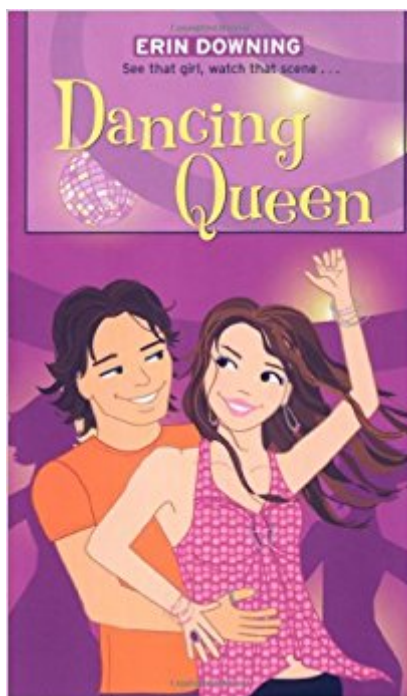


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Dancing Queen (The Romantic Comedies)



Synopsis

Who needs Prince Charming if you've got a rock star? It's official. Olivia is a superfreak. Sure, she may have landed the hottest internship at an Åbercool TV music station. And yes, she's chilling with A-listers in London all summer. But when she meets her very first pop star, she gets caught in a revolving glass door and falls smack down on her bum -- all in one quick motion. Luckily, Rocker Boy thinks Liv's quirks are adorable. He takes her clubbing at the hippest spots! Liv may be clumsy on solid ground, but on the dance floor she sparkles. The summer's just begun and she's already captured the spotlight -- and a celeb's heart, too. Now if only she was sure he's the right guy...

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Customer Reviews

Erin Downing (a.k.a. Erin Soderberg) has written many books for kids, tweens, and young adults. Before turning to writing full time, Erin worked as a children's book editor and marketer, spent a few months as a cookie inventor, and also worked for Nickelodeon. She lives, writes, and eats out with her husband and three young children in Minneapolis. For more information, visit ErinDowning.com.

This is a great book for teenage girls. The characters are amazingly well-developed following a believable story line. I was especially impressed with how well the author handled life's challenges spread out between several key characters; Downing didn't overburden the main character (Liv). An

example is how Liv's roommate Anna struggled with her parents' expectations of her. I enjoyed every word and laughed aloud at times. I passed the book on to my teenage daughter and look forward to hearing her assessment of this amazing book. A female of any age could enjoy this book, but it is especially appropriate for teenage girls who could reasonably experience 1) travel to a foreign country, 2) living with diverse people, 3) dating, 4) employment with a confusing boss, 5) questions about the future following high school, 6) uncertainty with relationships -- how best to be a friend, 7) moving beyond resentment, 8) differentiating between fantasy and reality in how we perceive others, 9) acceptance of self and others, and 10) disagreements with parents who feel they know what's best. Yup! All this and more is in the book. This is a pleasant, fun book to read, but a person will still be touched by the characters and the situations they find themselves in. Although the book is undoubtedly a light-read and at times, hilarious, it is also thought-provoking and substantial. Downing handles life's complexities in a fun, humorous way. From the main character's ability to handle difficult situations with levity, sensitivity, and penache, a young reader may gain a perspective on life and feel reassured about the uncertain years ahead. I look forward to reading more books by this author. Great job, Ms. Downing!

Dancing Queen by Erin Downing is, in a word, fun. Olivia can't wait to go to London. Not only will she be working at the hottest music television station in England, but she'll be following in the footsteps of her late mother. She brings her enthusiasm and her music knowledge - and, unfortunately, her tendency to spaz. She hoped to be rubbing elbows with the pop elite at her new job. The first celebrity she runs into - almost literally so - is Josh Cameron, a singer who is as charming as he is famous. He is cool, calm and collected, standing upright; she is flustered, having issues with a revolving door and has fallen on her rear. She is embarrassed; he is amused. No one is more surprised than Liv when Josh keeps in touch with her and asks her out. London life has a lot to offer Liv. She loves her job, but must work long days for a demanding boss. The small-town American girl also has to deal with her roommates: one high-maintenance girl from Texas, the other a sweet soul from Sweden. Then a VJ contest is announced at work, psyching up all of the interns. Will Olivia think of something that will get her noticed, or will her performance fall flat? When Josh finally finds the time to pencil her into his busy schedule, can she admit to him - and herself - that their relationship is headed nowhere? Dancing Queen is filled with music references, making readers want to get up and dance. A song title is assigned to every chapter, and the title song Dancing Queen by ABBA plays a major role throughout the story. The author even created an iMix on iTunes - Erin's Dancing Queen Playlist. If you love music - If you wish you could work at MTV - If you truly

listen to your heart -If you like the film What a Girl Wants -Get Dancing Queen by Erin Downing and prepare to boogie!

Seventeen-year-old Olivia has barely been out of her native Ann Arbor, so when she lands a summer internship in London at the hottest TV music station, she can't wait. Of course, her first day on foreign soil, she ends up knocked over by a revolving door in front of the hottest male rock star of the moment: Josh Cameron. Combined with her hah-ri-bul Texas beauty queen roommate, Liv thinks that this is not quite the auspicious start she had hoped for. But her other roommate, a sweet Swedish girl, becomes her ally, and the other interns are fun to hang out with. Plus, Liv is the assistant to the head of the entire station. So when she and Josh meet again, and he asks her out, it's like the icing on the cake. Who wouldn't want to go clubbing and dancing with the hottest rock star at the hippest spots? But slowly, Liv realizes that Josh seems a little to phony -- and self-absorbed. As much as she loves his attention, she's not sure he's the one for her. Even if the music scene isn't your thing, this book, with great characters, a fun plot, and a great message, will be.

Simon Pulse Romantic Comedies are always a fun read. These books are not necessarily the best written novels but the stories are always fun and you know you will get a happy ending. I think some adult romances could take a note from these books b/c they are characterized well which is much of the battle in writing any novel since you want your characters, for the most part, to be endearing and relatable.

Liv has a summer internship in London for Music Mix where she meets celebrity Josh Cameron and the very cute London local Colin. Both boys are competing for her attention. Dancing Queen is a fun, easy read. I found myself laughing out loud quite a few times. The best part though is the playlist. Here's an idea for anyone who reads this: take all of the song titles from the beginning of the chapters and make a cd. All except the song "You're so vain" (it makes no sense... why wouldn't he think the song is about him? it is). Have fun!

Although the book is a fun read, the story teaches a lot about coping. This is definitely an invaluable book for teenage girls.

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