

**Title: *All Eyes on Us***  
**Author: Kit Frick**  
**Genre: Realistic Fiction**

**Reviewer's Name and Grade: Benjamin W. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Date Reviewed: June 28, 2020**

This book takes place in two towns in West Virginia. Amanda and Carter live in Logansville while Rosalie lives in Culver-Ridge. The main characters head into Pittsburgh a couple times which is about 30 minutes away from Logansville and Culver-Ridge. The book begins with a new year's celebration and goes on until August 24.

Amanda Kelly has been dating Carter Shaw for three years. They seem like the perfect couple and their parents have basically arranged for them to be together once they're done with high school. However, Carter's not as perfect as he seems. He's cheating on Amanda and dating Rosalie behind her back. The only thing is that Amanda knows about this. When she starts receiving mysterious texts from a private number telling her to break up with Carter, Amanda immediately suspects Rosalie. Rosalie lives in a Christian family who believe homosexual behavior is a sin. Her parents have tried all kinds of counseling to change her but none of them have had any effect. With only a couple more months until she turns 18, Rosalie is trying to keep the trouble down by continuing her relationship with Carter. After that she plans to move to Pittsburg with her girlfriend Paulina. When she also begins receiving mysterious texts from a private number, she teams up with Amanda in an unlikely alliance to bring down this person. Their trust is thin but they must work together. They believe whoever is texting them is out to take down Carter and that they are just collateral damage. When things get serious, the two girls may not be able to trust their friends and have to rely on each other. Even if they still hate each other a little bit.

Amanda Kelly is pretty and popular. Everyone wants her attention but no one knows how nervous she feels about her family. Her mother is Linda who is an alcoholic and doesn't seem to pay much attention to her daughter. Her father practically lives at his office but they still don't have enough to pay their bills. Amanda's parents have basically invested in her relationship with Carter because they see this as a way to get out of debt. Carter Shaw is rich and the town's golden boy. He has a way to make everyone feel included but he's also a cheater. He doesn't like the life his parents are making him have and just wants to be himself. That's why he likes Rosalie. Rosalie Bell is lesbian and has no interest in Carter. She really only cares about her girlfriend and her sister Lily. She can't wait to turn 18 and leave her whole life behind.

Now, I will answer some questions about the book:

*Did the plot keep you interested?* - This plot definitely kept me interested. The book pulls you in as the author reveals more of the plot. It makes you want to know how the book ends. The plot was like no other that I've ever read.

*Was the pace of the book too fast, too slow, or just right?* - I think the pace of this book was just right. The author kept the story moving by constantly adding new actions from Private Number. These included sending text messages, stalking the girls, or sending them warnings. The author also didn't make everything happen right away but expanded most of the action over a one month period.

*What grade level(s) is this book appropriate for?* - I think this book is appropriate for kids in grades 7-11. This book uses curse words and talks about drugs so I don't think younger kids should be reading this. This book also wasn't too difficult to read so this book would be easy for kids in higher grades.

*What type of reader would you recommend this book to?* - I would recommend this book to readers who like a suspenseful novel. This book was filled with unknowingness and action. I would not recommend this book to readers who like fantasy or a slow book with lots of detail.

*What other information do you think would be helpful for teens to know about this book* - This book is split between the point of view of Amanda and Rosalie. When there are text messages, the writing on the right is what whoever the section is about is typing. The writing on the left is what the person they are talking to is typing.

I would rate this book *5 stars*. The plot of this book was really good and it really pulled me in. Everything was really clear so I wasn't confused about anything. The pace was perfect and the characters and their personalities were well developed. I really don't have anything bad to say about this book.

**Reviewer Name and Grade: Yaseen V., 9th Grade**

**Date Reviewed: August 3, 2020**

All Eyes on Us is a psychological thriller written by well known author, Kit Frick. This novel is a mystery that tells the story of seventeen year olds Amanda Kelly and Rosalie Bell. Amanda is a girl that seems to have it all. She is a white, pretty, and popular upper class girl who is often the center of attention. Along with being the "queen bee" of her school, she is dating Carter, the popular, athletic senior class president who is the heir to his father's empire. On the other hand, Rosalie is a girl who comes from a working class family and lives in a less wealthy neighboring town. She is characterized as a girl who keeps a low profile and is introverted. It is ultimately revealed to the readers that Rosalie has been this way ever since her family had made her go through conversion therapy to "cure" her from her sexual orientation as a lesbian. Throughout the novel, the author does a great job at introducing "controversial" topics and brings light to the struggles so many teens face. Rosalie's family is a fundamentalist Christian family and is against how Rosalie identifies herself. In order to hide the way she feels, Rosalie meets Carter and begins a relationship with him. She does this in order to mask her true feelings, which leads Carter to cheat on Amanda. This was a very interesting twist that I didn't see coming. At this point, the two girls are dating the same boy without knowing. Later in the novel, both girls are brought together when an anonymous texter threatens physical harm to them and exposing their darkest secrets. This plot was incredibly interesting and leaves you fully engrossed until you get to the bottom of the mystery. One of the key messages of All Eyes on Us, is that you can't force a person to be someone they're not.

*Did the plot (for fiction) or presentation of information (for non-fiction) keep you interested?*

Yes, this novel is unlike any other I have read before. The plot kept me turning the page and curious about how the story would end.

*Was the pace of the book too fast, too slow, or just right?*

The pace of the book was just right and enabled the readers to really see the relationships between all the characters and how everyone is connected without even knowing.

*What grade level(s) is this book appropriate for?*

I believe this novel is great for grades eight and up, due to its mature content and story.

*What type of reader would you recommend this book to?*

One who is interested in thrillers, mysteries, and realistic fiction.

*What other information do you think would be helpful for teens to know about this book?*

I believe it is important for readers to read this book with an open mind, and expect storylines that include much needed, relevant, and controversial issues.

*5 stars: I'm really glad I read this book; it was awesome!*

I would highly recommend this book because I believe the author touched on a multitude of topics that often are avoided. I loved how it seamlessly introduced topics that many authors often steer away from. Along with this, the storyline keeps you wanting to know more! Overall, All Eyes On Us was a beautifully done book that felt believable in every way.