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Middle school is a test, but Cici Reno has all the answers. She's the go-to girl for advice. She's cool, she's funny, and she's enlightened (thanks to yoga classes at her mom's studio). So when her pretty BFF, Aggie, is too shy to speak to the boy she's crushing on, Cici goes online and does the talking for her. The only problem is, Cici starts to fall for the guy herself! For the first time in her life, she doesn't have a clue.

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Soomin says

Interesting..??? I don't really recommend it 'cause it talks about like girl stuff... and it talks about love... I don't really like it but... kinda fun soooooo I give 3 out of 5.

Karen says

The drama of seventh grade! Everything is changing: friends, boys, bodies. Outspoken Cici gets caught in the middle by trying to help.

This book is a lot of fun. I liked the way the tweets were an important part of the story (and they looked good in the page layout).

I received the ARC at ALA Midwinter.

Stephanie Faris says

As with every Kristina Springer book, I found myself wondering why I didn't come up with this fantabulous idea. I think my forehead is bruised from hitting myself in the head over it! Cici Reno #MiddleSchoolMatchmaker is a modern-day twist on the Cyrano de Bergerac story. Only instead of passing letters to the guy her friend is too shy to talk to, Cici sets up a fake Twitter account and communicates with him on there. I know...brilliant, right? And, as always, she throws tons of tension in there and keeps you turning each page, eager to see that happy ending that had better be coming!

Mandi says

This is an amazing book I got this book at the mesa county library in grand junction and found it on this app!!

Lailah says

This was really good

Chris says

Gr. 5-7. Cyrano de Burgerac is given a modern facelift and gender-swap with Cici Reno. Cici is a 7th grader

with all the answers - her friends and classmates always turn to her when they need the best advice. When Cici's best friend Aggie returns from visiting her father during summer vacation, she "developed" two problems, and now boys won't seem to leave her alone. Cici comes to the rescue by helping to set Aggie up with Aggie's crush by tweeting him messages. Springer makes clever use of modern technology to create a light and fun read.

Brooke Banks says

This was pretty cute. I really feel for Aggie with being an early bloomer and anxious as hell. My daughter sticks to mysterious but I'll keep this on the shelf for next year when ~things~ start happening. She's only in 5th grade and hasn't had these issues come up yet. The twitter and yoga inserts were well done and might spark some interest for kids, which is a good thing IMHO.

Stacy Fetters says

"But nothing is going to happen. I'm not his type. Boys don't fall for girls like me. They fall for girls like you. I always knew what the deal was."

Today was a horrible day for me. I woke up and knew that today wasn't going to be anything but miserable. Then I started to read this book. It was absolutely adorable, upbeat and positive. An instant mood enhancer.

Cici Reno is the girl everyone goes to when they have problems. If you need a quick and honest answer, Cici is your girl. Way better than a magic eight ball. But what happens when you're the one that needs answers?

Cici's best friend Aggie spent the Summer in Florida with her dad and new step-mom and something is different about her. And boy do they let you know about it in this book. She bloomed this summer and now everyone gawks and talks about her.

Aggie has been crushing on her best friends brothers friend, Drew and they decide this year is the year that they make this situation a reality. They come up with a plan to get Aggie and Drew together. Since Aggie is a walking and talking disaster when it comes to boys, Cici will pretend to be her on Twitter. But they will play it secretly until Aggie gets the confidence she needs to confront Drew. What could go wrong?

Drew and "Aggie" hit it off online and Drew is ready to meet this mystery girl who has taken his heart. When they meet, it seems that they are hitting it off. But something is different. Cici is jealous. Deep down in her soul jealous.

Talking to him online has made them connect in a way that makes Cici's heart beat faster. What will she do as she watches her friend score the one guy she wants?

There are a few things that make this relatable and current to almost everyone. Sisters before misters, yoga, fresh coffee and the heavy presence of social media. A lot more kids are turning to social media to find their next one and only. And this sets the pace for what is actually happening.

The story was current, the characters were super relatable and lovable. I actually really enjoyed almost

everything about this book. A happy, light, cute story of helping a friend in need.

What I didn't like was the lying and no repercussions. They obviously lied to a boy to get attention and when the plan falls flat, nothing really happens. I think it would have been better to teach a lesson. But it would have changed the entire story.

Still a fun read for a crummy day.

Lisa says

An apt tween retelling of *Cyrano*, in the age of social media and the anonymity it provides. Being a person of a certain age, I'd just as soon stick with *The Truth About Cats & Dogs*. However, there are a couple of features I'd like to give special mention because they're all too rare.

- Cici and Aggie are allies. Period. There's no mean girl narrative here.

- Aggie's breast size is not used as shorthand for her being a jerk, an airhead, or a "slut". I abhor the popular narrative that breast size somehow determines a person's personality. On the other side of the coin, while Aggie's breasts attract unwanted attention (mostly sexual from boys, jealousy from girls), it is made absolutely clear that this is not her fault; it is all on those other girls and boys. As it should be.

Really, only one thing made my eyebrows crinkle: Cici and Drew's reading choices. Being the avid seventh and eighth grade readers they are, why are they spending their time on *39 Clues* and *Infinity Ring*? Exciting, to be sure, but way too young, IMO. *judgery mcjudgerson*

Dawn says

A nice, innocent, modern middle school crush story. (includes twitter, online messaging, and yoga) The girls will love it.

Jessica Kouznetsova says

I think this book was amazing because it teaches you not to put other people in front of your BEST FRIENDS. If you are jealous of someone, just read this book! I think it will help your jealousy be more maintained :)

Emily Andrus says

Cyrano de Bergerac is classic and I have to say: I rather enjoyed this retelling of it. It's adorable, funny in all the right places, and cleverly translated for the middle-school setting. CiCi Reno is an awesome, down-to-earth character and I enjoyed reading from her perspective. It was refreshing, actually, in the world of middle-school dating books. Her voice, at times, might be a little too mature ("Really? A seventh grader would say that?") but, seeing as she's the go-to advice-giver, I would hope she would be. Plus, it makes for a

nice role model for middle-school readers. And! Every chapter starts with a yoga pose from CiCi. Love me some yoga. The other characters? They're not super in-depth developed, but help the story move along in an amusing, fun way.

As for the story, I don't know if using Twitter as CiCi's main contact point with Drew will resonate with middle-schoolers, and it might date the book pretty quickly, but it did the job. Overall, it's a light, fun read that I found really refreshing. Recommended for sure.

Erin Dealey says

Fun read. The term "Middle Grade" covers such a broad spectrum, to the point that it seems like tweens--grades 5-8--need their own shelf. Kristina Springer's contemporary MG novel, *Yoga Girls 1/ Middle School Matchmaker* would be face out on this shelf. Possibly in "mountain pose." ;) Aptly pitched as "Cyrano de Bergerac in yoga pants..." it also addresses body image and the confusing world of 6th graders who suddenly look like 8th graders, and those who , erm..., make a perfect "plank." Cici's confidence, which stems from her yoga practice, was refreshing to see in a main character and throughout the book her reputation builds as a go-to girl for middle school advice. I challenge you to try the yoga poses that start each chapter like I did--and stretch your muscles as well as your imagination. Namaste.

Ally Goodwin says

Cici and Aggie are trying to figure out being friends; liking boys and middle school. Gentle reads

Quincy Alam says

This book is about a girl named Ceci. If anyone is having drama or needs advice, they go to Ceci. One day her best friend Aggie wants to pursue an eighth grader named Drew. Aggie gets awkward around Drew, so she asks Ceci to help her talk online with him. Then, Ceci ends up liking Drew also. The awkward thing is that Drew is Ceci's brother's friend, so he is over at her house all the time. They don't want rumors to start around the school, so they have to keep all of this really quiet around the school. This book was great and I could not stop reading it. Will Drew like Aggie back? Will Drew get in the way of Aggie and Ceci's friendship? Will Aggie find out that Ceci likes Drew? Read the book to find the answers!
