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Editorial Review

Review

"Bates keeps her prose light, always focusing on the comedy as she lampoons high-school popularity, and gives narrator Mackenzie some good one-liners: "My life had officially become stranger than a Tim Burton movie." It all becomes a bit preposterous, but hey, it's a comedy, and a good one. Very funny. Should please lots of readers, awkward or not. (*Comedy. 12 & up*)" -*Kirkus Reviews*

"While some authors might turn an awkward teenage girl into a pathetic mess, Bates portrays Mackenzie as an endearing yet fallible protagonist, a girl worth rooting for. Her first-person narrative is light and funny and easily accessible to fans of Meg Cabot, Emily Franklin, and Ann Brashares." -*School Library Journal*

"Awkward never ceases to be completely entertaining. Mackenzie is a lovable, authentic character who many readers will instantly feel as if they know and understand. She is the girl we laugh with, cringe over, and ultimately root for. Written from Mackenzie's perspective with tons of social media and pop culture references, teens will just...get it. This is a great recommendation for reluctant readers." -*VOYA Reviews*

About the Author

Marni Bates is a freshman at Lewis & Clark College. She wrote her first novel, *That's Debatable*, between filling out college applications and is currently looking for an agent. She loves writing and hopes to do it professionally throughout her life. Marni was recommended for this series by the The Oregon Writing Project at Willamette University.

CASSANDRA MORRIS has done voiceover work for Disney, appeared on the Late Show with David Letterman, and can be seen in the future film *Double Parked*.

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