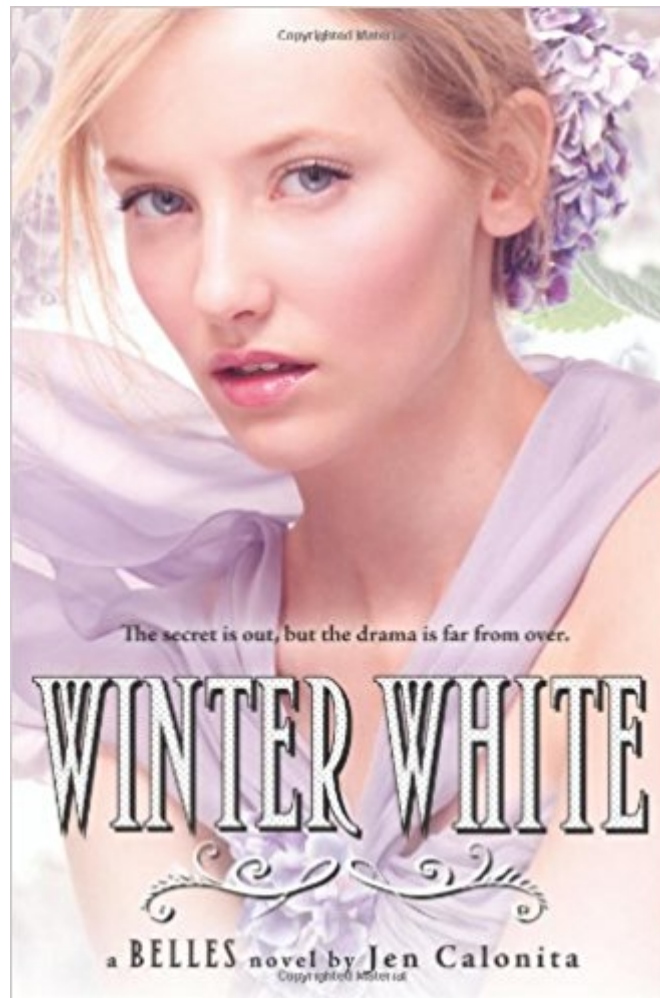


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Winter White (Belles)



Synopsis

Isabelle Scott and Mirabelle Monroe are still reeling from the revelation that they share more than just the roof over their heads. The media has pounced on their story, and while Izzie and Mira have each put on a happy public face, someone is leaking their true feelings to the press. It seems as if the world is watching their every move, but at least the girls have each other. With cotillion season right around the corner, however, Izzie and Mira have barely had time to process their newfound sisterhood. Mira has dreamed of making her debut in a gorgeous white gown forever--now if only she had an escort... Izzie, meanwhile, is still struggling to find her place in Emerald Cove, which seems ever more impossible with EC mean girls, young and old, trying to keep her down. As cotillion preparations heat up, there are dance steps to learn, manners to perfect... and secret initiations to complete? It's time for the gowns to go on and the gloves to come off.

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Customer Reviews

Oh...how I love this series. With Belles, author Jen Calonita created a story with charming and infuriating characters, in a society that's perfect at first glance, and a family in which drama is an everyday occurrence. Winter White continues the story of the Belles, Mirabelle and Isabelle, and their struggle to come to terms with their new lives. I adore Izzie and Mira. The two girls are opposite in so many ways, but thankfully, complement one another. The only worry that I had when starting this story was that Mira would be resentful of Izzie coming into the family, or that Izzie would take

her hostility towards her father and Emerald Cove out on Mira. That the two girls were able to not only understand, but also embrace, their differences made *Winter White* so enjoyable. That's not to say that Izzie and Mira have it easy, not by a long shot. Savannah Ingram is still furious with Izzie for being with Brayden, and she's not giving up on winning him back. Brayden's mom isn't too thrilled, either, and will not make things easy for the two. Then there's Izzie's resentment of her father's secret, it's a sore spot for both her and Mira. I was surprised by my feelings for Mira in *Winter White*. Even though she didn't make things easy for Izzie when she first came to town, Mira really stepped up to embrace her. That choice cost her her friends, she no longer has a boyfriend, and she feels lost. Like an outsider in her own family. Kellen is still there beside her though, in the art studio and as a friend. Now if only she can get the courage to tell him she's into him! Not only do Mira and Izzie have to deal with their personal drama, but also the fact that someone is gunning to bring down their dad's Senatorial run. Someone who is closer to the inside than they can even imagine. Oh, and this is all happening during the Cotillion preparation, the ceremony that will announce Mira and Izzie to Emerald Cove society. *Winter White* has it all: Drama, Heart, Young Love, Heartbreak, and Deceit. There is nothing scarier, or more awesome, than an Angry Belle.

I truly enjoyed *Belles* by Jen Calonita (the first book in this series). The events of *Winter White* pick up where *Belles* left off as Mira and Izzie try to piece things back together in the wake of their father's big revelation. The fallout that comes from that is the source of a lot of emotional turmoil throughout this novel. I've always been more partial to Izzie. I just got her in the first novel, and that continues here. Mira, however, surprised me. She managed to work her way into my heart, which I didn't think Calonita could pull off. After the events in *Belles* (the ending notwithstanding), I was pretty irritated with how petty and snobby Mira was, but *Winter White* is her time to shine. Of the two, I felt like Mira had more to deal with this time around, and that really opened her up to me as a reader. Another big plus was I felt like Izzie and Mira were becoming more like friends (sisters) than mortal enemies. I got annoyed at how frequently they fought in *Belles*, so it was a nice change to see these two trying to work it out. This series is light and fun and airy. It doesn't strive to be literary genius, and that's part of its charm. It's sweet; something to curl up with and indulge in. I won't lie and say there weren't parts that made me want to slap both girls (but hey, they are teenage girls), but overall this is a series I truly enjoy reading and you will, too.

After reading *Belles* (and really enjoying it!), I knew that I had to read the second book, *Winter White*! Overall, I really enjoyed *Winter White*! While it wasn't as good as the first book, I still find this

series very enjoyable and I love seeing Mira and Izzie's various adventures that they have together. It was great to see Izzie and Mira's relationship grow throughout the series. Well they still have various issues to work out, I liked seeing them trying to work on their friendship and becoming better friends. It was also really cute seeing Izzie and deal with their various relationships with different boys. Now onto the plot.. I will say the plot wasn't as shocking as the first book but it was still good! I do wish there were a little bit more twists and turns to make things more exciting. It was really fun to learn about the whole cotillion process, especially since I haven't read about cotillions in a really really long time! It was fun seeing Izzie and Mira go through the whole process of cotillion..and it was cute seeing them go dress shopping! I will say that the ending of Winter White definitely caught me off guard and I didn't see it coming at all. Overall, I enjoyed Winter White! It was a nice addition to a really cute contemporary series! If you are looking for a fun book to read, definitely check out this series!

"Winter White" is an excellent sequel to "Belles". It continues with even more drama. The new character Dylan makes the story even more interesting. Also with cotillion there is sure to be even more drama than you expected.

"I like this series, as typically not my type of book; however, enjoyed the first book Belles, so wanted to catch up with the southern belle characters, their families, rivals, and new guys. All the teens are engaging and fun - lots of drama, southern belle fun, politics, backstabbing, fashion, society, and new romances. (reminds me of a younger GCB series)! Glad to see Mira develop her character into a fun artsy gal with her new down to earth guy who shares her love of art and a simpler lifestyle. Also glad to see Izzy and Mira tag teaming to help those less fortunate as they work towards rebuilding their family. From cotillion, initiations, lies... Winter White is an engaging sequel to Belles and look forward to hearing from Izzy's Aunt Zoe who appears at the end of Winter White in the next book in the series "The Grass is Always Greener" April 2013."

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