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Now Jackie must trade in her Type A personality and New York City apartment for a Colorado ranch and all the wild Walter boys who come with it. Jackie is surrounded by the enemy-loud, dirty, annoying boys who have no concept of personal space. Okay, several of the oldest guys are flat-out gorgeous. But still annoying. She's not stuck-up or boring-no matter what they say. But proving it is another matter. How can she fit in and move on when she needs to keep her parents' memory alive by living up to the promise of perfect?

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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—When Jackie's parents and sister are killed, Jackie is relocated from her trendy New York City high-rise to the Walter ranch in Colorado. There she meets the 11 boys (and one girl) being raised by the Walter parents. There is no "cheaper by the dozen" charm here, and the norm seems to be wandering around in boxer shorts, making out in bedrooms, jealous fights, and general dysfunction. The sexual tension feels icky; when Jackie arrives, one boy steals her clothes, a video camera is set up, and bets are placed whether she'll come out of the bathroom naked. Jackie and several boys drink to drunkenness, including openly at a family wedding when both parents are present. It's hard to like, or care about, any of the flat, stereotyped characters, including Jackie. Narrator Renée Chambliss tries to differentiate between Cole, Alex, Nathan, Lee, and the rest, but Jackie has no hint of New York City in her voice. Most libraries could pass on this audiobook, but don't write off Novak permanently. This book was written when the author was 15, and with maturity, she may find a subtler, more authentic voice.—Maggie Knapp, Trinity Valley School, Fort Worth, TX

Review

"This title will appeal strongly to boy-obsessed readers who will find the romance, particularly the chemistry between Cole and Jackie, to be quite engrossing and the teen voices credible." ---VOYA

About the Author

Ali Novak is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison's creative writing program. She wrote her debut novel, *My Life with the Walter Boys*, at the age of fifteen. When she isn't writing, Ali enjoys Netflix marathons, traveling with her husband, and reading any type of fantasy novel she can get her hands on.

Renée Chambliss got her start in audiobook narration in 2009. She loves transforming the written word into audio and feels privileged to be able to spend so much of her time telling stories.

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