

★★★★★ **Multi-Age Appeal**, December 9, 2011

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This review is from: Cliques, Hicks, and Ugly Sticks (The Confessions of April Grace) (Kindle Edition)

Cliques, Hicks and Ugly Sticks is an easy read. The book is well prepared without typos and consistent in content.

Because of the scenarios where there are young people in social conflict, the message rings clear for the insecure at that age. The characters feel pain and overcome their personal discomfort that make them do and say things that they ordinarily wouldn't. Times that kids can learn to laugh about and realize these days of feeling like your skin doesn't fit aren't all there is. They learn that kids have more strength than they expect and they can have honor and loyalty as well as value family. They can be tolerant of differences.

The book has appeal to the parents of kids who are almost at that 'tight skin' age so they can learn how to listen to their kids and keep balance through all the growing pains.

The book has appeal to grownups who remember the eighties and remember what it was like to be young. For that group, the real hilarity sets in.

I found tender teary moments in the book -- you just get caring about the people in the story.