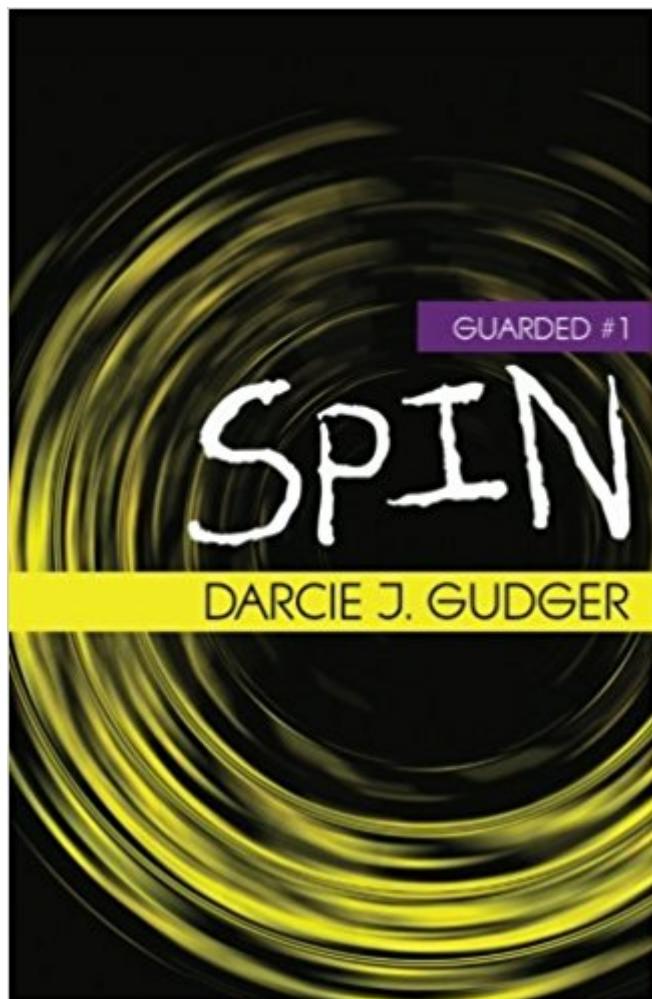


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# Spin (Guarded) (Volume 1)



## Synopsis

High school sophomore Kisrie Kelley has always been a misfit, a fact her nemesis Wendy, whoâ™s bullied her since elementary school, wonâ™t let her forget. Kisrie longs to fit in and feel normal, but is that even possible when color guard and photography are her only talents? Her Reeseâ™s Peanut Butter cup addiction and a pestering âœprodigyâ• little sister who thinks sheâ™s a bush baby donâ™t help, and some days Kisrie contemplates moving to a different planet. Will she ever please her perfectionist mother and get to be just a normal teen? But Wendy has troubles and secrets of her own. Her beauty pageant dreams are her only hope of escaping her poverty and her motherâ™s questionable lifestyle. Everything spins out of control, and cyberbullying takes things to a whole new level when Kisrie overhears Wendy plotting to spread vicious rumors about her English-teacher uncle. Kisrie must decide whether to snitch and risk Wendyâ™s wrath or shut up and watch her uncleâ™s career crumble. Only the truth can set them all free, but will Kisrie be too late? Hilarious, heartbreak, and honest, Spin is a novel you wonâ™t soon forget.

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## Customer Reviews

YA author Darcie J. Gudger loves teenagers. Aside from making up stories, she is the director of the award-winning color guard program at Evergreen High School where she teaches students to throw things, catch things, and dance with them. To music. Wearing costumes. She holds a masters degree in education from the University of Colorado. Whenever she gets the chance, Darcie escapes the city with her husband and son into the pine-scented Colorado Rockies. Visit her

website: <http://www.darciejudger.com>

A stunning debut! Author Darcie Gudger gives us a wonderful story of forgiveness, loyalty, courage, and friendship. I couldn't put this book down. I loved the main theme of Spin : do the right thing even when no one else will stand with you and it doesn't seem like you'll make a difference. Spin contains many humorous situations but also many serious ones. Mrs. Gudger's writing can be laugh-out-loud funny, but serious when it needs to be. The character's emotions were conveyed well. Several chapters are written from Wendy's (the bully) POV, and so the reader begins to understand her. I so badly wanted her to get what she deserved, but I also couldn't help but feel sorry for her. This girl is nasty, but I began to sympathize with her. By the end of Spin , the reader fully understands Wendy's motivations. Mrs. Gudger's addition of Wendy's perspective added a certain level of depth not many YA novels can boast of. I would recommend Spin to older teens, as the book deals with some tough, mature issues. Book two, please!

This is a book that brings to light very real crises that impact teens everyday. A must read for parent with tween who are inundated with the world of bullying, internet use, peer pressure and the ever present desire to "fit in."

I was in the middle of reading another book by a well-known author when Darcie J. Gudger's Spin came into my possession. I started reading, and I couldn't stop! I put down that other author and devoured this awesome YA novel. Darcie's writing is a fun cross between Jenny B. Jones, Brandilyn Collins, and Nancy Rue. She writes with an edgy flair that teens will relate to, yet is careful never to push things too far. Spin is a book about real life and real issues teens face every single day. Whether you're a teen, the parent of one, or have ever felt like you didn't fit in (that's all of us!) then this book is for you. And did I mention there's humor? A terrific novel I highly recommend.

This book was excellent! It is so descriptive you feel like you are part of the story, stuck in the insanity of high school right next to Kisrie! I was in tears several times, and just couldn't put it down until it was done. I unfortunately now have to wait impatiently for the next book! Miss Gudger you rock my socks off! Don't stop writing!

This book has everything! The humor is fantastic, the drama riveting, and the moral decisions made, Christ honoring. Every teenager and parents of teenagers should read this book.

A wonderful look into how Jesus works through us, and how to see past our own egos to help others. A truly marvelous book.

Middle school and high school are difficult for we imperfect girls. Thank you to the author for honest discussion of this reality.

This book held my attention!

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