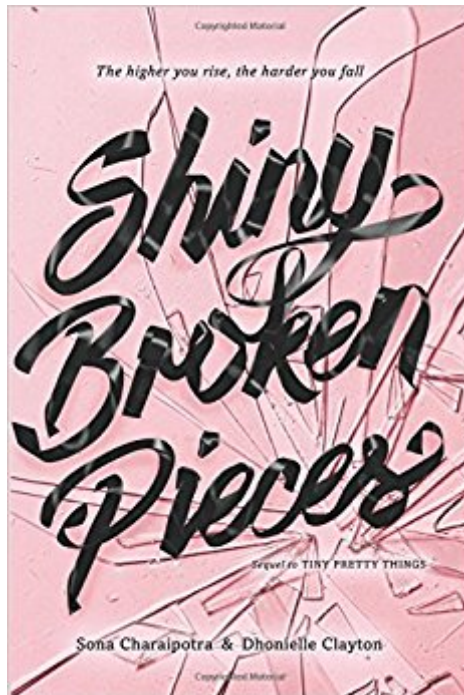


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Synopsis

Featuring a diverse cast of characters, plenty of gossip, lies, and scandal, *Shiny Broken Pieces* continues with the soapy drama readers loved in *Tiny Pretty Things*. June, Bette, and Gigi are competing one final time for a spot at the prestigious American Ballet Company. With the stakes higher than ever, these girls have everything to lose—and no one is playing nice. June is starting to finally see herself as a prima ballerina. But being the best could mean sacrificing the love of her life. Legacy dancer Bette is determined to clear her name after she was suspended and accused of hurting her rival, Gigi. And Gigi is not going to let Bette—or the other dancers who bullied her—go unpunished. It all comes down to this last dance. Who will make the cut? And who will lose her dream forever?

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Customer Reviews

Tiny Pretty Things was my favorite guilty pleasure in 2015, so I was very eager to pick up this sequel and find out what was in store for the amazing characters that were introduced in the first novel. I loved the fact that this is truly a sequel! It's not a companion, it's a literal "this is what happens next" story that I greatly appreciated. The diverse cast of characters are all back, still trying to pursue their dancing dreams as they face their senior year and the possibility of earning a coveted apprenticeship. They must decide if college is in their future or dance, and all the same intrigue, bad behavior and intense emotions are back in full force. The authors manage to change things up, giving their bad guys a new dimension that make us see them in a new light, and giving

our "good guys" an unexpected dark side. It's easy to forgive the authors for coming up with more than a few contrived situations that strain credibility when they continue to offer up complex characters that capture your heart and imagination. The dialogue is authentic, and the style is very readable. I would recommend that readers start with book 1 in this series, in order to fully appreciate all the story lines. This series remains my favorite guilty pleasure and is a recommend for anyone with an interest in ballet.

Grade: B Senior year is make or break at ABC. Gigi is back at after being pushed into traffic and almost dying. June is fresh off treatment for her eating disorder. Bette isn't back, suspended for attacking Gigi, desperate to prove her innocence. The dancers are as twisted and backstabby as ever. Even Gigi is determined to give all she received last year. I enjoyed SHINY BROKEN PIECES, the sequel to TINY PRETTY THINGS even more than the first book. Since we already knew the characters and their backstories, the writers started directly in where TPT finished. I found June and Bette more sympathetic, and Gigi less. Though I understood Gigi's desire to get back at her frenemies, her tactics were dangerous and frightening. I felt a little sorry to come to the end of the stories of June, Bette and Gigi. Their endings were satisfactory. I can't say much without spoiling. SHINY BROKEN PIECES is a fun, quick read and will appear to those interested in ballet, boarding school, frenemies as well as other readers.

I *loved* TINY PRETTY THINGS last year. I read it twice before I reviewed it. I gushed about it. I couldn't wait for the sequel. SHINY BROKEN PIECES is just as good as TINY PRETTY THINGS. As with the first book, I read it twice and loved it each time. I read it twice because I sped through too quickly the first time to be able to write a coherent review. First, I love me a good ballet book. You know how sometimes there's no actual dancing in a ballet book? That's so not the case here. Yep, there's plenty of drama in SHINY BROKEN PIECES, but there's also sooooo much dancing. The ballet this time is Swan Lake, and I greatly enjoyed watching everyone practice and perform. Second, the characters. Bette, Gigi, and June are back. After last year's accident, Bette's been suspended from the school, because everyone suspects she pushed Gigi. But Bette isn't going to sit in the shadows and give up quietly. I liked the mystery aspect of SHINY BROKEN PIECES, where Bette is trying to clear her name. The authors had me thinking this person or that did it; the big reveal had me going :O. But back to the characters. Everyone is dealing with a lot. Gigi's trying to recover from the accident, but is also drifting into mean girl territory. June is battling her eating disorder while figuring

out what she wants in the future. The characters have grown and changed from the first book, and there's something to like/dislike about each of them. Really, the short version of what I'm trying to say is: I love Bette, Gigi, and June. They're cutthroat, dedicated, driven, and not above a little backstabbing when necessary. I also love that Gigi and June both address the lack of diversity in the ballet world. Third, everything else. Yeah, this isn't turning out to be a good review, but I just love this series something fierce, and that's rare for me. I swear, Sona Charaipotra and Dhonielle Clayton could write a cereal box and I'd be enthralled. I sincerely hope there's another book in the Tiny Pretty Things series -- while SHINY BROKEN PIECES does tie up a lot of the storylines, I'm greedy and want more! Disclaimer: I received a copy of this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

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