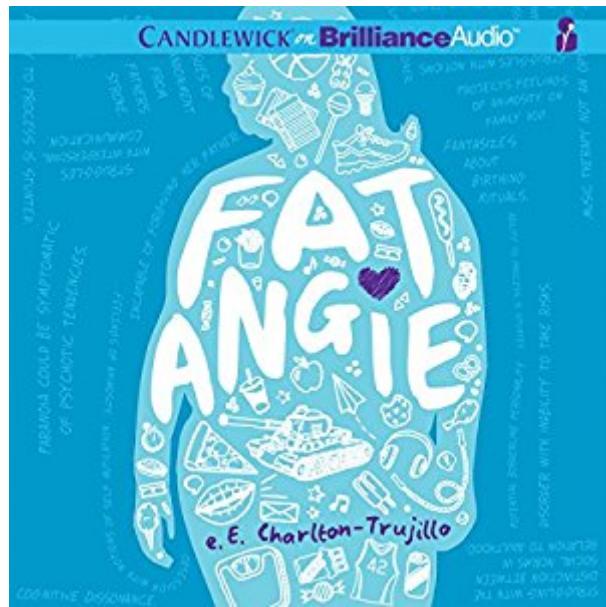


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# Fat Angie



## **Synopsis**

Angie is the only one in her family - maybe the only one in the world - who believes her captured war-hero sister is still alive. Angie needs to believe it. It's better than thinking about last year, when she tried to kill herself in front of a packed gym. Better than trying to steer clear of Stacy Ann Sloan and her posse of ultra-mean girls. Better than dealing with her corporate-lawyer mother, who wants to know only one thing: When is Angie going to lose exactly 29 pounds? Then a new girl, KC, arrives in Dryfalls, Ohio. She's beautiful, hip, and smart, and everyone wants to know her. From the minute they meet, KC sees the real Angie, not the fat girl hiding from her pain under a mountain of junk food. She sees Angie for who she really is: someone who just might shake things up - on the basketball court and in KC's life. Outrageous and touching, this darkly comic, anti-romantic romance brings us unforgettable characters on the edge.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I believe that Fat Angie should be required reading for all who work with teens, and for teens too. It captures the heart of being different in high school, both the heart ache that it brings as well as the triumph of overcoming that adversity. If even one person can see you for what you really are, it frees you to see yourself that way too, and that is the first step to acceptance. This is a beautiful story, and a significant book. It will stand the test of time. I know because I am 59 years old and it spoke to the me that survived the nightmare of high school with the help of friends. I understand Fat Angie; I lived her pain. To see a book that does not dwell on self pity but rather focuses on the joy of never

giving up and not giving in, to see that nonconformity is not a sin and should not feel the need to be forgiven, is wonderful. I highly recommend this book. It's stunning. My deepest gratitude to the author for planting this beacon of hope to all of us who work with kids and want so very deeply for them to survive intact and unique, as beautiful as we know they can be.

When I started reading "fat angie" it took me a few pages to find narrator's voice, but once I did, I didn't put the book down until I finished it. This is a story about pain and suffering that comes from bullying, but to just call it a book about bullying would be selling it short. The parts about the bullying are harsh, raw and hard, somehow though I felt the cold distanced contempt of Angie's mom, the most painful. It's a story about people showing up, the coach an unexpected friend and of course romance. In Fat Angie the romance part comes from KC Romance, the new girl in town. The fact that is a "gay-girl gay", as both girls call it, romance adds a little extra dimension to the book, but it's more about the emerging romance, that first doubt, that first kiss and it just happens to be two girls that fall in love. Fat Angie is about of doubts, about love, about coming of age. Fat Angie is struggling with who you are, who you want to be, about finding perfection in imperfection. Fat Angie is about bravery and fear and I loved it. I found this on youtube and love it (it's a phoetus .. lol) [...]

Fat Angie is so much more than a book about bullying. It's more than a book about loss. And it's more than a book about self-discovery. It's a cautionary tale about what happens to the people left behind in war and an illustration of the disconnect that occurs in families suffering through intense grief. The subject matter is raw at times, the approach unblinking, but there's an undercurrent of hope in the face of daunting situations and against sizeable odds that makes Fat Angie a joy to read. And in case this review sounds too dark, let me add (without spoilers) that there are Hoosier-type moments and a quirky version of happily ever after, too:-) Thank you for a great read!

2.5 of 5 stars

Fat Angie has a sister missing in Afghanistan, a juvenile delinquent brother who bullies her as bad as the kids at school do, an absentee father and a mother who constantly reminds her that she's fat. When new girl KC befriends her, Fat Angie begins to see her positive features and believes she can improve herself. For anyone who's felt different or been bullied **FAT ANGIE** will touch a cord of familiarity. For anyone who's stood by and watched someone bully or be bullied, this novel gives insight as well. While Fat Angie was a three dimensional character, the adults felt more stereotypical than unique. **FAT ANGIE** might have been a better read had it been written in the first, rather than omniscient voice. The narrator called the heroine "Fat Angie", rather than simply by her

first name, which felt awkward. Charlton-Trujillo's overuse of passive verbs at times flattened the story. Overall I give **FAT ANGIE** a lukewarm recommendation.

This is an absolutely fabulous read!! So very touching (painfully at times!), Fat Angie has the kind of heart, soul and kick-ass attitude of the shows it pays homage to throughout the book, Buffy The Vampire Slayer and Freaks and Geeks. I picked it out purely based on the title, but soon found it spoke to me in much more important ways. Anyone who has ever wanted to prove she is more than just what people think they know about her will hold Fat Angie close to her heart. And anyone who is a sucker for a sweet love story that proves there is someone out there who can look past appearances will find themselves falling in love with the characters. Angie ("Fat Angie" to her tormentors and her mom) never gives up hope on the things that matter to her even when everything is beating her down. KC Romance (yep, that's her name) is a kindred spirit even if she looks more like she'd fit in with the popular girls. They both fight their own self-destructive spirits to emerge better for having met each other. I hated finishing **Fat Angie**. Even after I waited the proper "this is waaay too good to start a new book right away" amount of time, I still found my next to be read title to pale in comparison.

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