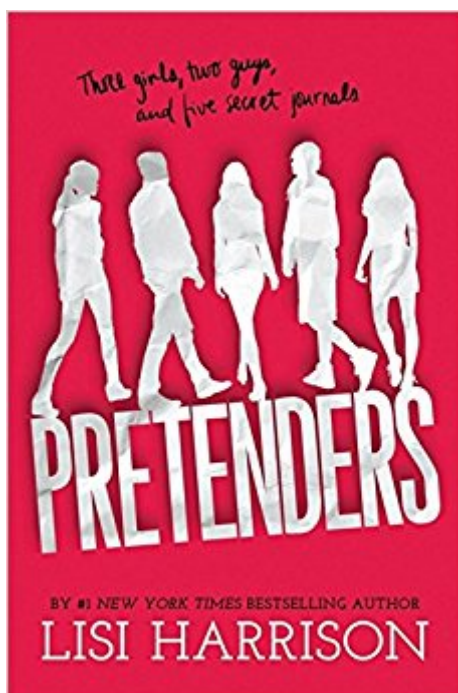


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# Pretenders



## Synopsis

Three girls, two guys, five secret journals. The five most popular students at Noble High have secrets to hide; secrets they wrote down in their journals. Now one of their own exposes the private entries...I am leaking these because I'm tired and I know you are too. The success bar is too high and pretending has become the only way to reach it. Instagrams are filtered, Facebook profiles are embellished, photos are shopped, reality TV is scripted, body parts get upgraded like software, and even professional athletes are cheating. The things we believe in aren't real. We are pretenders.

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Age Range: 12 - 15 years

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 7-10-A motley crew of high-school freshmen have one thing in common-they are all pretending to be people they're not. Sheridan Spencer is a lonely drama queen who boosts her confidence by channeling celebrities. Andrew Duffy's dreams of making the basketball varsity team are shattered when his parents reveal their financial troubles. Lily Bader-Huffman wants to break free of her overbearing parents and get a social life. Vanessa Riley is an extreme overachiever whose parents are on the verge of divorce. And Jagger is the mysterious, emancipated loner with a big secret. As in a Garry Marshall film, their lives intersect. Vanessa crushes on Lily's gay best friend. Lily likes Duffy, but he seems to be getting cozy with Sheridan. Sheridan's best friend is ditching her for

Jagger. Their first-person narratives are told through journal entries as credit for an English class. It is hinted at early on that the journals (supposedly under lock and key) will eventually get revealed to the whole school, just not in this first book. The novel ends on a cliff-hanger. Fans of Harrison's "Clique" books (Little, Brown) will love this book with its melodrama and chaste scandal. A fast-paced read with surprisingly compelling characters, Pretenders is a good recommendation for middle schoolers looking to read up, but who are not quite ready for, "Gossip Girl" (Little, Brown).-Kimberly Garnick Giarratano, Rockaway Township Public Library, NJ  
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Fans of Harrison's The Clique novels will not be disappointed by this series starter, which exposes the scandalous "truth" behind five high-school freshmen chosen to receive a special excellence award. The conceit is simple: this book is a compilation of these students' journals, written as an English project that was to remain ungraded and unread, but was stolen and distributed to everyone as proof that "the things we believe in aren't real." What follows is a soapy drama that exposes the tumultuous, insecure core of many outwardly successful teens who lose themselves trying to be perfect, keep everyone happy, and have it all. While some subplots are less believable, readers should find at least one character to identify with, making it even more cringe worthy when they self-destruct. Though they represent types, Harrison's treatment of the five resists simple dismissal, and their voices remain individual through their journaling styles. And which of the five students is the one who published the journals? Readers will be on the hook to figure it out in a sequel. Grades 9-12. --Krista Hutley --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My daughter loved this book. She said it was a bit confusing in the beginning, but now she wants the next book in the series.

I was very excited about the premise of the book. As I started reading, I became less excited. The book is hard to follow on the kindle because it jumps from one person to another (journal writing). I would probably recommend the actual book version so you can follow the annotations as well. Finally, the author left the ending open as in the book did not have an ending at all. Only read this book if you are planning on buying the second book or you will be just as disappointed as I was at the end. Perhaps I will feel differently by the time I read the 2nd book, but this book cannot stand

alone. The author should sell both books in a set to get a more favorable review.

It was listed with the band The Pretenders and it was confusing when I got it it wasn't about the band at all

I really enjoyed this book and was able to relate to it. All the characters had their own personalities and it was easy to follow. The only problem with this book is it ends right in the middle of everything although I guess that's why there's going to be a sequel.

it was pretty good but maybe a "little more I have to lay awake thinking what happens next! it was also good because it was just a little bit thrilling to read

ordered as an addition to our library

This was soooooo good!!!! I loved all The Clique references! I cannot wait for the rest of the book! LOVED IT!

My students are loving reading this book.

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