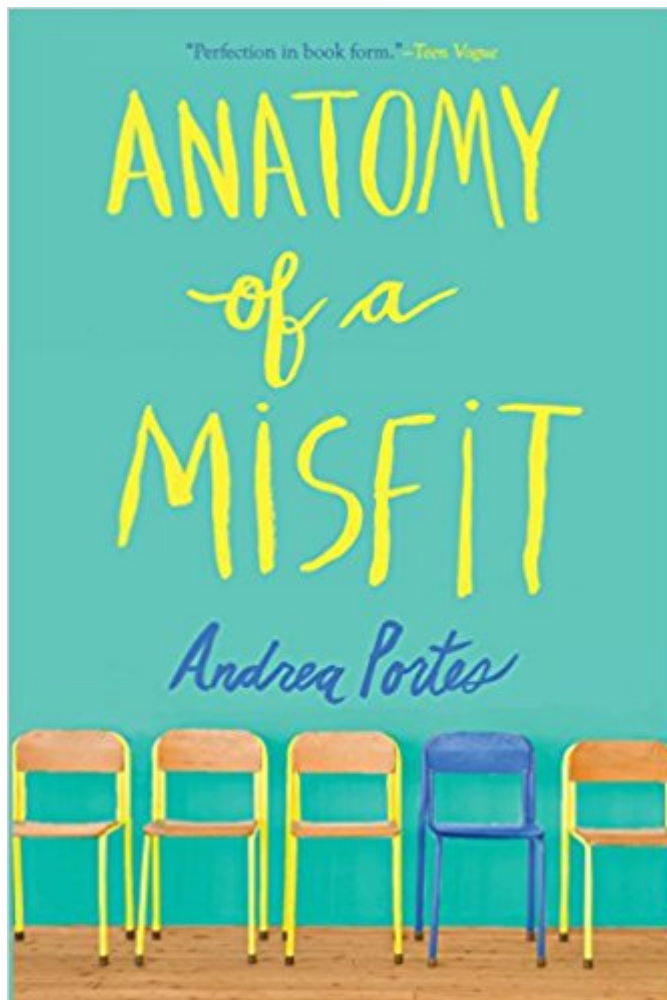




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Anatomy Of A Misfit



Synopsis

In this Mean Girls meets The Perks of Being a Wallflower tale, narrator Anika Dragomir is the third-most-popular girl at Pound High School. But inside, she knows she's a freak; she can't stop thinking about former loner Logan McDonough, who showed up on the first day of tenth grade hotter, bolder, and more mysterious than ever. Logan is fascinating, troubled, and off limits. The Pound High queen bee will make Anika's life hell if she's seen with him. So Anika must choose: "ignore her feelings and keep her social status? Or follow her heart and risk becoming a pariah. Which will she pick? And what will she think of her choice when an unimaginable tragedy strikes, changing her forever? An absolutely original new voice in YA in a story that will start important conversations" and tear at your heart.

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It's rare that a book can be as funny and absolutely delightful as it is moving and thought provoking, and *Anatomy of a Misfit* is both. • (Lauren Oliver, author of *Before I Fall*) A self-deprecating and highly memorable heroine whose bawdy, laceratingly funny narration makes her instantly endearing while also revealing her flaws, uncertainties, and ethical quandaries. • (Publishers Weekly (starred review)) • | a romance filled with seriously funny dark humor and tragedy. • (Kirkus) • Anika's observations are razor-sharp, especially when she is describing other people. | An introductory note says the story is based on the author's ninth-grade experience. What a year. • (The Horn Book) • Anika's droll voice shines, and her emotions

are palpable. After a heartbreaking tragedy, Anika's ending . . . will leave readers cheering. • (School Library Journal) • Fifteen-year-old Anika Dragomir throws her arms around us and draws us in from the very beginning • Droll, intimate, often laugh-out-loud funny narration carries the reader through more than 300 pages... Anika's winning voice may just be the star of Portes's first young adult novel. • (New York Times Book Review) • Anika Dragomir is the funniest, snarkiest, most insightful misfit a reader could ever hope to meet. I laughed my way through *Anatomy of a Misfit* right up until the very end, when the book broke my heart into a million pieces. This is a beautiful, brave and powerful novel. • (Melissa Kantor, author of *Maybe One Day* and *The Breakup Bible*)

Outside, Anika Dragomir is all lip gloss and blond hair "the third most popular girl in school. Inside, she's a freak. A mix of dark thoughts, diabolical plots, and, if local chatter is to be believed, vampire DNA. After all, her father is from Romania. Everyone else in Nebraska is about as American as an apple pie . . . wrapped in a flag . . . on the Fourth of July. Spider stew. That's what Anika is made of. But she keeps it under wraps to maintain her social position. One step out of line and Becky Vilhauser, first most popular girl in school, will make her life a living hell. So when former loner Logan McDonough shows up one September hotter, smarter, and more mysterious than ever, Anika knows she can't get involved. It would be insane to throw away her social safety for a nerd. So what if that nerd is now a black-leather-jacket-wearing dreamboat, and his loner status is clearly the result of his troubled home life? Who cares if the right girl could help him with all that, maybe even save him from it . . . ? Logan. Who needs him when Jared Kline, the bad boy every girl dreams of, is asking her on dates? Who? Andrea Portes's emotionally devastating debut YA novel lays bare the futility in pretending to be something we're not and the value in finally celebrating all that we are "inside. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

Grade: FI picked up *ANATOMY OF A MISFIT* on an daily Kindle deal for \$1.99 and feel like I wasted my money. Anika does have a unique, sarcastic voice. She often sounds like a manic sixth grader rather than a high school sophomore. She's judgmental (calls her best friend a slut), a follower (won't say hi to a boy because her more popular friend might get mad), insensitive and unkind. Writer Andres Portes says in her dedication the novel is based on her ninth grade experiences. "I wrote the story because I wish I could go back in time and give this message to myself." Yikes. I certainly hope she didn't base Anika on herself. I DNF, so maybe the story got better, but when a story feels like fingernails on a chalkboard, it's time for me to give up.

No plot spoilers here. Easy, captivating read. If you aren't a young adult, this book will pull you back to those terrifying high school years when all that mattered was who you dated, what you wore, and who your best friends were. However, this one hits the reader right in the feels. The only negative thing I have to say (and hence the four stars) is some of the style in which the dialogue was written was too "young adult" for me. Like, really.

The book was humorous, relevant and dealt with real problems. It was refreshing to read a novel that was not mediocre. The heroine had a good attitude toward life and its problems.

You have to read it. I laughed out loud....I loved...I hated.....and I cried. Remarkable book. I am making my kids read it. It's everything you wish you had the balls to say, do and stand for when you were young, but didn't. Get ready, Andrea. You're going to be WAY famous.

Great story and at the same time great insight into one of the most delicate phases of life: adolescence. Portes writes very well, I had a hard time putting down "anatomy of a misfit".

I have read all 3 of her books and each one is completely different but just as wonderful. She is original and creative and I can't wait for her next book.

An entertaining YA novel that's an important read for any teen struggling with identity and "fitting in." What are you willing to give up for popularity?

Great book! Couldn't put it down!

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