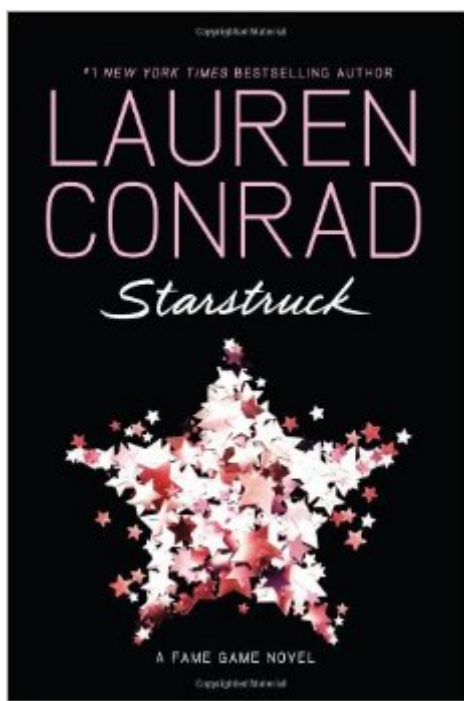


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Starstruck: A Fame Game Novel



Synopsis

Lauren Conrad, star of the hit MTV reality series *The Hills*, brings her insider knowledge to *Starstruck*, the second book in the *Fame Game* series. In *Starstruck*, Madison isn't getting much screen time on *The Fame Game*, the reality TV show following three girls trying to become stars in L.A. She's too busy doing community service after stealing a necklace. Kate, on the other hand, is getting huge amounts of publicity now that one of her songs has become an overnight sensation and it's going to her head. And aspiring actress Carmen, the daughter of Hollywood royalty, is finally making a name for herself. The juicy story from bestselling author Lauren Conrad explores friendship, family, romance, ambition, and fame.

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Customer Reviews

In this book, Madison is doing the community service that she has been assigned to do after taking the blame for her dad. She starts to regret her decision when she learns most of the fans on the show have turned against her and how it's a lot harder than she thinks. Kate gets more famous and suffers from stage fright and gets some Xanax to help her out, and (I think) has become too depended and addicted to them and she also falls for Carmen's friend Drew. Carmen is tired of her famous mom always taking her spotlight and making her feel like second fiddle to her no matter what she does and she also starts to get jealous because the two guys (Drew and Luke) really like Kate when she's used to them fawning over her. Plus someone is stabbing Carmen in the back and

linking information about her to the tabloids, I think it's her friend Fawn but this was never addressed. This book was much much better than the first one! I had my doubts about buying this one since I hardly liked the first one at all. All of the characters are more likable, even Madison. At first I didn't like any of them: Madison especially, Carmen just came across as a spoiled brat and Kate was a Mary Sue but this time there was a lot more to each of them and I like all of them except for Madison's sister Sophie. I wish she would go away. One disappointment was we never get to see Gaby's point of view. I've been waiting for it for 5 books (this series and the former LA Candy series) but I still haven't gotten it. Surely there has to be more to her than being a ditzy pill popper, that she is portrayed as here. Hopefully Lauren's next series or book will be more about her. I can't wait for the next book! I couldn't put this one down!

This series of books is really fun and an easy read. It's delightful to read and keeps you engaged, but it's nothing terribly difficult. I would say this is a pre-teen reading level. So for me (an adult) it's just a simple pleasurable read. Lauren Conrad makes you feel connected to the characters and you care for even the more "evil" characters. Definitely a cute read!

The Fame Game series started a little slow for me. I am a huge Lauren Conrad fan, so I automatically purchased the series. The second installment was definitely a page turner! I finished this book within a day (faster than the Fame Game)! I cannot wait for the third installment because I am absolutely hooked!

This book was good and the plot read smoothly. We have the return of the main characters Madison, Kate, Carmen, Gaby who are adjusting to life behind the cameras. Madison subjected to working in a not so glamorous environment, Kate's problem with public performances and Xanax, Carmen who's struggling to make people accept her and not her famous parents, and last to Gaby having eating issues and boyfriend trouble. What really kept me reading is the fact that each one of us can relate to the problems facing these characters. From dealing with Madison's crazy sister Sophie to Kate getting hooked on Xanax and making a fool of herself, this really put me in their shoes. I liked all the characters but I especially liked Trevor because he was good at manipulating the girls' lives usually in his super nice office which reveals the hidden side of reality television. Anyone looking for a smooth read would enjoy this book. Just accept that this book is geared toward younger readers and you'll be okay! I would recommend this book if someone asked for my opinion.

I'm almost done with the book. I think they're saving all the good stuff for the final part in the trilogy. Also the book I purchased was supposed to be new . When I received it there was some damage to the books jacket cover. I wasn't happy about that but I got over it.

Reality TV and all it's pros and cons comes as second nature to Lauren Conrad after starring on the hit reality TV show "The Hills". So it's a no wonder that she has released a couple of series featuring girls on reality TV shows. The Fame Game Series is a spin-off from her LA Candy series featuring Madison who came into play in the last LA Candy book. In Starstruck , it seems Madison's fame game is on the way down and she is being publicly flounced for the fraud she is after an expensive necklace that was on borrow to her went walkabouts. What the public don't realise is that Madison didn't steal it , but her father whom Madison is protecting. After being sentenced to community service at an animal shelter , will this help Madison realise who her true friends are and prove to the outside world , that she does have a heart and what they see on the surface isn't necessarily what's inside. Starstruck also does give readers a glimpse of what life in the fast lane and that sometimes being a pawn in the world of The Fame Game isn't always as much as it is cracked up to be as Kate realises her hometown's views have changed towards her and Gaby experiences the downside of pills in LA. Starstruck is a fun teen read who wish to grab a glimpse of what happens behind the scenes in reality TV.

Starstruck is the sequel to THE FAME GAME and is so much better - the story is more suspenseful and interesting. The four characters are more developed than the first time round and you're interested to see what happens next. I really hope Conrad brings out a third segment to this line of books.

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