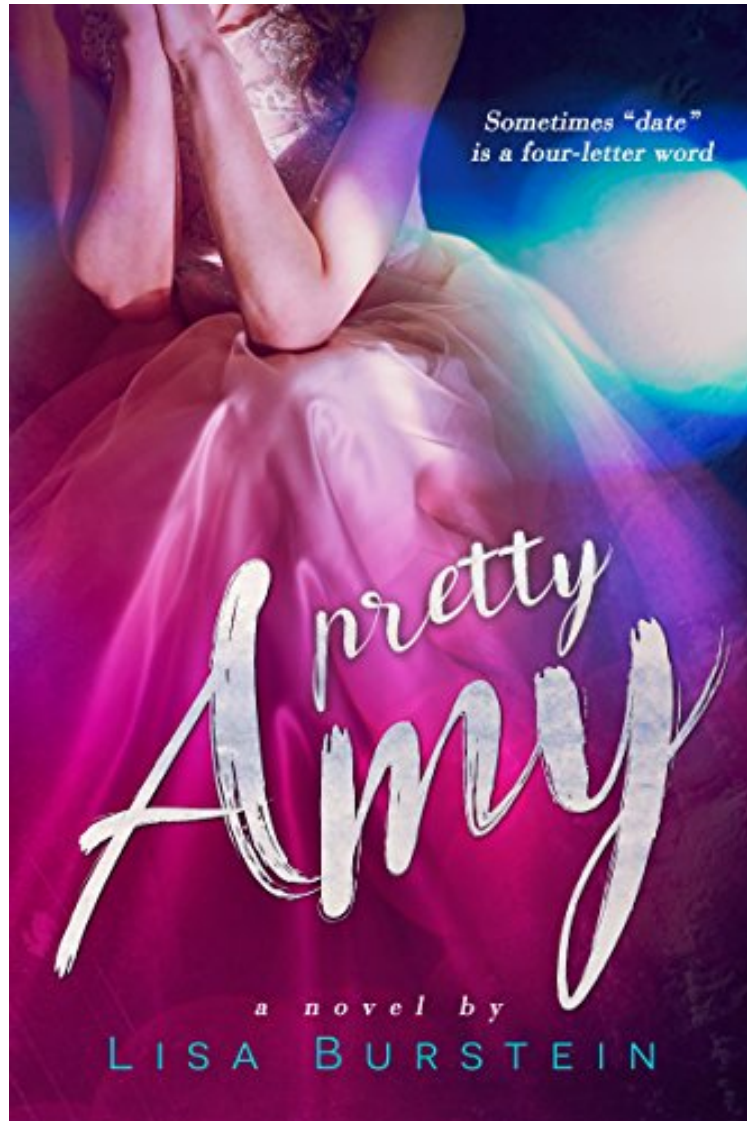


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Von Lisa Burstein : Pretty Amy before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pretty Amy:

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Amazing YA read!
Von Miriam Michel
Before talking about the book, let me stress that I absolutely love the cover picture. Isn't it gorgeous? That's exactly how I picture Amy on her prom day, by the way: Sitting there, looking absolutely beautiful, but still with that sad look in her eyes. Because that's what Amy is all about: She is sad, angry and totally lost. But she only realizes that after a very tragic night, her prom night, in which she ends up in jail. From that

moment on, her life turns upside down. And by upside down, I mean upside down: Everything she believed in before changes. But does Amy herself change, too? Before I go any further, let me just state, that I LOVED this book. And the main reason for that is the character Amy. I have to admit that I was, and sometimes still am, an Amy myself: Not sure where I belong and who to trust, not knowing what is right and what is wrong in my life. There are just two main differences between Amy and me: I am not sixteen, but twenty-one and I learned to embrace my own weirdness. There are days when I'm struggling, but basically I accepted myself for who I am. And I never tried to find my way in life the way Amy tries to: Years ago she abandoned her only real friend and neighbour Joe to hang out with Cassie and Lila. Because Cassie and Lila are cool. They smoke - and not only cigarettes -, they drink and they are rebellious. In fact, they are everything that not very self-confident Amy wants to be. And everything that is not good for her. Pretty Amy is a fast, but wonderful read. It totally made me remember high school and life back then. And as I already mentioned, I can really relate to Amy and the way she is. Above all, I love the way she loves her parrot AJ. He is the only being Amy really trusts and he is just adorable sitting in his cage, babbling all the words Amy thought him. "Pretty Amy" belong to these words. But even more than the character, I love the way Lisa Burstein manages to describe the development Amy makes and the things she needs to endure so that she learns to grow up. And the way she needs to grow up is definitely the hard way. Because after being in jail for one night, Amy's life changes forever. She needs to experience things she never thought of before, including to meet three very different, but interesting new people: Dick, Daniel and Connor - one is a lawyer, one is a therapist and one works at a Gas'n'Go. It is needless to say, that Amy isn't particular interested in meeting new people, especially not if they all want to help her to get back to 'normal'. She doesn't even want to be normal anyway, right?! Still she needs to discover, that there is no way she is going to live her life without anyone at her side. People will always be there, whether she wants them to be or not. Of course there is a reason, why I am giving only 4 and not 5 stars to this book, but it's actually something very small: Sensitive as I am I was so drawn into the story, that I felt all the bad feelings Amy did have, too. And I just wanted her to feel just a little better, to experience something really funny or just one little moment to breathe again. But I also understand why this does not fit into the story. Still I had loved to read that. I don't want to give away too much of the story development, but I think it is pretty clear that I loved Pretty Amy a lot. It's definitely a more than successful debut for Lisa Burstein. In fact, I think every girl from around 14 up should read a book like that - not as a deterrent to see what can go wrong in life, but more to learn a very simple, but so necessary thing: You are not alone. No matter how lost you feel, others feel lost and sad and helpless, too. Maybe it's not the girl or the boy next door (but maybe it even is), but there is definitely someone who feels like you do and who cares for you, no matter if you can see that right now or not. And luckily, Lisa Burstein manages to imply that message in her book without referring to unrealistic characters or pathetic scenes. She writes about life like it really is. And that's one of the best things you can say about a book ever.

Kurzbeschreibung Youd think life couldnt get much worse than being arrested on prom night. But youd be wrong. No friends. My two besties, Cassie and Lila, are now officially parentally banned. No summer of freedom. Instead, Ill be working at a convenience store, earning money just so I can cover bail. No future. Just a series of humiliating rehabilitation techniques designed to teach me a lesson. The only silver lining is Aarona mystery wrapped in a leather jacket and wielding car keys who just happens to show up right when I need him. Now I only feel alive when were driving together, the wind in my hair. Maybe finally getting a life only happens once you think your life is over. Pressestimmen Praise for Pretty Amy Pretty Amy is a coming-of-age story without the comfort of padding. . . . Lisa Bursteins debut novel traces the saga of Amy Fleishman, age seventeen. The book opens on what is one of the most significant days of Amys life: the senior prom. . . . When the girls get stood up for the prom, they make a woeful decision that leads to them getting arrested and facing real jail time. Its a life-defining moment ultimately forcing Amy to explore and confront who she is and who she wants to be. Lisa Burstein dares to write a young adult story with a female protagonist that minimizes the romance, focusing instead on the characters psychological underpinnings and true motivation. . . . Pretty Amy makes a great selection for the school market [allowing] young people to debate the actions and motivations of the characters without getting bored in the process. . . . New York Journal of Books "Lisa Burstein has one of the most refreshingly real YA voices Ive read in years. If youre looking for a helluva trip that begins with an imploding prom night, cruises through the murky waters of the wrong side of the law, bad boys, tough love, and toxic friendship, and ends up with all the right surprises, please get your hands on a copy of Pretty Amy STAT!" --E. Kristin Anderson, Co-editor of Dear Teen Me, Authors Write Letters to their Teen Selves "In PRETTY AMY, Lisa Burstein has masterfully captured the private heart and soul of what it means--exactly how it hurts--and how vulnerable life is for teen girls. Girls who live in a constant storm fueled by self-doubt, disconnected parents, twisted friendships and normal rebellion all wrapped up in a craving need for love and acceptance. Burstein's writing is beautifully raw and hyper-real. PRETTY AMY will shock you, make you laugh, cry, yell, cheer, look in the mirror and examine your own friendships as you relate to one or more of the unforgettable characters in this story." - Anne

