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Split Ends (Divine And Friends)



Synopsis

Divine AND FRIENDS These girlfriends get through bad hair days together -- and anything else that life in L.A. throws at them! Kylie Sanderson isn't looking for a handout or anyone's charity -- what she needs, as she summons up her courage outside the Crowning Glory Hair Salon, is a job. Tired of moving, currently homeless, she's learned to depend on herself, not her hard-partying and irresponsible mother, which is why she's quit school and is desperate to work. Now, thanks to the salon's owner, Kylie is the shampoo girl at Crowning Glory, and almost overnight her life turns around: she has a place to call home, a future as a stylist, and a dream of one day going to college. And when she meets diva sensation Kara Matthews and spends a luxurious weekend with the superstar's faithful and welcoming family -- including her styling daughter, Divine -- Kylie truly feels like someone should pinch her, because she must be dreaming! Then out of the blue, Kylie's mother turns up with plans to make a fresh start...but is Kylie ready to trust her and forgive the past?

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Customer Reviews

Kylie Sanderson is homeless at sixteen. She is sick and tired of watching her mom go from man to man using her looks to provide for them. She has also had enough of how those men are starting to stare at her. One day she simply leaves home and ends up living on the streets. Her main dreams are getting emancipated, completing high school and getting a job at the upscale hair salon, Crowning Glory, which she peers into the window of each day. Split Ends by Jacquelin Thomas tells Kylie's story in a straightforward, engaging way that will have the reader 'seeing' the

characters. Through a series of incidents Kylie meets, Miss Lucy, a homeless Gulf-War veteran who offers her protection against the predators on the streets and Rhyann, who gives her money for food and introduces her to Ms. Marilee, who owns the salon and who eventually hires her. Through what seems like divine intervention the teen is soon working and living an emancipated life with Miss Lucy as her unofficial guardian. However, there is one problem, she has lied about her mother's existence and when her mother comes to claim her, her life is once again turned upside. Kylie really loves her mother and would like to trust her again, but, their history is very shaky. Will the mother have changed and will Kylie be able to forgive and trust her mother again? Ms. Thomas does a wonderful job telling the story of Kylie and how homelessness and lack of family support are affecting our communities. At the same time, she allows the story to be fun, spiritually uplifting and entertaining. I recommend Split Ends to teens and all readers who enjoy reading about realistic adventures of today's youth and the people who support them. Split Ends was provided by the publisher for review purposes. Angelia MenchanAPOOO BookClub

Kylie Sanderson has been living on the streets for a week. At 16, all she wants is to be able to be a normal teenager. Unfortunately, with a mom like Serena, it's hard to do as she's the only one concerned about her well being. Moving in the middle of the night, living with different men and facing another eviction, Kylie can't take it! Kylie is blessed to meet two women, Miss Lucy, a homeless woman at the shelter who makes it her business to keep Kylie safe and Miss Marilee, owner of Crowning Glory, who offers Kylie a job. With all of them working together, Kylie now has a new lease on life. Life seems to be somewhat normal as she now has a job, place to live and a family that includes Miss Lucy, Miss Marilee and her newest bff's, Rhyann, Divine, Mimi and Alyssa. When her mother finds Kylie, she fears that her mother is up to her usual tricks and does not want to be sucked into her mother's life again. Can Kylie find a way to finally forgive and trust, not just her mother, but her friends, who have not had to deal with the circumstances that she's had? 'Split Ends' by Jacquelin Thomas tackles very relevant issues that most may not deal with or understand. Not only does the story speak about homelessness, but about teens that are homeless as well as the fact that not every homeless person has an addiction to drugs or alcohol. While I LOVED that part, the story itself just doesn't feel as authentic as the others in the series and reads more like a fairytale. It was good to glimpse the entire diva crew learning more lessons and extending their friendship circle. As always, the story has a focus on God, life and is very inspirational.

My daughter loved this book! I recommend this to all teen girls! Mothers will enjoy reading it with

your teen girls as well!

I truly love this book and the author. I hope there are more books like this that I can purchase.

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