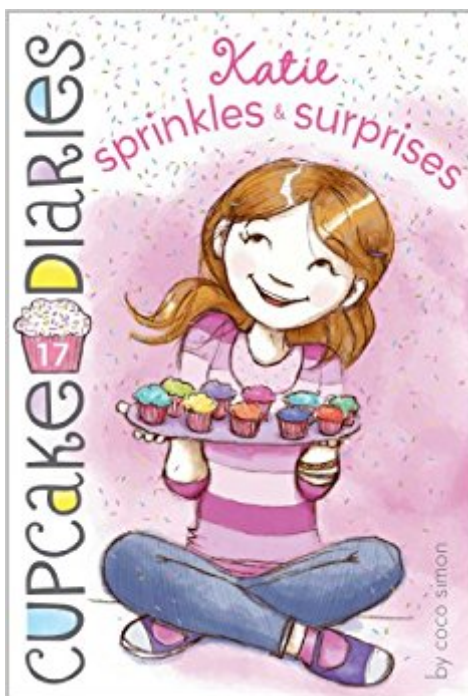


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Katie Sprinkles & Surprises (Cupcake Diaries)



Synopsis

>When Katie's mom says it's time for Katie to meet her new boyfriend, Katie is excited and nervous. She thinks she's prepared, but she's shocked instead. Her mom's boyfriend is Jeff Green—as in Mr. Green, a math teacher in her grade! Katie tries to act as normal as possible, but when mean girl Olivia finds out, she tells everyone that Katie is getting special treatment because her mom is dating a teacher. How can Katie stop Olivia and deal with all the new events in her life? It's the Cupcake Club to the rescue, as Katie's friends come to her defense, including an unexpected ally.

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Customer Reviews

From cupcakes to ice cream! Having written over thirty books about middle school girls and cupcakes, Coco Simon decided it was time for a change; so she's switched her focus from cupcakes to her second favorite sweet treat: ice cream! When she's not daydreaming about yummy snacks, Coco edits children's books and has written close to one hundred books for children, tweens, and young adults, which is a lot less than the number of cupcakes and ice cream

cones sheâ™s eaten. She is the author of the Cupcake Diaries and the Sprinkle Sundays series.Â

Katie Sprinkles & Surprises 2> 2> Make them stop!â • I cried, laughing. âœTheyâ™re tickling my nose! Iâ™m going to sneeze!â • But my best friend, Mia, can be a little harsh sometimes. âœBut they like you!â • she protested, doubled over giggling. I was sleeping over at Miaâ™s house, and even though she has a perfectly comfortable brand-new bed, she spread out her sleeping bag on the floor next to mine, so we could hang out and talk. But whenever anyone lies on the floor, Miaâ™s little fluffy dogs, Tiki and Milkshake, think that itâ™s playtime. So both of them were dancing around my face, sniffing me and licking my nose. âœSeriously, Mia!â • I pleaded. âœCall off your ferocious beasts!â • âœOkay! Okay!â • Mia got up and scooped up one wriggling dog in each arm. âœSorry, babies. Katie doesnâ™t want to play with you.â • She dropped them out the door and then shut it quickly. âœI like playing with them,â • I said, sitting up. âœBut they were attacking me.â • âœThose two? Theyâ™re afraid of ants,â • Mia joked. âœTheyâ™re terrors,â • I said. âœBut at least theyâ™re cute. Itâ™s too bad Mom is allergic to pets. I would love to have a dog. A big fluffy one.â • Then there was a knock on the door. âœGirls, itâ™s ice-cream time,â • announced Miaâ™s stepdad, Eddie. I smiled. âœThatâ™s my favorite time of day!â • We both jumped up and followed Eddie down the stairs to the kitchen, where the table was set up for an ice-cream sundae buffet. There were three cartons of ice cream, a bottle of chocolate sauce, a can of whipped cream, and bowls filled with cherries, sprinkles, and crumbled-up cookies. Miaâ™s stepbrother, Dan, was leaning against the kitchen sink, eating out of a bowl that looked like it was mostly filled with whipped cream. âœWhat are you guys, twins?â • he asked. (I forgot to mention that Dan is in high school. I have come to believe that most high school boys are kind of rudeâ™thatâ™s just how they are. Well, except for my friend Emmaâ™s brother Sam. He is perfect.) Anyway, I should explain why Dan made that crack about us being twins. Itâ™s because Mia and I were wearing matching pajamas, pink ones with a cupcake pattern on them. We had bought them with the money we made from the cupcake business weâ™re in with our friends Emma and Alexis. Itâ™s kind of funny. Any time I make money from the cupcakes, I end up spending it on something cupcake related. Last time, I got this cool stenciling kit you can use to make designs on your cupcakes. I guess you can say I am cupcake obsessed. Mia is not as cupcake obsessed as I am, but she loved the pajamas as much as I did. And the sleepover was the perfect time to wear them. âœYes, weâ™re twins,â • Mia replied to Dan sarcastically, because apparently the best way to deal with a rude teenage boy is to be rude back. It must have worked, because Dan just shrugged and kept eating. Eddie was anxious for us to dig in. âœCome on, girls.

The combination possibilities are endless!â • Miaâ™s mom, Mrs. Valdes, entered the kitchen and gave Eddie a hug. âœWhat a sweet thing to do, honey,â • she said. âœThanks!â • Mia looked at me and rolled her eyes again. I know it makes her all cringey when her mom and stepdad get lovey-dovey in front of her. âœYes, thanks, Mr. Valdes,â • I said. âœThis looks amazing.â •

âœWhat are you waiting for? Dig in before it melts!â • Eddie said, motioning to us. Mia grabbed a bowl and spoon and then stood there, thinking. I knew whatever she made would not only be the perfect balance of flavor, but also beautiful. Mia is a true artist. Iâ™m not so picky. I took my bowl and started piling in everything. Chocolate, mint-chip, and butter-pecan ice cream. Chocolate syrup, cookie crumbles, and cherries. Then I sprayed on the whipped cream and finally added the sprinkles. âœKatie, those sprinkles are going to fall off,â • Mia remarked. âœYou have to put them on last,â • I informed her. âœBecause they make it pretty.â • Rainbow sprinkles are my favorite because theyâ™re so colorful. Sometimes when people ask me what my favorite color is, I say âœrainbowâ • because I just canâ™t decide. Mom heard me say it so much that she got me rainbow socks for Christmas. Theyâ™re my favorite. I sat down at the table and was already halfway done eating my ice cream when Mia finally finished creating her bowl. As I predicted, it was a work of art. Mia had a perfect scoop of chocolate ice cream in her bowl, topped by a flower design painted with chocolate syrup. The center of the flower was a cherry. âœMia, thatâ™s gorgeous!â • I said. Mia grinned. âœAnd delicious!â • Then she dug in with her spoon. I mock screamed. âœAhh! Youâ™ve destroyed it!â • âœItâ™s for a good cause,â • Mia said, eating another spoonful. When we finished we helped to clean up the kitchen and then went back up to Miaâ™s room and sprawled out on the floor again, this time without dogs. âœIâ™m so glad you could sleep over tonight!â • Mia said. âœWhatâ™s your mom doing again?â • âœShe and her new boyfriend are going to see a Broadway show, and she wonâ™t be back till late,â • I said. âœShe figured it would be better if I slept over than if she came and got me at midnight.â • âœThatâ™s good, but weâ™ll still be awake at midnight,â • Mia said. âœRemember last time? We were up until three!â • I shook my head. âœAnd then Eddie made us pancakes at, like, the crack of dawn. I was so tired!â • Then I paused. There was something I had been wanting to ask Mia. âœSo, Mia, I need your advice,â • I began. âœOf all my friends, you are the best expert on this topic.â •

âœWhat topic?â • Mia asked. âœMoms with boyfriends,â • I said. âœI mean, your mom and Eddie dated for a while before they got married, right?â • Mia nodded. âœYeah.â • âœWas Eddie always so nice?â • I asked. âœFor a stepdad, he seems really great.â • âœHe is,â • Mia said. âœBut it was still weird when they started dating. I kind of kept hoping that Mom would get back together with my dad, you know?â • I nodded, but I really didnâ™t know. Miaâ™s mom and dad got divorced

just a few years ago, but my dad left me and my mom when I was a little baby. I didnâ™ grow up with him or anything. So there isnâ™ any part of me that wants to see them get back together. But I could understand why Mia might feel that way. âœSo, why are you asking?â • Mia asked.

âœBecause of this new boyfriend?â • âœJeff,â • I replied. âœI havenâ™ met him yet. All I know about him is that heâ™s a teacher or something, which isnâ™ too exciting, if you ask me. And he likes to run, and he has a daughter whoâ™s younger than I am.â • âœDoes your mom like him?â • Mia asked. âœA lot, I think,â • I told her. âœSheâ™s, like, happy all the time. She doesnâ™ get mad anymore when I do dumb stuff, like leave my socks on the floor.â • âœHmm,â • Mia said thoughtfully. âœMom was like that right before she and Eddie got serious.â • âœThatâ™s what Iâ™m afraid of,â • I said. âœOn the drive over here she said itâ™s time for me to meet Jeff. Like, in person!â • âœHow else would you meet him?â • Mia asked. âœYou know what I mean,â • I said. âœUntil now, heâ™s been more of a . . . an idea. But once I meet him, it will all be real.â • Mia looked thoughtful. âœYou know, Eddie was the only boyfriend Mom ever introduced me to. I think she waited until she knew she was serious about him.â • âœBut what about your dad?â • Katie asked. âœIs he serious about Lynn?â • I knew Miaâ™s dad had been dating a woman named Lynn, who had a little boy who was kind of a pain. âœI think dads are different,â • Mia answered. âœHeâ™s introduced me to other girlfriends before Lynn, and they didnâ™ last. So Lynn might not last either.â • âœSo maybe Jeff wonâ™ last?â • I asked a little bit hopefully. But Mia shook her head. âœNo, Iâ™m pretty sure when moms do it, they mean it.â • I groaned. âœI thought so. I hope heâ™s as nice as Eddie.â • âœI hope so too,â • Mia said. âœBut look on the bright side. You have the upper hand here. If you hate him, your mom is going to have a problem. If he hates you, itâ™s his problem.â • âœI donâ™ know,â • I said. âœIâ™m still nervous.â • Mia flopped over onto her back. âœItâ™ll work out,â • she said. âœSo, hey, did you hear about the new math teacher?â • âœOh, yeah!â • I replied, quickly forgetting all about the Jeff problem. âœMr. Green, right? Everyone keeps talking about how cool he is.â • âœHe replaced Mr. Rodriguez,â • Mia reported. âœMr. Rodriguez left town because his wife got a great new job in Chicago. So now Emma has Mr. Green. She says heâ™s really funny and sweet. And I heard that at his old school, he got elected Teacher of the Year, like, five times in a row.â • âœWow,â • I said. âœIs he going to coach boysâ™ track, too, like Mr. Rodriguez did?â • Mia nodded. âœHe just started. And you know what? Iâ™ve heard a bunch of girls showed up to his first track practice just so they could stare at him.â • âœGross! Heâ™s a teacher!â • I said, making a face. âœAnd guess what else I heard?â • Mia asked. âœOlivia Allen has the biggest crush in the world on him. Sheâ™s in the same class as Emma, and Emma says Olivia even goes to get extra after-school help from him even though

sheâ€™s pretty good at math. Sheâ€™s just faking it.â€• I shook my head. â€œThat is so weird, but itâ€™s exactly something Olivia would do!â€• Mia and I gossiped some more, and even though we stayed up late, we fell asleep just before midnight. That night I dreamed Mom took me into this white room with a door, and she said, â€œKatie, Iâ€™d like you to meet Jeff.â€• And then she opened the door, and do you know what was behind it? An ice-cream sundae with sprinkles! Thatâ€™s what I get for eating ice cream late at night.

Just like the other books, this is s nice I'm getting he next one right now! I love reading how the personalities and character of each "cupcakers" develop and grow up in each book. I read the book even before my daughter does! Hahaha! That's how good these books are!

I love this book because it's fun, entertaining, and easy to read. It also has a lot of characters in it. They each have their own different personality. But one thing they all have in common is their love for cupcakes - both baking and eating! The characters remind me of my friends and I. One other thing is the author makes me feel like I'm in the book. I recommend this book for girls that like to read realistic fiction.

Another great story in the Cupcake Diaries series. My daughter started reading these when she was 11 - she is now almost 14 and still reads them to see how the "cupcake girls" are doing. Highly recommended!

My daughter has that same name so you know she enjoys seeing her name in print. Recommend it for girls 7-10 years old. Cute stories and age appropriate. We own several books in the series.

I enjoyed this book especially because Katie finds out that her mother is dating Mr. Jeff Green- a teacher at Katie's school! I know how she feels bc my dad is dating a teacher Mrs. Kosovo

Another great read

MY daughter loves this series... Looking forward to getting more and keep her engaged in reading... Great book to start a book club with my daughter and niece...

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