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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 5-8—Violet can't stand her father, her new stepmother's fake boobs, the whole middle-school boy-girl thing, or her mother dating a geeky punster named Dudley Wiener, so she solicits George Clooney as an alternative future stepdad. It's no spoiler to reveal that Mr. Clooney does not marry the angry 12-year-old Vancouver girl's mother, although he does appear to give her some sage advice. Actually, the Clooney gimmick is the one part of this otherwise rather down-to-earth daughter-of-divorce book that doesn't gel (although it sure will grab readers' attention). All of the characters and their complicated relationships are wonderfully realized. Violet's anger is palpable, and there's just enough humor—slapstick, gross-out, and just plain goofy—to temper the emotional bits. The girl's voice, which is often too jaded, confident, worldly, and wise for her years, softens just the right amount with love for her five-year-old sister. Whether or not you can believe the celebrity bits, this novel is a steady addition to most middle-school collections. *Rhona Campbell, formerly at Washington, DC Public Library*

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From [Booklist](#)

Twelve-year-old Violet's dad now lives with his new wife and toddler daughters in a fancy L.A. house, while she remains in her run-down Vancouver home with her younger sister Rosie and her alimony-refusing, serial-dating mom. But after Mom starts seeing loud-sweater-wearing punster Dudley Wiener, Violet decides to find Mom a new man—specifically, George Clooney. Neither her efforts to contact Clooney nor sabotage her mom's relationship go as planned, though, even after she finds an opportunity to meet the movie star while visiting her TV-producer dad. Violet is a complex, appealing character whose intimate, lively first-person narrative, both droll and heartfelt, discusses classmate conflicts and crushes as well as her insecurities and her gradual acceptance of what she can and cannot control. Though she often faces challenges and situations with not-so-graceful aplomb, Violet's growth and authentic range of emotions, from anger (including some cringeworthy acting up) to healing and trust, ring true in this very engaging read. Grades 5-8. --Shelle Rosenfeld

Review

WINNER - 2012 Rocky Mountain Book Award

“Nielsen (**Word Nerd**) has created a narrator as sassy and candid as this memorable novel's title.... Nielsen skillfully balances her story's keen humor...with poignancy. Especially affecting are Violet's struggles to accept her father's new family....”

—*Starred Review, Publishers Weekly*

“Laugh-out-loud humor deftly mixes with insight into a troubled girl's pain over her parents' divorce.... Nielsen has real talent for comedy, zoning in on just the right level of snark.... This comic novel scores.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

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“This vacation-friendly paperback is perfect for carry-ons, road trips or wherever the summer takes your teen. Violet, a seventh-grader from Vancouver, attacks life and its many adventures with humour and spunk. In the midst of coping with her cheating dad and his new family, she and her sister sabotage their mom’s new dating life in order to help her find the perfect man. Teens will love Violet’s sarcasm, charm, antics and wit.”
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Users Review

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