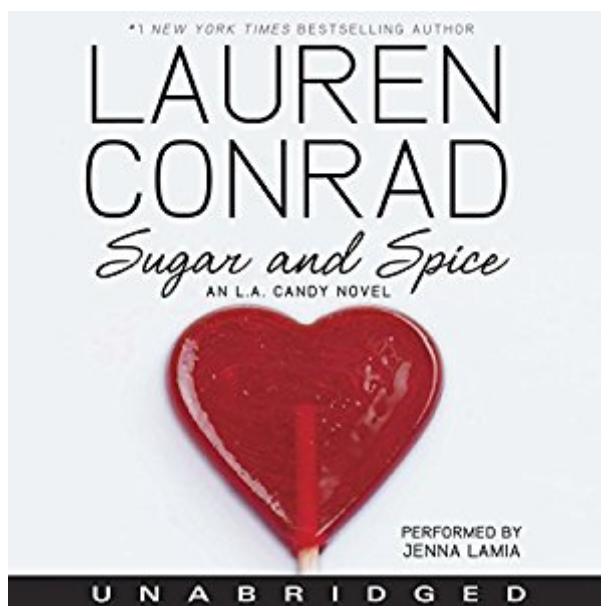


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Sugar And Spice: An L.A. Candy Novel



Synopsis

Sugar and Spice.... Not everyone's nice. Fresh from being betrayed by one of her closest friends, new reality-television celebrity Jane Roberts has learned a few lessons. Most important: know who to trust. And in Hollywood, that list is short. Although the press is intent on creating a tabloid war between her and ex-friend/current-costar Madison Parker, Jane just wants to take control of her life. She's started by swearing off guys and the drama that comes with them. But when her high-school sweetheart Caleb and her unrequited L.A. crush Braden show up, both acting sweeter than ever, Jane has a hard time remembering her no-boys rule.... Her best friend, Scarlett, has only one guy on her mind: her new boyfriend, Liam. The girl who once thought love was a four-letter word is now head over heels. The problem is, being on a hit reality show means hanging out with other guys on-camera, and Liam isn't too happy with pretending to play a bit part in her love life. Just when everything feels out of control, Jane makes a shocking discovery - one that changes everyone's definition of "reality" forever. In her deliciously entertaining novel, television star Lauren Conrad pulls back the curtain on young Hollywood and shows that sometimes the real drama is behind the scenes.

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Customer Reviews

After a surprisingly mediocre second novel in her "L.A. Candy" trilogy, Lauren Conrad has returned to form with "Sugar and Spice." She effectively pays off all the umbrella arcs set in motion in the first two novels while still bringing in fresh, fun drama that (dare I say) firmly establishes her as a fresh,

interesting voice in the teenage book market. Before I dive in, let me warn you that I will be making note of the parallels between this novel and Conrad's now defunct television show "The Hills." If you have not seen the show, then please check Wikipedia if you get confused. "Sugar and Spice" begins with the premier party for the second season of "L.A. Candy." Jane and Scarlett (different halves of Conrad's personality) have patched up their friendship and enter the second season with mixed emotions, both wanting to be there but also wanting to embrace other ambitions. Jane's feud with Madison (Heidi) has only deepened over the hiatus thanks to Madison continuing to lie to the press about leaking explosive personal information to the press about Jane, and Jane must struggle with the fact that her side of the argument cannot be portrayed on her reality show. Oh, and Gabby has hired a publicist ready to rocket her from the D-list to the double D-list. Conrad introduces a juicy, soapy new character in Madison's half-sister Sophie, who basically blackmails Madison onto getting a role in "L.A. Candy" after a little nipping and cutting. Conrad has wisely realized that it would have hurt Jane's character to have her sink to Madison's level in order to take her down, and her introduction of a mini-Madison brings the book a lot of life and fun. After "Sweet Little Lies" spread 50 pages of material to novel length, it's refreshing to see "Sugar and Spice" filled cover-to-cover with enough plot developments, twists and pay-offs to merit re-reading. My favorite development happens when Jane discovers her producer's notebook...a book that reveals a few too many secrets about how little control Jane really has over her life. But there is more, like having Madison becoming Jane's new co-worker only to realize that she really, really hates working or the curious case of how real Hannah's office romance really is. Conrad still allows time for some darker, more real developments within the reality world, as when Jane visits her horrible (horrible!) ex-boyfriend in the hospital after he rolls his car over on the freeway during a bender. We see (humorously at first, but later seriously), just how much of a toll the Hollywood machine has taken on the once-sweet Gabby. Conrad is also very, very careful in her handling of Jane's on-again, off-again love interest Braden. The way she pays off the building romantic tension in the book's final pages is quite smart, hugely satisfying and reinforces just how much Jane has grown as a character over the course of the book series. Bravo. Problems? Yes, a few. Jane's romance with former-flame Caleb was predictable and we never see Madison and Scarlett go head-to-head for more than a few lines, which is a missed opportunity. Though I enjoyed the quiet scene between Madison and Jane that happens late in the book, I wish that Jane had some involvement in the climax to Madison's arc. Oh, and since the series is called "L.A. Candy," I found it odd that every story culminated in either Las Vegas or New York. Quibbles. "Sugar and Spice" is a surprisingly sweet, spicy (oh look, a pun) novel that will offer fans of the series really enjoyable pay-offs. It's a testament to Conrad's talents that, by

the middle of the book, you forget the connection Speidi, MTV and "The Hills" and begin reading it simply as a good story. Here's hoping this isn't the last time we hear from Conrad the author.

I really loved this book. Sometimes you get sick of a series after a couple books because things seem drawn on but this one was just as cute as the first two. It was a quick and fun read and I hope Lauren Conrad keeps putting books out.

Fun read. I wasn't expecting much from these books but got hooked after the first one. If you liked the first two then you will like this one. I just wish this wasn't the last one.

I've been a fan of Lauren Conrad since Laguna Beach aired on MTV. I then followed her career from magazines to her hit show The Hills.(which I am bummed we don't get to see her on TV anymore) I have purchased all three of her fiction books and can't wait for the new one out this spring!! I also have her Style book which is awesome! These books are a must read. I love them. I hope one day she comes back to TV with another show that possibly focuses on her career and less fake drama. She is an amazing author, designer and role model for everyone. I can't wait to get a copy of her new book.

By the time you get to Sugar & Spice,(if you began with the first series book) you've grown to appreciate the characters a little more in the book. Lauren's literary skill show tremendous improvement. These books are great for light leisurely reading... but don't expect to be seething after the first book. You definitely have to read through. You'll be rewarded by the time you get to Sugar & Spice, and will be patiently awaiting the next book The Fame Game (April 2012).

I was a bit disappointed of the ending to this book but the rest was fun to read - I liked the series a lot more than I thought I would. I bought her next series and I hope it's just as entertaining if not more.

I have enjoyed this entire series. I watched the Hills, so found Lauren Conrad's inside knowledge of how filming a "reality" series makes this fiction actually worth reading. My opinion is that she wanted people to have an idea what it could be like. I would recommend this to anyone that enjoyed Laguna Beach or The Hills or enjoys Lauren Conrad.I think if you liked book one...buy book two...and so on. If not...then stop after the first one. SORRY...I am not helpful.

Idk why all these people are so above reading these books. the series was really good and a easy read. I do wish the series wold continue. the characters had very clear personalities and were very well introduced. all of the books tied in well not leaving loos strings. Great Job!

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