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"This urban drama tells the all too familiar story of Fancy, a gorgeous tastemaker who has always used what she has to get what she wants. For today's women who struggle to keep up the illusion of their superficial lifestyles, Fancy hits home like no other." - Shabe Allah-Cleare, Source Magazine

"I recently read Fancy by Vanna B. If you have not copped a copy, WHY? I absolutely love this book! With my busy schedule, I usually take a week to read a book. I read this book in two days. I couldn't put it down for anything." - Daja Marie Greer, Hype Magazine

"The author did an excellent job the first go around with the potential to only climb in her career." - Readers With Attitude Book Club

"Everything and everyone are not what they appear...Fancy experiences a series of dramas that inspires great change for her life." - Vanessa Irvin Morris, StreetLiterature.com

"I loved that the main character was a Latina, however, every female can relate to this tale." - Bad Girl of Urban Lit

Fancy Details

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From Reader Review Fancy for online ebook

Christina says

This was one of those books that once I started, I literally couldn't put it down! Vanna's first book was a smashing success in my eyes! Great job girl! Anxiously awaiting book 2!! Full Review Coming Soon!

Tiffany says

Vanna B is a new author who writes a tale about Maribel "Fancy" Alvarez. Fancy is given her name for that specific reason everything about her is just that... fancy, from her shoes to her purses she is definitely addicted to the labels. Her once love of learning and books quickly turned to the fast paced life with included partying and catching men with money to help her keep up her lifestyle, because she was told by her own mother to use what she had to get what she wanted. Looking at Fancy one may assume that this woman is the picture of perfection, long hair beauty always dressed in designer clothes carrying herself like a lady, but the outside isnt always what it seems and it takes a lot to keep up with the facade Fancy is holding onto. Her friends and the men attracted to her thinks she is living a high class uppty life style, but everything that glitters isnt gold.

While I did feel the story was fast paced and I did enjoy the whole story line, I felt it was well written and you can tell the author took her time writing it. There were a few minor errors none I think that really took away too much from the story, but there were some tense issues always. The way the story was written like it was being told now, like the characters were doing things now was different for me in reading something so that was just a little pet peeve of mine while reading this.

The author does tell a good story, the story has a great moral in it and I think a lot of young girls/ women should read this to see that everything that glitters isnt gold and trying to be out in the world and make yourself something your not doesnt do anything for you, after a while your just doing it to keep up with other people and you are really not happy. Fancy was wearing fancy clothes, and so concerned with looking good for her so called friends that she didnt take the time to do the things she needed for herself. She let herself become influenced into becoming Fancy that she forgot all about Maribel. Will it be too late for Fancy to change her ways or will she continue to stay on the path to chasing labels. The story also let us know people arent always who they show you.

Read the story in less than a day and I did enjoy I would give it a 3.5 and I would read part 2 to find out whats going to happen with Fancy. Overall i think the author did a good job on her first book!

Liz Frisby says

I have to admit, I have never been into fiction or urban literature. I am more into history, memoirs or self-help/inspirational works. However, reading Fancy has definitely opened my mind to a new realm of the written word. Author Vanna B. does an excellent job of capturing a real life situation surrounding her main character "Fancy". Her writing style is very creative and descriptive which makes the reader really envision the words on the page. I read the book in two sittings (would have been one but I have a 2 year old). Worth your time and you will definitely be entertained and anticipating Part II ;-)

Natasha says

I really enjoyed reading Fancy's story, following along as she tries to find herself and stay true to who she really is. Ultimately she has a good heart and head but seems to get carried away with the wrong crowd. I'm looking forward to the sequel to see what challenges and battles she has to face after the delivery. Her past seems destined to follow her and stop her in her tracks. Hopefully she can stay focused. Great writing, I'd definitely recommend it!

Kendra says

Fancy is a story that could describe any young woman that only sees the value in designer labels, partying, hooking up and living the good life. But what you see on the outside of Fancy is not who she really is. Fancy has become a character and it takes the death of her only friend to realize that she is not Fancy, but she is Maribel.

I enjoyed this story, and I hope that the sequel will be just as good,

Sandra (Book Loves) Atueyi says

This is my first time to reading from Vanna B. Fancy by Vanna B is a good read but it was slow in the beginning this book. Fancy was a confused and lost person. I felt bad what's happen to Shawn. Aaron is a asshole.

It's a five ??????????. I'm looking forward to read part 2 of this book.

J.L. Whitehead says

In the genre of Urban Fiction, it is not uncommon for some of the characters to be self-absorbed. It is also not uncommon for some of these same characters to be selfish, preoccupied with the material and often times confuse lust with love. I've read so many books with characters that are more concerned with Gucci bags and Jimmy Choo pumps than personal development, that initially, I was a little concerned when I first picked up Vanna B.'s, Fancy.

Fancy tells the story of a young woman who grows up to be someone of questionable content of character by living the life of partying, designer dresses and high heels. Vanna B.'s debut novel is a comfortable, quick paced read with the storyline at times reading like a narrative. It is somewhat predictable but has a redemptive quality that cannot be ignored.

Vanna B. weaves a tale of a girl that becomes so engrossed in seeking the "good" life that she doesn't realize that the "good" life comes at a considerable price. She also doesn't realize that the best thing in life doesn't always have a high price tag or come out of the King of Prussia Mall.

The author has a flair for telling a good story. Personally, I would love for her to take a step back from telling the story to her readers and just allow her readership to become immersed in the story and let the characters do the telling.

I look forward to the completion of this story as well as any future works from this author. I strongly believe that Vanna B. has staying power and I hope to read more of her works in the future.

Sha Latoy says

This was a great read and it was different from other books that I have read. It has a great message about trying to portray something that you aren't and loosing focus on who your are and what you stand for. Great read....

Cal says

This book is so well written that I got completely lost in the stories and characters. It is unlike any other urban fiction novel I have read. I wish I could give it more stars. Well done!!!

Sherill says

can't wait to see what happens with Fancy/Maribel and her baby...can't believe Aaron and the stuff he is doing...can't wait to see how it all plays out

Charlene Richardson says

Fancy is the story of a Latina girl who long ago ditched books for labels. Fancy's life is full of superficial friends, labels, and partying. I completed this book in one sitting and could never have suspected the twists and turns. I definitely recommend reading this book, you won't be disappointed. Can't wait to see how everything turns out for her.

K.F. says

I wasn't sure what to expect but it was actually a really quick read. I only read in my spare time after work and was done in 2 days. The characters are interesting, although Fancy is a bit too gullible and trusting, even for a party girl, but I enjoyed the book. The twists and turns are crazy and I didn't predict most of them. Clearly there will be a sequel. Nice work.

Lady Raven RAVE! says

3.5 stars

Story: GOOD

Enjoyment: GOOD

Length: 184 pages

Even though I gave this story 3 stars, I was still enticed into the storyline and Fancy's life; in other words, I liked it. I think what I like more was the message behind the storyline. I felt following Fancy throughout her life from high school to twenty seven was like watching a train you know is going to crash but you can't do anything to stop it. Fancy was never the materialistic type, but once she discovers the magic of what others will do when they think your important was addictive to her. The characters that surrounds Fancy also gave an interesting read as so call friends come and goes and plots.

There was enough drama for me, but thought there would be more of a relationship of sex and lies. Either way, following Fancy's life and decisions throughout her life was was a downward spiral. The strip club scenes in the book reminds me of the movie, The Playas Club. Also the ending had more drama as the end was left with a cliff hanger. This is a nice story with a positive message to young girls, all that glitter isn't gold.

by

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OOSA says

Poverty to Poverty

'Fancy' by Vanna B. is about a teen wanting to be someone other than herself. The main character Maribel, better known as Fancy, wants desperately to fit in. She doesn't get much attention from her mother who's single and busy with the men in her life; and the attention Maribel receives at school is engulfed with constant bullying.

Maribel is beautiful, intelligent, smart, and fed up. She's at a delicate age and easily vulnerable. She runs into Shawn, someone who lives a different lifestyle than what she's use to. Shawn enables her to become the stunning beauty she is - Fancy. Once Maribel is transformed into Fancy, she is taken on paths of ups and downs, constant chaos, and lessons learned. Will Maribel ever straighten her life around?

I thought 'Fancy' was a pretty good read. The author kept the storyline moving at a steady pace. Purchasing more books by this author is definitely a possibility.

Reviewed by: Sabrina

Alison says

fan-cy/?fans?/: elaborate in structure or decoration.

Synopsis: (from Goodreads.com)

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Prosecution:

As with many debut novels, NO CONTRACTIONS. The character was immature and really seemed to take after her mother. I didn’t like how she just completely dropped out of college once she found out she was pregnant, that was kind of random.

Defense:

I LOVEDDD the story line! We watch as Fancy flounders through life. Then, suddenly, she's thrust into a situation where it's not just her anymore. The ending was amazing! I can't wait for the next book! The wake up call she receives is a well needed one and although I'd have loved to see more of a growth in the character, her mindset will hopefully evolve sooner rather than later.

To read my verdict, be a doll and go to From Bows to Books..♥
