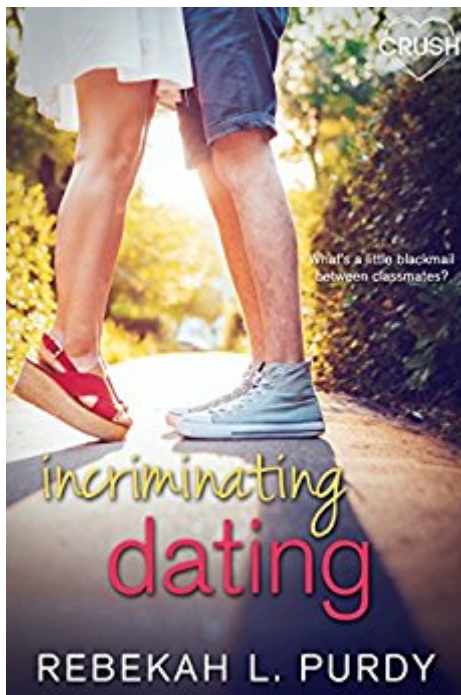


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# Incriminating Dating



## Synopsis

Opinionated, unconventional Ayla Hawkins isn't the type to use blackmail, but sometimes a girl has to stand up for what's right. So when she catches Mr. Perfect Luke Pressler doing something decidedly un-perfect, Ayla's got the dirt she needs to get Luke on her side—in the form of her new fake boyfriend. One mistake. All Luke wanted was a night to goof off, to blow off steam. The next thing he knew, he was pretending to date Ayla Hawkins. But his little blackmailer turns out to be kind. Honorable. And just the breath of fresh air he didn't even realize he was suffocating for. But Luke and Ayla come from different worlds, and once the terms of their agreement end, their fauxmance will, too. Disclaimer: This Entangled Teen Crush book features adult language, sexual situations, and plenty of girl power. Reading may result in swooning, laughing, and looking for a Luke of your own.

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## Customer Reviews

A must read book by author, Rebekah Purdy. I simply couldn't put this book down. Ayla Hawkins is a girl with goals, and a good heart to boot, which makes it all the more interesting when she opts for

blackmailing classmate, Luke Pressler, into being her boyfriend in order to land class president, and the opportunity to make "real changes" at her school. In this book, Ayla faces prejudice from others, while also attempting to address issues that go beyond the walls of high school. While Luke's story takes readers through a whirlwind of emotion with real-life hardships that connect the reader to the core of this character. The author builds Ayla and Luke in such a beautiful, honest, and heartfelt way. The growth of their relationship throughout the book is natural, never forced. This is a must read, five-star book for me. I bought it on Kindle but am purchasing the hard copy today to add to my home library!

3.5 stars -- I received a free copy through NetGalley in exchange for an honest and unbiased review/opinion. I'm...not sure...exactly what I thought. I enjoyed myself thoroughly. It was what I was looking for, something a bit lighter with swoony moments. But it did have some other depth that I hadn't been expecting but still found very intriguing and gut-wrenching. But at the same time there were a few things that bugged me, and it was a bit more obviously predictable. I mean, it's not that I don't often pick up these books knowing that they will be predictable, because that also means that I get those predictable good feelings. But there was just something a bit more that didn't work for me...or maybe it's that there were a few things that went off book that didn't necessarily fit for me. Huh, so did I find it too cliché or not predictable enough? I don't even know. OK, good stuff. In general I really enjoyed both our MCs. At the core of Ayla, she was a sassy personality who believes in noble things and desires fairness and opportunities for everyone. I enjoyed that while she was a curvier girl, she was OK with who she was most of the time...I actually liked that it wasn't 100% of the time, b/c it's something I think people have to work at and takes time. Even I try to accept myself, but it's not that sometimes things people say can't still get to me. So I felt like that was very real, and so she was a good role model. And I didn't even mind that what we got with her was the typical nerdy girl who hates judgement, but does a bit of her own judgement about the popular kids/jocks. It's a good lesson to learn, to give EVERYONE the benefit of the doubt, not just the ones like you. And I didn't even mind that she resorted to blackmail, though I wish I felt the desperation more to justify it. It seems like she only just decided in one day to run, and suddenly she's resorting to shady means to win. It was OK, but could have been fleshed out better. Luke was even more interesting in some ways. Because we end up with a guy who is afraid to upset his current status by being himself, and who's both vandalized and either called people names (according to Ayla's friends), or at minimum stood by while his friends were dicks. I felt like these things weren't given enough time or thought in the book though, and that was kind of a shame. Did

he really never feel bad about Jack being such a dick to other people in school? What led him to the vandalism? I mean, we kind of get some of it, but I would have really appreciated a bit more growth there. It was kind of swept under the rug (except for that one part with Isaac). It was an opportunity missed in my opinion. And I get why, there was just so much else going on with him. But it's not an excuse you know? So did he honestly just have so little compassion? Or was he just not aware? I don't know...But on the other side of the coin, I (like Ayla) really fell for the "real" Luke that we got to see outside of school. Landon's big brother. He was really rather sweet, and it almost seemed like maybe he was just coasting, and needed someone to give him a reason to stand up for something. And that someone was Ayla. And he really was dealing with soooo much at home. The twists were a bit unexpected, and honestly I'm still not sure how happy I am with the realism of them. Like they live in one town, and he never saw or encountered those people (trying to be vague)? That's kind of unrealistic, isn't it?As for secondary characters, they were occasionally a mixed bag. I wanted to see more of the friendships with Brady and Chloe. Because I think they could have added even more. I wanted them to, from what I saw of them. But for Chloe, I wasn't sure what brought her and Ayla together...what they were like together. We didn't really get to see them hang out, she was just kind of ancillary to the plot. I got a bit more from Brady, but I kind of wanted him to be more involved with Luke. Like he lived on Mansion Hill, did he not notice those people?Landon and Ayla's parents were awesome though. Awesome awesome awesome. Added good stuff, made me happy. Awesome.I was a bit bummed with the way the whole Jenna thing worked out too. I saw it coming from a mile away, but it would have been cool to have been surprised, you know?So yeah, it was a solid cliché YA. They're good to have. I just felt like it could have given me a bit more and I would have been a bit more satisfied.

\*I received a complimentary copy of this book.\*Ayla is tired of school politics, she decides it's time about time for some change due to which she enrolls her name for the class president against the most popular girl in high school, Jenna. But Ayla's a nobody and to make everyone notice her, she has to do something big. She hits the perfect jackpot when she captures a video of the school star player, Luke vandalizing the school property. She blackmails him to be her boyfriend until the election is over but when feelings come in the way, it's up to Ayla to decide which path she should choose.The plot of this book was no surprise, it was definitely clichéd but the execution won me over. I have read a lot of fauxmance stories but I have to say, this is definitely one of my favorites, more so because the characters felt so real, they were not devoid of flaws which made them much more realistic. With a little push from Ayla's bff, Chloe, Ayla

decides to run for the class president against Jenna, one of the most popular in their school but she doesn't know how to get people to notice. With dumb luck, she sees with her own eyes how Luke and his friends vandalize the school property and she captures it and uses it to blackmail Luke. The story was pretty fun to read about and I was never bored for a second. I loved Ayla's character from the very start and I could relate to her so much. She is also one of the girls who is not skinny or just perfect like most of the protagonists that we usually get to read, in fact, she is on the other side and this was quite a refreshing change. Although she decides to blackmail Luke, but her conscious is always aware of the fact that she is doing something wrong but she never crosses the limit, in fact, she was quite the opposite, helping out Luke whenever possible, taking care of his kid brother (who was adorable btw) and Luke was definitely swoon-worthy. He had no way out when Ayla blackmails him, he reluctantly agrees to play the part so that she doesn't rat him out but I loved their friendship which made their chemistry perfect! The relationship between Ayla and Luke developed slow and steady, it didn't feel forced which was an added bonus. Another fact that I really loved about Luke was that no matter what her size was, his feelings were genuinely real. And Ayla was so real, she always stood up for the right and when the dress fiasco occurred, I felt so proud of her and how maturely she handled the situation. The ending was definitely realistic, about how things went down and I would love to see a little payback to Jenna and I really hope Chloe is the one who takes it. I felt so bad for Luke's situation about his home, he so didn't deserve that but I was glad how everything turned out for him at the end. Overall, Incriminating Dating was a super cute read! I immensely enjoyed how the plot was executed and I fell in love with the characters. I really loved the romance between Ayla and Luke and I sooo wanted more. The writing was smooth and easy to read and the pace was even throughout the book. I am definitely looking forward to reading more by this author. Recommend it? Yes.

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