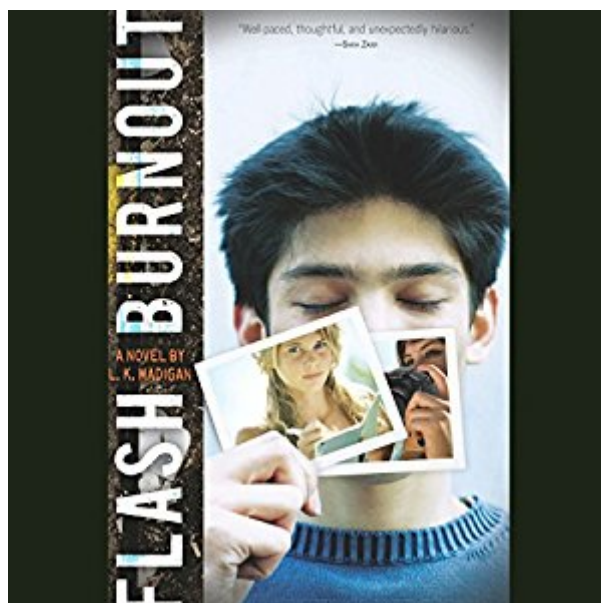


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Flash Burnout



Synopsis

Earphones Award Winner (AudioFile Magazine) Fifteen-year-old Blake has a girlfriend and a friend who's a girl. One of them loves him; the other one needs him. When he snapped a picture of a street person for his photography homework, Blake never dreamed that the woman in the photo was his friend Marissa's long-lost meth addicted mom. Blake's participation in the ensuing drama opens up a world of trouble, both for him and for Marissa. He spends the next few months trying to reconcile the conflicting roles of Boyfriend and Friend. His experiences range from the comic (surviving his dad's birth control talk) to the tragic (a harrowing after-hours visit to the morgue). In a tangle of life and death, love and loyalty, Blake will emerge with a more sharply defined snapshot of himself.

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Customer Reviews

I really liked this book and have been into photography since I was young but didn't really start expressing it until recently because I was afraid of what people would think. This book will allow you see from photographers who got big in life how they looked at the world. Some of the quotes made me realize that being yourself is the most important thing in the world and that people shouldn't ask for anything more. It taught me many things and kept me pulled in from page one. Not only is it a great book for young photographers to see the views of others but also a young love story that will take you through a rollercoaster journey.

Flash Burnout was a cute, light read. The main character Blake was an instant hit with me. He was funny, witty and made the story worth reading. I enjoyed the part about Blake taking a picture of a homeless woman and having it turn out to be Marissa's meth addicted mother. After that photograph, Blake's life changes, he goes through many stages and I liked seeing his transformation. I loved L.K.'s writing style, it captured each character's personality and gave me a chance to know them on a deeper level. The book also had a lot of interesting information about photography which was pretty cool. I now know what Flash Burnout means in photography, who would of thought I'd learn random terms? Overall, a very cute read but by the end of the book I felt like something was missing. I still have some lingering questions and I'm not sure if their will be a sequel. But, I do recommend it if you're looking for a well-paced YA book.

I really enjoyed this book. Blake is a believable and likeable character. He has just entered the world of "having a girlfriend," and his struggle to make sense of Shannon's constant mood swings and tears and professions of love are very touching and real. At the same time he finds himself getting wrapped up in Marissa's mysterious and troubled life. The book maintains a sense of humour which keeps it all from getting heavy or moody or preachy. And I like the way everything does not just end up perfect and neat. Yes, there was a predictable moment at the end you could see coming, but it didn't ruin the book for me. And yes, there is a short (and very modest) sex scene so keep that in mind if that kind of thing bothers you. I think it's a good story and would recommend it.

Blake's narration is laugh out loud funny at times and poignant at others. It includes a fine cast of interesting supporting characters and a functional family (something out of the ordinary for typical YA novels.) Blake struggles with having his first girlfriend while keeping a girl friend. He wants sex, but isn't sure how that should go. Aside from raging hormones, Blake's passion is photography and making people laugh. Music, Shakespeare, pop culture, teen angst and family drama are all added to the mix to make this a memorable and engaging read.

stayed up till past 1.30am to finishlk madigan's FLASH BURNOUT. brilliant.funny, touching, sad, and utterly real.i love blake. RECOMMEND!madigan's ability to channel a boy teen with a sense of humor and heart--capable of mistakes likeall of us--is nothing short of amazing.a terrific read!edited to add: one of my top five readsof 2009. i favor fantasy novels heavily, so it speaks to madigan's talent as a writer.

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While I loved this story I wasn't happy the way it ended it seemed more could be said that it ended with too many loose ends

Love L.K.Madigan's voice. She's snappy, funny, and just held my attention for the whole ride! Love the main character's family! Very well done!

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