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# The Prank List (The Dirt Diary)



## Synopsis

Rachel Lee never thought she'd fight for the right to clean toilets. But when a rival cleaning business starts stealing her mom's clients, Rachel will do whatever it takes to save herself the horror of moving to Connecticut—which would mean giving up her almost, sort of boyfriend, her fantastic new pastry classes, and her best friend Marisol. Operation Save Mom's Cleaning Business is a go! But when the series of pranks Rachel and her BFF cook up to take down the competition totally backfires, Rachel worries that her recipe for success is a dud. You know what they say—if you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen... "Holy friend onion rings! Fun from beginning to end." Wendy Mass, bestselling author of 11 Birthdays and The Candymakers on The Dirt Diary

## Book Information

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Age Range: 10 - 14 years

Grade Level: 5 - 9

## Customer Reviews

Gr 7 Up—Fourteen-year-old Rachel Lee is happy that eighth grade is over and things seem to be going well with her maybe boyfriend. She would be happier if Chef Ryan, her pastry class instructor, didn't hate her. She's also worried about causing her mom to lose clients. It seems there's a rumor going around that Rachel is a thief, and a new cleaning business seems to be taking

advantage of it to build their business. If her mom can't make ends meet, then a move to Connecticut may be in the future. Rachel needs to do something to help. Unfortunately, her solution, a series of "pranks" really amount to libel and malicious mischief and feel utterly contrived. Rachel seems overly naïve and apparently learned nothing from her earlier experience spreading rumors. She's also prone to odd alliteration, "paranoid panther," and cloying faux-swearing, such as "What the Shrek?" or "Oh my goldfish! Tween readers who find Rachel endearing will find a fast-paced comedy of errors. More sophisticated readers might become impatient with the cardboard secondary characters and Rachel's infuriating gaps in logic. Purchase where The Dirt Diaries (Sourcebooks, 2014), Rachel's first adventure, is popular, and hope for a bit more growth for Rachel if she returns for a third installment." — Brenda Kahn, Tenakill Middle School, Closter, NJ

"Staniszewski keeps the focus on comedy...but she lets her story become a bit more serious with the pranks Rachel plays. Clearly, Rachel will learn a few life lessons as she stumbles through her summer, but they go down easy in this narrative peppered with such amusing catchphrases as "Oh my goldfish" and "What the Shrek?" Gentle fun laced with equally gentle wisdom." - Kirkus  
"Tween readers who find Rachel endearing will find a fast-paced comedy of errors." - School Library Journal  
"This new middle grade novel is a true treat to read, comparable to a delicious sweet cupcake, and makes you smile at many moments." - Marjolein Reads  
"A really fun, sweet and fast paced book with a nice message. It's suitable for young readers in their early teens." - The Sweetest Reads  
"The Prank List hooks readers with snappy dialogue from the beginning... Rachel is a likable character for middle school readers, who will relate to her problems..." - VOYA  
"A refreshingly different take on the preteen, a healthy one at that, and perhaps even a more realistic one... Anna Staniszewski has a good understanding of the age group, neither romanticizing them nor demeaning them." - Seattle PI  
"[Anna Staniszewski's] voice is spot-on. Hilarious, charming, moving, wacky, smart." - Janet Fox, Through the Wardrobe  
"Anna's writing style is so much fun to read. It's a fluid and perfectly paced tale with a blend of funny and serious content. This is a great series that I highly recommend for young teens!" - My Book Addiction  
"" - Booklist

**GREAT SERIES MY 11 YEAR OLD LOVES THEM!**

The ups and downs of this book make it something you just can't put down! It is hard to stop reading when you are eager to know what's next! Five stars!

This is the second book from "The Dirt Diary" series. My fifth grade granddaughter loved the first book in the series, so I bought her this one and then the third one that just came out. This is a wonderful book and has held her interest completely!

This book was amazing. This book is full of twists and turns that is definitely worth reading. Highly recommended.

The dirt diary book was amazing! And now the second one is even better. Trust me this series will get you hooked. Just like it did with me. This is DEFINITELY a 5 star rating.

I give this book a five because it had everything I was looking for. I act just like Rachel it is funny sometimes..... read this book I'm begging you!!!!!!!!!!!! Jesus loves you all!!!!!!!!!);)

My daughter loves to read. She really likes this series.

I love this book can't wait to read the third one. Evan is my favorite he is so cute. I like everything about this book and I don't dislike anything. :)

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