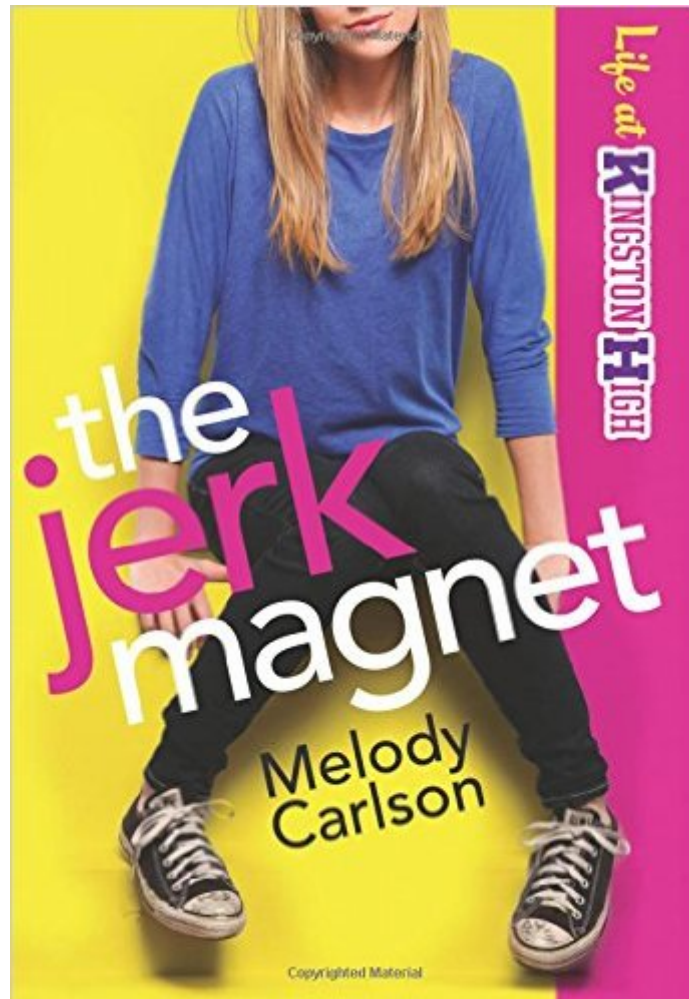


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# The Jerk Magnet (Life At Kingston High)



## Synopsis

When Chelsea Martin's future stepmother helps her transform from gawky and geeky into the hottest girl at her new school, Chelsea is pretty sure it's the best thing that ever happened to her. But her hot new look has a downside. She's attracting lots of guys who all have one thing in common: they're jerks. And stealing the attention of all the guys in school doesn't endear her to the girls either. Chelsea finally finds a true friend in Janelle Parker, and a non-jerk, Nicholas, catches her eye. Janelle keeps telling her to be herself, but Nicholas is the only guy around who doesn't give her a second look. Can Chelsea and Janelle come up with a plan to get his attention? Or will Chelsea's new image ruin everything? Teen favorite and bestselling author Melody Carlson helps girls uncover the real source of beauty in this true-to-life story of young love, friendship, and being yourself.

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## Customer Reviews

Melody Carlson adds yet another true-to-life novel to her impressive resume of over 200 books with THE JERK MAGNET. Teens will flock to its title, and Carlson's witty ability to capture and hold her readers' attention will keep them there. The story opens with an internal conversation Chelsea Martin is holding within herself about the best way to handle rejection: simply expect it. Chelsea, more geek than gorgeous, is feeling the sting of rejection by her peers and wondering when, if ever, her classmates will grow up. Most importantly though, how can she cope with another two years of the same-old, same-old rejection? Happy to see summer arrive, Chelsea mentally charts out her

vacation, most notably to be filled with lots of time on her phony Facebook page, reading sci-fi and fantasy, and catching up with favorite television programs. After enduring the grind of a grueling academic school year (plus the rejection overload), Chelsea feels she's earned the mental break from life. Too bad that reality shows often imitate life, as Chelsea soon discovers, when her grand plans of vegging out all summer are abruptly halted with one summons to the breakfast table by her widowed father, who announces that his girlfriend, Kate Bradley, is soon to become his wife. Chelsea groans --- and not too silently --- as she offers up plenty of outrageous disgust and does a pretty good job throwing a tantrum. Retreating to her room doesn't change the fact that within six weeks' time, she and her father will be relocating to San Jose, California, and soon thereafter welcoming Kate into their home as her new stepmother. Trying mightily hard to accept the news, Chelsea rejects Kate's invitation to be in their wedding before issuing another type of invitation.

Have you got an author that you love so much, that whenever they release a book - you just have to sit there and read it. For me , one of those authors is Melody Carlson. Ever since I read her book "Finding Alice" at 16 , I fell in love with her writing and since then plowed my way through her numerous series. So it was just natural, that when I saw she had a new series out that I purchase the book to read. Her new series takes us to the world of Kingston High, and in Book #1 we meet Chelsea, ever since her mum died when she was eleven. It has been her and her dad, and in a way she has referred herself to being like Dracula - afraid of mirrors as she views herself as a wallflower - a plain, ugly and unattractive on the outside but within herself she has a sparkling and awesome personality but having the great personality doesn't get you the confidence, friends and guys. With her dad marrying again, her stepmother to be is trying to win Chelsea's affections by swooping in to be her Makeover Fairy Godmother and changing Chelsea's outside appearance and making it as beautiful on the exterior as in the interior. The transformation is definitely one for the books as she goes from Ugly Duckling to the Beautiful Swan. However, Chelsea is about to learn the hard way that when you are striking and beautiful - people judge you only on your looks and you become what is known as a "Jerk Magnet" - attracting all the wrong attention. With the help of her new friend Janelle, the pair of them will try an experiment and show really whether people - even Christians judge a person from the outside without taking much stock on what type of person they are in the inside. Like most of Melody Carlson's books, each of them teaches the readers a lesson in The Jerk Magnet which is a great read.

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