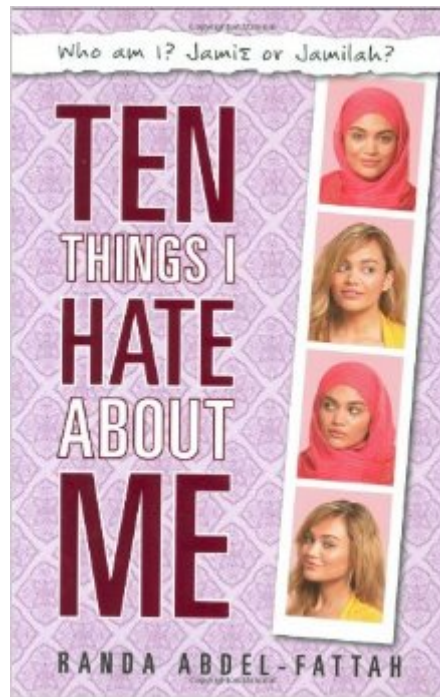


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Ten Things I Hate About Me



Synopsis

Randa Abdel-Fattah's new novel about about finding your place in life . . . and learning to accept yourself and your culture."At school I'm Aussie-blond Jamie -- one of the crowd. At home I'm Muslim Jamilah -- driven mad by my Stone Age dad. I should win an Oscar for my acting skills. But I can't keep it up for much longer..."Jamie just wants to fit in. She doesn't want to be seen as a stereotypical Muslim girl, so she does everything possible to hide that part of herself. Even if it means pushing her friends away because she's afraid to let them know her dad forbids her from hanging out with boys or that she secretly loves to play the darabuka (Arabic drums).

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Age Range: 12 and up

Grade Level: 7 and up

Customer Reviews

This review has been crossposted from my blog at [The Cosy Dragon.com](#). Please head there for more in-depth reviews by me, which appear on a timely schedule. Highschool is hard. Being a 16 year old is hard. Losing your mother is hard. And if your heritage happens to be Lebanese-Muslim, then you've got little chance of attracting the hottest guy in your grade. Unless you're Jamie/Jamilah - in which case you need to beat him off with a stick because no-one knows who you really are. Jamilah is a frustrating protagonist, but also a very understandable one. At the same time that I wanted to beat her around the head for being an idiotic, moon-struck teenager, I wanted to hug her

and tell her to go get out in the world! Sometimes I found it hard to believe that Jamilah is 16. She doesn't seem to have enough responsibility, or enough personality to be that old. That's even with her father being ultra protective of her. The contrasts between the way siblings are treated holds true across most families. There's always a favourite - or a 'perfect child'. And Jamilah is forced into that role of being perfect, but she finds it increasingly hard to keep that. There are some morals in this novel, which you could easily put aside if they didn't suit your purposes. Not doing drugs, smoking killing you off, taking an active stance against things, not making out with boys - all these things have value and worth, but aren't going to appeal to everyone. This is a very good read, and would resonate with teenagers, regardless of their background. Boy troubles, and being yourself, are something that many teenagers face. If not all. There's something universal in this book, and it wouldn't matter if you were in Australia or the US.

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