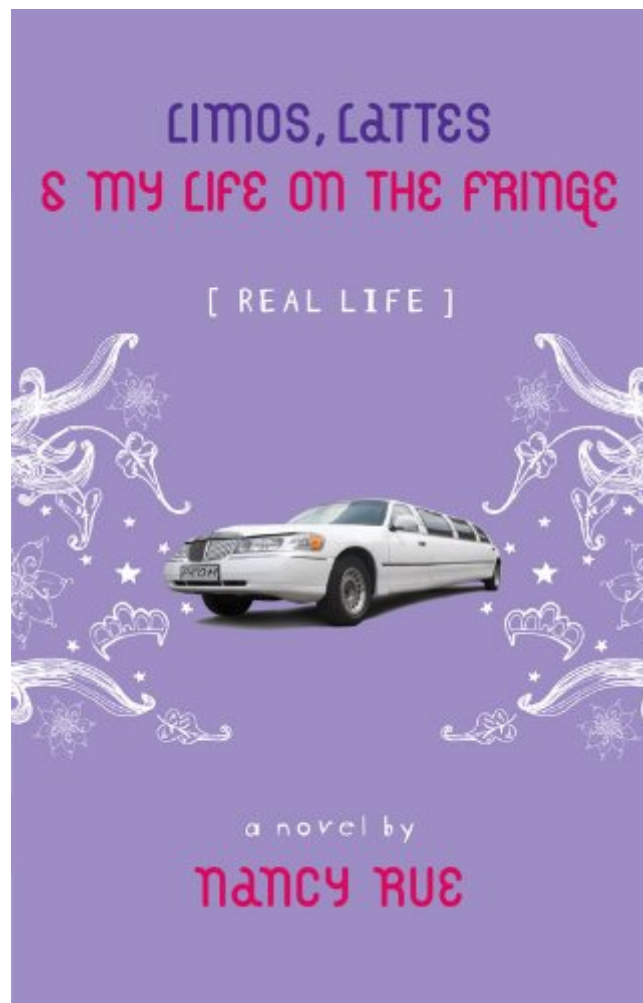




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Synopsis

The fourth book in Nancy Rue's Real Life series centers on Tyler Bonning, who is an intellectual, a debater, a violinist — but definitely not traditional beauty-queen material. When she is nominated for prom queen as a joke, she takes up the cause of the less-advantaged kids who can't afford the high standards for prom set by the school's wealthier ruling class. While her Prom for Everybody program seems to be succeeding, she's opposed by her parents, who not only think she's wasting her time and intellect on the cause, but are appalled that she plans to attend with a white boy. And they aren't the only ones. Threats, a kidnapping, and an averted sabotage of the prom come overwhelm Tyler, who uses the mysterious RL book as her guide to the real "cause."

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Customer Reviews

I got this for my daughter of age 15 for Christmas and really enjoyed this series. I would recommend it.

I loved the book! I liked that the girl was African American. I have all the books in these series and this one is my

favorite!

I love this author. I read a lot of her books and started running out of more to read. This is a book that is directed toward teen-agers, but seriously, I enjoyed it for myself. Goes to show you that one has to be a good author to pull in different ages to enjoy a book like this. I highly recommend it. Read it for yourself if you are an adult, then give it to as teen.

Story. Doesn't pull you in. Takes too long to get to point. You don't really want to finish book but feel compelled to keep on reading.

Nancy Rue's newest teen novel centers on Tyler Bonning, a girl on the fringe who, as a prank from the popular kids, is nominated for prom queen. At first, Tyler is mortified. She's always hated this school and now has even more reason. But when she discovers how important the prom is to her cousin, and how elite the event has become, she decides to use her new status as a platform for social reform. She initiates a "Prom for Everyone" campaign that seeks to level the field, allowing the less-than-wealthy, not-so-popular and even the outcasts on the fringe to attend and enjoy the prom. It's no surprise when she receives opposition from the "ruling class" (a.k.a. the most popular circles), but it seems this endeavor turns all her relationships topsy. She finds some common ground with her previously alien cousins, a very unlikely friend in the class president, and enemies among those believed to be her closest friends. Even her parents fall on an unpredicted side of this issue. In the meantime, a strange book abandoned on the bus forces Tyler to think about God and what role He plays in her life. Is it possible that He could be a personal God? One who actually cares about Tyler and what happens in her life? This book dives into the sticky side of relationships and social hierarchies with drama, action and even a touch of romance. What I Like: I love everything about this book! It features strong, well-written characters, a multi-faceted plot, a solid faith foundation, a respectful view of adults and Christians ... there is absolutely nothing not to like about it. I especially appreciated the diversity of characters. It is rare to find solid Christian YA novels that feature African Americans as a main character rather than a sidekick. It is even more rare to see edifying, healthy interracial relationships. This book has both. The author left me wanting

more of the series. What I Dislike: Nothing. Overall Rating: Excellent! Tanya -- Christian Children's Book Review

Subjects: Popularity, Money, Justice, Friendships, Relationships with family Summary: When an "invisible girl" gets nominated as a prom queen candidate you know something's up. Tyler has no desire whatsoever to be a prom queen. She's part of the Fringe, the group that's just sort of invisible. But when she gets nominated anyway, she realizes she has a chance to fight for justice. Prom shouldn't just be for the rich kids. It shouldn't be a popularity contest. The more she gets into it though, the more she finds herself in the midst of scorn and criticism. Life on the fringe was a whole lot easier than this! Notes: One interesting aspect to this book was the characters who couldn't figure out why Tyler was so worked up about Prom. Was it really worth all the persecution she was facing? The deeper Tyler got though, the more she realized that the issues she was fighting for were a lot bigger than one night a year. It was the whole issue of whether or not someone has the right to make someone else feel bad about themselves just because they aren't as wealthy as the other person. It's easy to relate to Tyler's dad and his concern that she is pouring her energy into something not worthwhile. It's also easy to relate to Tyler and the other characters who are fighting for overall justice, for school to be a safe or secure place for everyone, not just the rich and popular. It's also about Tyler herself more than anything. As the fourth book in the Real Life series, it focuses on a teenage girl who feels like her life is falling apart and has to turn to something bigger than herself for the strength to make it through the trial.

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