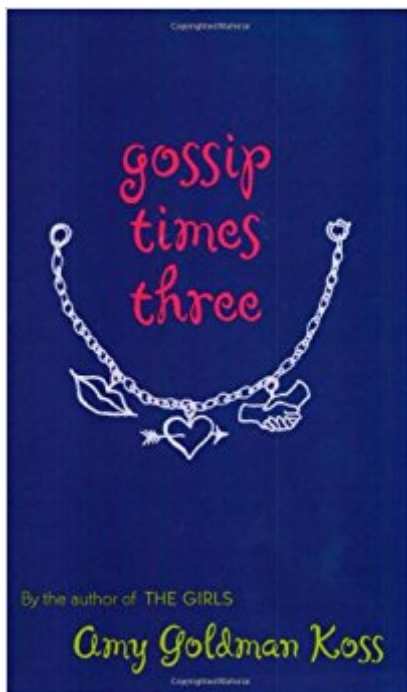


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# Gossip Times Three



## Synopsis

Abby, Bess, and Cristy are best friends-period, end of story. Until Bess said, "Zack's cute," and the two words sent the three friends into a tailspin. Zack, you see, was Abby's long, long, longtime crush. Gasp! Poor Abby has never even worried about the possibility of someone else liking Zack. Even if she had, she never would've suspected that the someone would be Bess! That leaves us with three puzzling questions about the three best friends: 1) Why didn't Bess think Zack was off-limits? 2) What will Abby do about it? And 3) Whose side is Cristy on anyway? For these three best friends, those three questions are just the beginning!

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 5-8-In an authentic voice, an unnamed narrator (whose identity is revealed at the end) tells the story of three seventh-grade girls as they weather the storm created by Bess dating her friend Abby's longtime crush. The narrative is presented as an English assignment and openly addresses questions of theme, plot, and foreshadowing and offers readers alternative scenarios and explanations of the characters' motivations. The most distinctive traits are the light, humorous, conversational style (which reluctant readers should like) and the emphasis on the triangular nature of the friendship. Every occurrence of any word related to three is capitalized (TRIO, TRIATHLON, THIRTEEN, you get the idea). While some youngsters may find this device clever, most will agree with the narrator, who admits near the end of the book, "this whole business with the THREES has really gotten on my nerves." An interesting subplot explores each girl's home life (all live with

divorced mothers).Laurie von Mehren, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Parma, OHCopyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Koss understands the dynamics of junior high friendships, attractions and cliques... (Publishers Weekly)

This book was one of the best I've read! I love how it is written from the authors portrayal and how she writes little notes in the chapters. Abby, Bess, Cristy and their mom's are so relatable. This book as a very good moral about how important friend are and how love is ever changing!

an ok story, not perfectly suited for the log book that has to be kept for a weekly school assignment

I enjoyed reading this book. It's funny when you absolutely hate a character so much that you feel as if this character is living. That shows that the author has done a fantastic job embellishing the characters and making them "come to life". When you sympathize w/ the main character as though you are best friends. Amy Koss has done a great job making the characters come to life which makes the storyline a lot more clear. If you loved this story as much as I did you should check out Side Effects, Poison Ivy, and The Cheat.

Gossip times threeWritten by: Amy Goldman kissISBN: 0-14-240295-8 Everyone fights; everyone has a best friend, or two or three. Well that's how it is for Abby, Bess, and Christy. They are three best friends until the end, or at least the middle. Abby is a boy crazy, Bess is obsessed with Zack, and Christy is the smart quite one that's barley talked about in the whole book. These modern girls are battling the drama of boys, fights, and learning how to deal with everyday rumors and gossip, but witch teenage girl doesn't? I thought this book was ok, it earned about a five on my list because it skipped paragraphs and had was to many side tracked stories and flashbacks. I thought that the writing style was very confusing. The connection I made to this story was to my life because all teenage girls are into boys and into clothes, and shopping. I thought the characters in this story reminded me of my own friends because each one of them has a totally different personality and that is just how my friends are so I could picture the story a lot better. I recommend this book to girls between the ages of ten and fifteen, because it is all about teenagers and ho they deal with the rumors and friend problems. Ten year old could read it because it isn't bad in any way and the text isn't inappropriate to that age. I also think a fifteen year old could read this because it is not too

babyish at the point of being board. If you are into real life situations such as boy troubles or dealing with the "mean" girls of the school it is all in this book.

The book it's about three girls. Their names are Abby, Bess and Cristy. Abby had a crush on Zach, since 3rd grade. Because the girls were best friends, they knew Abby's crush. One day, Bess said in a very cute way that Zach has a nice smile. So days later Bess it's dating Zach. At the beginning Abby was acting like she didn't care, and pretending to act like everything was alright with her. But the jealousy was wallop inside her. Her jealousy toward Bess was so big, that was hard for her to hid it. Weeks later Bess gives the news to her friends, that she broke-up with Zach. Abby was so happy, that her jealousy turned out into happiness. And that's how it ended. The plot was pretty good, the only problem that the author had with this book was that she was getting in too much details. The author also had it good parts. She wrote the book in a very interesting way. For example on page 51: 'Here is a question that you may have: When she saw Steve Crammed in a booth like a circus bear on a TRICYCLE, do you think Abby's first reaction was 1)miffed by his invasions of their sacred Saturday ritual, 2)confused in a nervous way, or 3)glad?Well whichever you answered, you're right! Because Abby felt all those things at exactly the same time instant.'See what I mean. That the best part of the book. Over all the book was alright.

Gossip Times Three is an awesome book. It is by Amy Goldman Koss. It is about the life and the drama of three best friends, Abby, Bess, And Cristy. Abby has had a crush on this boy named Zack for a very long time. She always talks endlessly about him, and how he talked to her or glanced at her. She even carved his name in her drawer. But all of a sudden Bess blurts out right in the the middle of Abby's story about Zack, "Zack's cute." and Abby's immidiate reasponce is "Duh-uh." and continues her story. Later though, Bess also suddlenly comments "Zack has a goofy smile." This gives Abby a horrible feeling inside. Before you know it, Bess and Zack are boyfriend and girlfriend. This story continues with single mom troubles and of course, the Zack dilemma. It ends with a surprise.Any teenage girl should read this. It is a perfect story for middle school friendships and hardships. Although it can be confusing at times, it is a very enjoyable book.

I enjoyed reading this book. At times it was hard to understand because it would say well Bess did this and Abby said that but no she doesn't mean that. You would sometimes have to read a paragraph over and over until you finally got understood what it meant. If you missed one part in this book, then you would have no idea to what is happening in the next part. Paying attention to what is

going on is very important. But it is a really good book to me; I liked how the author made it sound like she was actually talking to the reader. It made it seem like she was at some times actually talking to me. I do recommend this book to mostly girls who are in [...] through 8th. It was also very entertaining.

For years, Abby has had a huge crush on Zach, and her two best friends, Bess and Cristy know it. One day, Bess casually comments that Zach has a nice smile and days later Bess and Zach are going out. At first Abby pretends that this is okay with her, but jealousy is boiling inside her. So, after Zach and Bess split up she alienates Bess and their friendship unravels, but is repaired. The plot of this book is not horrible, though overdone. However, it is horrible written as the narrator frequently goes off on tangents about the characters parents, friends etc. making the book confusing and choppy. Also, it is really unrealistic and sappy.

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