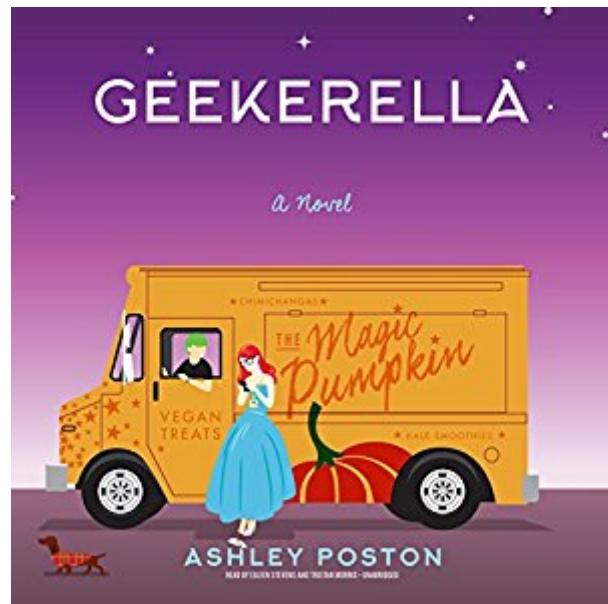


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Geekerella: A Novel



Synopsis

Geek girl Elle Wittimer lives and breathes Starfield, the classic science-fiction series she grew up watching with her late father. So when she sees a cosplay contest for a new Starfield movie, she has to enter. The prize? An invitation to the ExcelsiCon Cosplay Ball and a meet-and-greet with the actor slated to play Federation Prince Carmindor in the reboot. With savings from her gig at the Magic Pumpkin food truck and her dad's old costume, Elle's determined to win - unless her stepsisters get there first. Teen actor Darien Freeman used to live for cons - before he was famous. Now they're nothing but autographs and awkward meet-and-greets. Playing Carmindor is all he has ever wanted, but Starfield fandom has written him off as just another dumb heartthrob. As ExcelsiCon draws near, Darien feels more and more like a fake - until he meets a girl who shows him otherwise. But when she disappears at midnight, will he ever be able to find her again? Part-romance, part-love letter to nerd culture, and all totally adorbs, Geekerella is a fairy tale for anyone who believes in the magic of fandom.

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Customer Reviews

*****4.5 stars*****I read this book because of two reasons: one, I had to pick a book for my friend's book club this month and, since I saw so many people raving about Geekerella, I thought it'd be the perfect book for us to read. The second reason was because of its title and blurb. It screams all things geeky and nerdy! And I'm a huge nerd and love all things fandom related, so I knew I had to get my hands on a copy of this book. The book

said this story was part love letter to nerd culture and that statement couldn't be more accurate! She reaches out to take the jacket. I hesitate for a moment, like Frodo with his Ring, but then I remember how much crap Frodo walked into and I'd rather not end up like Frodo. So I give it to Sage. My favorite aspect of the novel was the nerdy dialogue between the two main characters. It was so utterly geeky that I couldn't stop laughing and nodding my head in agreement with the characters. It touched that nerdy part of my heart effortlessly. Before I say any more, let me tell you a little about this book, without any spoilers, of course. So, our main heroine—Danielle, or as we know her by, Elle—is living with her stepmother, whom she called stepmonster, and her two evil stepsisters. She works at the magic pumpkin, a vegan food truck that she works at frequently to get away from her family and to make enough money so she can get away from them and go to ExcelsiCon—a con that was founded by her father, who has passed away years ago. She gets a text from a stranger, asking to get in touch with her father, but she tells him that it's the wrong number. Darien, the new lead of the reboot of her favorite fandom/TV show, is in need of a friend and sees one in Elle—who doesn't know who he really is. They keep texting each other and form a friendship that grows to more. Elle, we might not know much about each other, and I might not be there, and you might not be here, but I'm glad I share this sky with you.-Maybe we should start looking up together, ahahaha. If you haven't guessed yet, this book is a Cinderella re-telling, but with a nerdy twist. It's laugh-out-loud funny, adorable, and utterly charming! I can't remember the last time I laughed so hard reading a book! I thought Elle, our heroine, would be my favorite character but I honestly found her a bit harsh at times, mostly when she criticized Darien—before she knew who he was—for not being the perfect guy for the role of Carmidor, but I still really loved her character regardless. Darien stole the show for me, though. He was soooo geeky! And nerdy! And he made both my heart soar and my chest hurt from laughing so much from him commentary and inner monologue. He was perfect and I loved him! Jess paints a pretty picture of an orchestra, but if we are one, then I'm the first chair violinist who's been doused in gasoline and handed a match by the fans to watch me play while going up in flames. Another thing I love about this book? All the diversity the author added into the book. Darien isn't just another white actor, adored by millions (Not saying there's anything wrong with white actors) He's black and, as someone who reads hundreds of books, it's nice seeing a main character who's a different color, other than white. I'm Hispanic, so I like when I can read about different characters of different races. And I especially like that he was the main hero and not a secondary character. Also,

there's a lesbian couple in this novel! "won't mention who, since it'd spoil the book a little" but they are the cutest couple ever! I just love when an author isn't afraid to make their characters diverse and realizes that love is blind to things like race and gender. I hope you get what I mean! Overall, this book was fantastic! I actually want to re-read it, since it was so funny, geeky, and good, which is rare for me since I don't re-read books often. If you love geeky books with a romantic twist, I highly recommend this one! Or if you're a love of YA fiction, I highly recommend this book as well! I promise you, you'll love it and will want to swoon over how freaking adorable it is! A fluffy, feel-good book that will make anyone want to smile, laugh, and geek out! *Look to the stars. Aim. Ignite.*

Actual Rating: 4.5 stars
Geekerella is a modern-day Cinderella fairytale featuring Danielle, or Ella, who resides with her "stepmonster" and evil twin step-sisters. This book has everything from teen heart throbs, bloggers, CONS, witchy evil characters who are mean, and moments that touch the reader's heart. The great thing about this book is the total geekiness/fandom the story provides. First, it is a retelling of Cinderella. Ella does everything in the house, while trying to retain memories of her deceased parents. Ella tries to actively keep their memory alive, while the Stepmonster tries desperately to squash it out of Ella like some fly buzzing around a summer cake. Second, it has a mysterious budding friendship between Ella and THE Darien Freeman, who in this story, is kind of a big deal. Ella cannot stand that Mr. Heartthrob with insured abs is cast as the lead character in Starfield, Carmindor. She rants and raves about it on her blog... needless to say... Darien actually texts Ella thinking she is her father and the two have a budding friendship, with developing feelings. And the kicker... he has no clue she is THE Reblegunner blogger squashing his name in this role, and she has no clue he is Darien Freeman. Of course, there are twists, and turns, and Ella goes to the ball, and then is grounded until death. But the adventures are fun and it turns into being a cute story that leaves the reader with feelings of joy and delight. This story is an easy read, the whole book flew by pretty quickly. I like when books are just easy. Having said that, I wish there were a bit more challenges for Ella to overcome. Sure, glass slippers, and hopelessly devoted Carmindors are searching the States for Ella to confess their young love to, but I wish some of the interactions between "Stepmonster", Catherine, and Ella were more indicative of the crap relationship enslaving Ella. Sure, Catherine is a witch with a capital B, but Ella was a spitfire and sometimes talked back. So I wanted MORE to go down between the two of them. Also, the last chapter or two, just breezed by eight months later... and I wish that was also a bit more dramatic than what it is lead to believe.

The book follows the POV of Darien and Ella, and sometimes it focused too much on the little things, so when the drama did happen, it fizzled pretty quickly and didn't pack quite the punch it could have. BUT. It was still a cute story, and I am still giving a decent rating. It was still entertaining, and one part in particular really had me teary. And when a book makes me cry, it gets a higher rating. We all need an ugly cry from time to time. Finally, I loved what the book means for nerd girls. Ella was this nerdy girl who really thought she was a nobody throughout the ENTIRE story. It took all of her challenges she did go through like befriending a moody coworker, helping create a cosplay costume, dealing with stepmonster and the evil twins, introducing others to the glory of Starfield, and making unconventional friends from the stars. In Darien's case, he sometimes came off whiney and I am not sure why it took him so long to take a stand. I felt that the drama between him and Brian could have been better written because it read weird. But I liked Darien. Closet geek. Those are the best. And remember, look to the stars. Aim. Ignite.

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