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Famous By Default



Synopsis

Â Bestseller with over 2.6 MILLION page reads. Â .99 cents for a limited timeÂ JaxBuried,By my family's fame.Dying to escape the limelight,And finally, I do.Being raised as a Jayne, I'm under constant scrutiny. The rock band my brothers formed makes it impossible to stay under the radar. Paparazzi, tabloids, rabid fans--you name it and I've got it. It all makes me sick. But getting shipped off to crazy Aunt Betty's house in my senior year of high school isn't any better. After all, there isn't a stray kid or pet in the world that my aunt wouldn't take in.Then I meet her. She's cautious, suspicious, and not interested in me at all. But that's fine by me. Sivan Holt may be beautiful and intelligent, but she's nothing I'm looking for.SivanDrowning,In my past.Struggling to feel settled.And finally, I do.Growing up in the foster care system, I longed for a sense of belonging. All I wanted was a place to call home.At the age of seventeen, I'm finally starting to feel it here. Home.When he comes along, it unsettles me. I don't want him to ruin everything we've built--everything that matters. Jax Jayne is arrogant, privileged, and I want nothing to do with him. But those green eyes of his keep drawing me in. If I let down my walls, will it be my final undoing?

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Customer Reviews

In Famous by Default M.K. Harkins really brings on the angst and cute YA drama. It's a coming of age story about first love, tragedy, friendship and family. Jax is famous for being a Jayne. He's the one Jayne brother who didn't want to join the family boy band, but much to his distress, his refusal to join the band has given him a mysterious persona and a huge fan base of his own. He has a huge following of crazed fans and enthusiastic fans who have taken over his life and forced him to hide away to finish school. Sivan's story is extremely traumatic and sad. When we first meet her she's pretty closed off and withdrawn, but through Betty's care and Jax's patience we slowly learn more about her past and see her start to open up to those around her. Although the plot is a little far fetched at times I really liked the sweet charm of the story and the love between Betty, the girls, Sivan and all the Jayne's. There are some extremely sad and hard to read parts. I was completely thrown through a loop at one point. I really didn't see a certain event coming (sorry it's a HUGE spoiler so can't say much) and was at a complete loss what to think. I didn't personally feel this was needed for a story where the characters have already been through so much. It left several answered questions and undeveloped plot points but I appreciated how this event propelled characters into making decisions and facing past issues head on. It just left me feeling unsettled and kinda annoyed. I enjoyed the book and would like to read more about Jax, Sivan, the Jayne's and maybe even Regina. Famous by Default is a sweet, dramatic and emotional story with lots of music, quirky one-liners and romance - just bring out the tissues! I received a review copy

Famous by Default By: MK Harkins 5 out of 5 stars The story Famous by Default by MK Harkins is a YA/family/coming of age book. This is an amazing story of two people brought together by circumstances and find in each other a friendship and connection that they never imagined they would. This is the story of Jax and Sivan. I loved every minute that I read this story and had mixed feelings when it ended. I wanted to know the outcome, however, I had a bit of sadness that it ended. That for me is the definition of an amazing book. Jax is the youngest in his family and the only one not to be part of the music group his brothers are in. He hates the limelight and wants to just be a normal kid. This leads to his not making good decisions and to his being sent to his aunt Betty's farm. Jax is angry and hurt when he arrives. He then meets Sivan. Their first

meeting doesn't end well. As the days go by they start to communicate and a friendship starts. Different emotions then take over Jax and he wants more than friendship with Sivan. He knows that her past has shaped who she is today. Will Jax be able to convince Sivan to take a chance and trust him with her heart? Sivan is in the foster care system. She dreams of a place where she can belong and call home. Sivan has had a horrible time in foster care and her previous homes all ended in tragedy. She is a strong person who has survived. She believes she has found her place when she comes to live with Betty. Betty treats her with respect and constantly reassures her of her worth. Then one day Jax shows up and Sivan's world begins to change. At first, Sivan could care less about Jax and thinks of him as having a large ego. As time goes on her attitude toward Jax changes and she finds herself not only friends with Jax but feeling something more towards him. Sivan becomes more comfortable around Jax. What is in the cards for both Sivan and Jax? Will they end up together or will unspoken fears tear them apart? This story really touched my heart. Sivan is a beautiful person who is just looking for somewhere to belong and people to love her. Once she finds this she will do anything to keep it. Jax really cares for Sivan and shows this by his words and actions. I was rooting for them to get their HEA through the entire book. This story also shows how circumstances in our lives are not always in our control however when you have people that love you, they can be your source of light that leads you out of the darkness. I have read books by the author before and have always enjoyed them. She mixes a wonderful storyline with awesome characters that have you quickly turning pages to find out what happens next. Her stories leave me with a smile on my face and the warm feeling that you get when you read about true love. This is one book that I would highly recommend reading.

This was a great book. I wanted a sweet YA romance and this book delivered. Just the right amount of drama, tension, and sweet romance. Read it on KU and enjoyed it so much I decided to buy it cuz it was that good.

This book held me from page one. Written so beautifully. Absolutely fell in love with the characters. Would make an amazing movie. Highly recommend. Can't wait to read more by this brilliant author.

It's your classic "plain girl gets chosen by prince" tale. Except the prince is the brother of a pop sensation and the plain girl is an abused foster child. They meet, they fall in love against all odds, tragedy strikes, and then it all ends (suddenly) in a nice happily ever after. The characters follow tropes you know, but aren't super developed beyond that. And the story line is one you've read

before. But, nice for a rainy Saturday afternoon when you just want to turn your brain off.

Good storyline. Kept me turning the pages. I always love to read a book that leaves me with an "aww". Great story. I enjoyed it. :)

I laughed some and cried. Of course I cry with most of the really good books! Everyone needs a Betty in their lives! Unconditional love! More of a family story instead of just a couple with background characters.

I loved this book! It had me both laughing and sobbing and a whole range of emotions. Beautiful story. Will be in my reread list.

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