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Along For The Ride (The Rosewoods Rock Star Series Book 1)



Synopsis

Vanessa Capri hates musicians. She has good reasons to, just not ones she's willing to talk about, even with her best friend, Sandy Thibeault. Vanessa has a long history with rock stars; as the daughter of a famous music producer, she's spent her life around them and knows about the seedy underbelly of the music business. She knows firsthand how the industry ruins lives and families, and she'll do anything in her power to stay away. Until the talent show at The Rosewood Academy for Academic Excellence—her boarding school for the rich and famous—where she sees Willmont Davidson perform. She recognizes his rare talent and knows he needs to audition for her father's new boy band. Except Willmont isn't buying what she's selling and seems to be immune to the lure of the music business. Vanessa is determined to get him on board, though she's also committed to maintaining her distance from the band. Especially when one of the members turns out to be someone from Vanessa's past—someone she's been trying for months to get over. But then her summer plans—relaxing at her house in the Hamptons with Sandy—are threatened when her best friend decides she wants to follow the band on tour. It's a dream come true for her to be the band's exclusive teen vlogger and Vanessa's dad loves the idea to help build buzz, so who is Vanessa to stop her? Sandy wants her to come along, but while Vanessa's not going to stop her friend, there's no way she's going on tour. Despite her efforts to stay away, Vanessa gets caught up in the tour preparations and starts not hating it (or the guys) as much as she would have expected. And then, when things start to go wrong, they don't just want her on tour, they need her. Will Vanessa rise to the challenge? And if she does will she be able to protect her heart from these boys who were built to be heartthrobs? *Along for the Ride* is the first book in The Rosewoods Rock Star series for readers who love swoony romantic comedies about rock stars and the girls who can't resist them. Note: The Rock Star books are companions to original Rosewoods series, but take place after it, beginning chronologically after *Crossing the Line* (book 10). There are some spoilers, but each series can be read independently.

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Customer Reviews

The Rosewood books are one of my favorite YA series so I was excited to read more about these girls (and boys). As the previous books, it is beautifully written, funny, and includes swoony romantic moments. Vanessa was not as likeable as the other girls at first, but her jadedness made sense from her backstory and she does become a more likeable character by the end of the book. I look forward to the next installment!

And this one is a gem! I loved reading about the making of the band and can't wait to follow them on tour!

Along for the Ride by Katrina Abbott is the first book in the new series Rosewood Rock Stars. Normally I love books in a series. I love fantasy series and romance books where we see secondary characters become the next couple to come together in each successive book. But lately I have noticed a trend, where authors (or perhaps the publishers) decide that they want a series without writing a complete story in each book. Along for the Ride is that type of book. The story isn't complete. Along for the Ride is the set up for the next book, but it doesn't have an entire plot within it's own pages. These types of series are just frustrating! In this book, we're introduced to Vanessa Capri, a girl with a famous music producer for a father, and a good ear for music in her own right.

She discovers a talented musician in her school's talent show and wants to sign him up to be a part of the new boy band her dad is creating. As she tries to convince Dave that he should join the band, they begin a relationship through emails. This was my favorite part of the story. I love novels where characters write or text each other. And it's clear after a few messages that Vanessa and Dave have chemistry. Of course as a reader I love that, but in this story we don't get to see anything legitimate come of that chemistry. They're friends, it's clear Dave would like to be more, and it's even clear that Vanessa is attracted, but instead of falling for the boy who actually knows and understands her Vanessa randomly picks the guy who broke her heart (after a two day relationship). Yeah... Not my favorite part of the story. I get that there are a million teenage girls who have done the same thing, but it is not what I want to read about. People do stupid in real-life. I want my romance heroines to make better choices! While I am frustrated with the plotting of the story, I do think it's a good book for people who like YA romance, and don't mind having to buy 2 or 3 books to have one story told. It's a clean read, without any swearing or sex, and where drug use is clearly shown to be negative. (Disclaimer: I received a free ARC of *Along for the Ride* from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.)

Vanessa's father- Tony Capri is a music producer. Vanessa didn't like musicians and never dated them as she had seen musicians all through her life being around her dad's business. One time not too long ago she had slipped and made out with Andres and she had left for a few minutes when she came back he was with another fan when Nessa said something to Andres then asked her if she wanted to join. That sealed the fate of her and musicians. Nessa was at her school's talent show when she heard a very promising and talented musician named Dave. Nessa seems to have a ear for talented musicians like her dad even though she wanted nothing to do with that business, She did tell her dad Tony about Dave and Tony wanted him to come in and audition for him as he was putting together a new boy band and Tony was very strict on how the musicians he worked with had to act and present themselves. Nessa messaged Dave several times but he kept messageing back he wasn't interested in auditioning. Nessa's best friend was Sandy who had a Vlog she loved maintaining . Tony does get his new boy band together and they are ready to tour when one of the members- Chris has an emergency surgery and Chris cannot tour for awhile until he gets better and Dave does step in for Chris and starts the tour. Andres was also in the band to clean up his life and image which makes Nessa uncomfortable. Andres let Nessa know he remembered her. Andres finally talked seriously to Nessa and apologized and she accepted it. I liked this story a lot. It

had a very good plot and the writing was also good. It was a sweet story but it had a couple of sad parts that I choked up on. What I didn't particularly like was the ending as to me it was more of a cliff hanger than why this is rated a four and not a five. I did love the ins and outs and I do recommend knowing about the ending.

I was already a fan of the Rosewood Series so I was excited to see a spin off series coming out. I loved all of the characters in Rosewoods and furthermore really enjoyed how Katerina moved around doing some of the books from different character point of view. I hope to see some of that in this series too. This spin off series has 2 background characters from the Rosewood series (Vanessa & Dave)-- as well as some others that briefly made an appearance in Rosewoods series. Along for the Ride follows Vanessa whose dad is creating a new "boy band". The book is cute and funny and shows lots of promise to be a great series. I for one can't wait for the next book!

Really enjoyed this book a great read will be checking more books out by this author worth a read

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