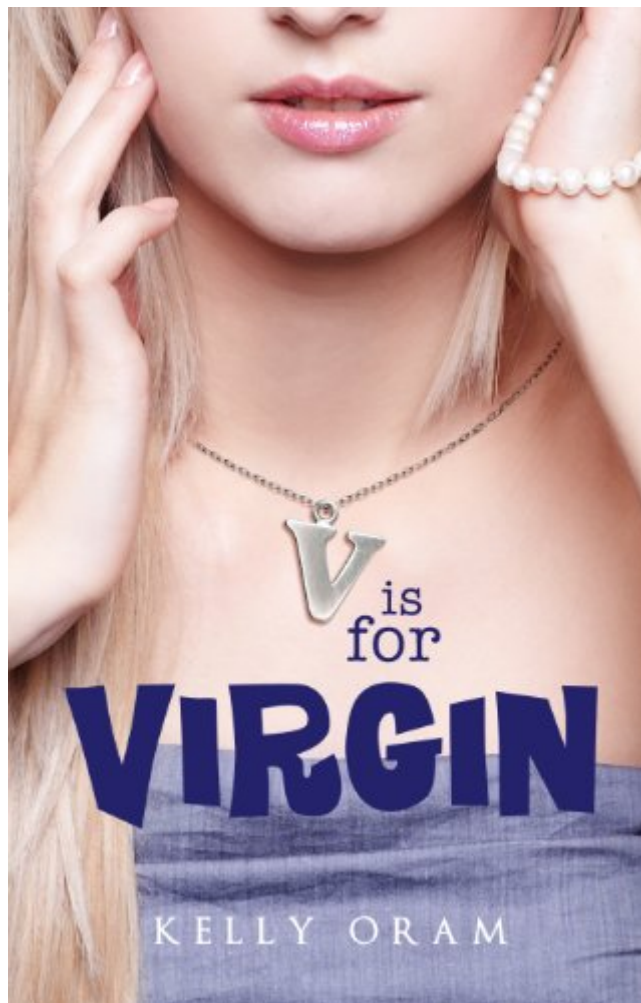


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V Is For Virgin (V Is For Virgin #1)



Synopsis

"You haven't seen Tralse's website today." She said it as a statement, not a question. Without saying another word—Robin apparently there were none to explain the coming horror—Robin surfed over to Tralse's website. Aside from having posted videos from the concert last night of their new song, Kyle had posted a new blog. "Ten reasons why Virgin Val sucks?" I screeched. A couple walking past the store looked up, startled, so I bit my tongue to keep from spouting profanities of my own. I clicked on the blog. There was no way to make myself not click on it. The Top Ten Reasons Why Virgin Val Sucks¹⁰. She called me a one-hit-wonder.⁹ She doesn't appreciate the endearing nickname I gave her.⁸ She makes me write stupid blogs about her at four in the morning.⁷ She's encouraging people not to have sex.⁶ She blew me off when I asked her out.⁵ She has a crush on a douche bag.⁴ She won't answer any of my calls.³ She's such a tease with her look-but-don't-touch policy.² I played a whole effing concert just for her and she didn't come even though she told me she would. (You're such a liar!) And the #1 reason why Virgin Val sucks? I still want her anyway. A full minute of silence passed with me simply staring at the computer screen, blinking over and over, hoping that the next time my eyes closed the blog would disappear. "It's actually very sweet—!" Robin said. "If you think about it." My jaw, which had already fallen slack, hit the floor as I gaped at her. "Sweet?" I choked on the word. "I'm going to KILL him!"—From the best selling YA romance author of *The Avery Shaw Experiment* comes a wildly funny and heart-melting rockstar romance. Kyle Hamilton is the quintessential bad boy, but Val Jensen is not your typical good girl. When Val gets dumped for her decision to stay a virgin until marriage, the nasty breakup goes viral on YouTube, making her the latest internet sensation. After days of ridicule from her peers, Val starts a school-wide campaign to rally support for her cause. She meant to make a statement, but she never dreamed the entire nation would get caught up in the controversy. As if becoming nationally recognized as "Virgin Val" isn't enough, Val's already hectic life starts to spin wildly out of control when bad boy Kyle Hamilton, lead singer for the hit rock band Tralse, decides to take her abstinence as a personal challenge. How can a girl stay true to herself when this year's Sexiest Man Alive is doing everything in his power to win her over? V is for Virgin will have you laughing out loud, crying, falling in love, and desperate for More. Luckily it's part of a complete series. Look for the newly-released sequel, *A is for Abstinence*, told entirely from Kyle's point of view! Literary achievements: V is for Virgin was a Whitney Award Finalist in 2013 for Best Young Adult Contemporary! Complete series: V is for Virgin A is for Abstinence

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Customer Reviews

I really enjoyed this book. Wasn't totally blown away by it or anything, but I found it to be interesting and entertaining. I really liked the interactions between Valerie and Kyle. I thought their chemistry was fun to read about and I found myself looking forward to their next meeting. I felt like a lot in the story was hard to believe, but then how many success stories seem real when you first hear about them? I felt like the author did a good job of showing how much stress the success of her jewelry line and her commitment to the nonprofit organization ended up putting on Valerie, as well as how it affected her relationships and her life. While I wasn't thrilled with the ending, it did make me want to read the second book to see if it goes into more detail about how things turned out. Altogether, I found this to be a fun read with a good message about being true to yourself and not letting other people's opinions change your beliefs.

So first off, I'm a fan of Kelly Oram. I have read most of her books so I fully expected to like this one. And I was right. The thing of Kelly's books is there is

always some very intricate deep issue going on, and she tells the story in such a way to really make you think about it from another perspective. Take for instance this book, the virgin thing. This is a huge deal in high school. I haven't met anyone who didn't take this decision incredibly serious. And I love how she wrote Val. How she was embarrassed about it at first but she still stuck to her guns, and even went so far as to make it into a movement. The only issue I had, which was so minor as to barely warrant a mention, was how fast everything blew up. She got famous sooo quickly and I found that a bit hard to swallow. But whatever, that wasn't really the main focus of the story anyway. I mean, it kinda was, but everything would have happened regardless so I dismissed it. Kyle was the predictable bad boy. Snarky, disrespectful and entirely too self centered. As a rock star I can totally see how everyone giving into his wants would make him expect it. But he went too far in my opinion, and his sweet moments were too far and few between for me to really think he was sincere. It was Cara that really pissed me off. I couldn't believe how the best friend could turn into her enemy so quickly. I found her selfish and controlling. And she was determined to have what she wanted regardless of her BEST FRIENDS convictions. She just didn't care. And she tried to use emotional blackmail to get her way which was an immediate deal breaker for me. What kind of friend doesn't support you, especially at your most vulnerable. At that point she was irredeemable and I was glad when Val told her off. What a brat! The ending was so refreshing. I can't really say much more without it being spoilery so you should just go read it to find out.

What I Loved: Well, for starters I loved Val from the start! She was such a strong person with convictions that I could relate to. I had a somewhat similar experience to her, not in the standing on lunchroom tables sort of way, but I did have my best friend at the time basically indicate that I either hung out with her new group of friends, (and partook of the drugs and alcohol) or I didn't. I didn't and I wouldn't all through Jr High and High School. I grew up with that stuff around me so I knew what the results could bring, I wanted nothing to do with it. So I just didn't. I didn't get ridiculed for it, but I did lose someone who was very important to me. Anyhow, I digress, I loved Val not only because she was strong, but because she was funny. She was quick witted, and passionate. All admirable qualities. I looooooved the heat between Val and Kyle. I'm a little bit of a sucker for the all up in your personal space kind of passion. I enjoy it in books almost as much as I enjoy it when my

husband surprises me like that. And that is pretty much Kyle's signature move. I think the issue of being/feeling pressured to have sex as a teenager is tackled pretty well in this book. It is a BIG deal. And honestly, I hated how many of the characters were portrayed as whining that they weren't getting any because being special. And I mean really special? Not something that is expected of you with every passing boyfriend or girlfriend. I felt like both ends of the spectrum were laid out pretty well. I felt like my personal convictions were adequately portrayed as well as how others feel on the matter. A very fair assessment. Not So Much: I didn't realize when I picked this book up that it was a part of a series. (If two books can be considered a series.) The first book stands alone well enough, but no one is NOT going to want to pick up A is for Abstinence. But I really wanted it to be a stand alone. ::insert my own pouty face here:: The Verdict: Go buy Kelly Oram's books! Clearly this particular book has sex talk in it but it is a clean book. Good for teens.

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