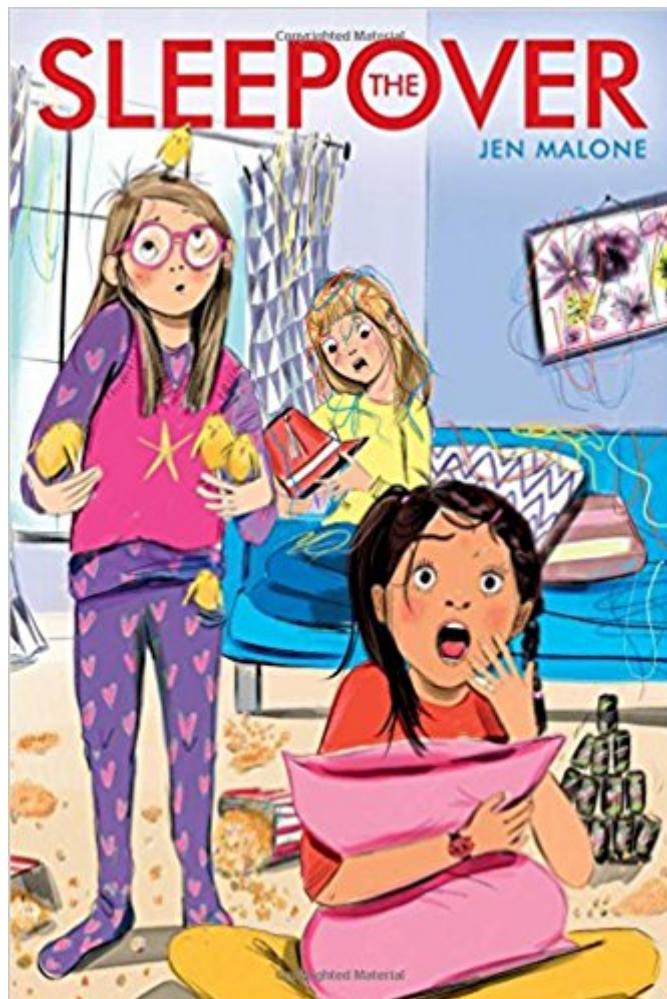


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# The Sleepover



## **Synopsis**

From the author of *At Your Service* and the coauthor of *You're Invited* comes a laugh-out-loud romp about three besties who must piece together what happened after an epic sleepover becomes more than just karaoke and sundaes! Meghan, Paige, and Anna-Marie are super excited for the Best. Night. Ever. The sleepover they're planning is going to be nothing short of EPIC. Not even the last-minute addition of Anna-Marie's socially awkward, soon-to-be stepsister Veronica can dampen their spirits. But nothing prepares them for the scene that greets them when they awaken the next morning: the basement is a disaster, Meghan's left eyebrow has been shaved off and she is somehow in possession of the Class Bad Boy's signature hoodie, and there's a slew of baby chicks in the bathtub! Worst of all, Anna-Marie is missing! Trouble is, none of them can remember anything beyond the hypnotism trick performed by the two-bit magician Veronica arranged in an effort to impress the other girls. Now, as the clock is ticking and the clues continue to get weirder, the remaining girls must figure out exactly what happened the night before. Can they find Anna-Marie and pull off the ultimate save-face before parent pick-up time?

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 9 - 13 years

Grade Level: 4 - 8

## **Customer Reviews**

Gr 4-7-Meghan's first real sleepover has both happy and alarming consequences after the party

entertainer's hypnotism goes a little too far. Waking up the next morning, 12-year-old Meghan and her friends are mystified when the room is a disaster, strange hats and hoodies (and 17 baby ducklings) have appeared, and, worst of all, birthday girl Anna Marie is missing. With their parents coming to pick them up in a few short hours, the girls must race to figure out what happened and set everything to rights. Church-going, rule-following Meghan is an appealing character, nervous but determined to find out if there's more to life than being a good girl. While she temporarily loses her cell phone, one eyebrow, and some of her dignity, she finds adaptability, willingness to try new things, and bravery within herself. Humorous and liberally dusted with pop culture references, the tale also features a pinch of romance when Meghan makes an unexpected connection with the not so bad boy from school. VERDICT Equal parts mystery, caper, and friendship story, this novel is an inviting choice for fans of Lauren Myracle or Lauren Barnholdt.-Sarah Stone, San Francisco Public Library

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"Malone's boisterous whirl of capers, pranks, and mystery deftly contains Meghan's journey of self-discovery." Â (Kirkus Reviews)"Malone delivers plenty of comedic twists, along with avalanches of excruciatingly mortifying revelations, but once everything is put right, Meghan finds herself with a better relationship with her straitlaced mom and new-found self confidence. And in the end, the real culprit turns out to be a bit closer to home than expected. . . .Â A fun, if unlikely, middle-grade romp in the manner of the movie *The Hangover* that will have readers agreeing with Meghanâ "the whole experience is epic." Â (Booklist)

This book was just plain fun!! I loved the characters (Veronica totally won me over) and enjoyed figuring out what happened along with them. Oh how it brought me back to middle school age sleepovers. :)Malone's books are always a great read and this one is a wonderfully written addition.

I really, really enjoyed this book. What a fun romp! Early on, we're right with these girls, (Meghan, et al), trying to figure out exactly what went down the night of their sleepover. At every turn, there is a new twist or surprise. And I adored the incredibly creative details - some laugh out loud funny. In particular, the sport of unicycle floor hockey and the hedgehog float! These, along with the strong voices of well-defined characters and fast paced plot made Jen Malone's **THE SLEEPOVER** a need-to-find-out-what-happens-next page turner. This story is epic - one that tweens will devour in no time.

This BOOK IS AWESOME! It is not only reminiscent of 80s/90s realistic fiction that all girls love, it is just freaking hilarious! The girls in our little book club ADORED it and they all finished it in like 3 days. Jen, the author, contacted me back after I emailed her to tell her how much they loved it and not only did she send them some autographed things, she offered to Skype with them for a few minutes! I will buy every single one of her books. They are amazing!

This MG spin on The Hangover (hypnotist!) is super fun and creative. The characters are fully drawn, the writing is smart and full of great humor. I laughed out loud while reading many times. Themes of friendship are strong, and this is perfect for tween girls especially!

Our granddaughter really enjoyed these books

Purchased this product for my 11 year old step-daughter as a stocking stuffer and read the book while heading to Big Bear and she loved it! A little drama but not to grown up. This book was perfect for her.

This book is amazing I love the suspense there is one thing I don't get but otherwise it is amazing

11-Year old daughter LOVED it. So did her friends.

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