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## **Editorial Review**

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Having grown up in the shadow of her big brother, a school legend, Laurel is thrilled when one of her stories for the school paper wins acclaim. Eager to repeat her success, Laurel writes a piece about cheating after she observes one classmate slip test answers to another. The reaction to this story is totally different. "Lighten up," her friend tells her. "It's no big deal." Laurel is dismayed because "dishonesty is dishonesty." An anonymous tip points Laurel to a bigger cheating scandal, but her investigation leads her straight to people she cares about, and suddenly the issue is far from black and white. This Orca Currents title for low-level readers focuses on issues teens will care about. Laurel's clandestine probing provides plenty of plot tension, and her discoveries will keep readers guessing about larger mysteries. Readers will want to discuss the issue of cheating, its ramifications, and Laurel's final choices about turning people in. Grades 5-8. --Lynn Rutan

Review

"Short, quick chapters are propelled by frenetic action... True to life, this book does not offer a tidy, Pollyanna-ish conclusion; Laurel comes to learn from this experience a difficult lesson at a great expense. A speedy read." (*Kirkus Reviews* 2010-09-15)

"Well suited to its intended audience... With its succinct text, short chapters, and emphasis on contemporary teen issues, *Cheat* should be popular with reluctant young adult readers... Recommended." (*CM Magazine* 2010-09-24)

"Butcher's portrayal of high school cheating is believable, with actual consequences... The pacing will keep reluctant readers hooked until the very end." (*School Library Journal* 2011-02-01)

"A realistic portrayal of high school students' attitudes towards cheating... This is a well written narrative that will challenge readers to make a decision about what's right and what's wrong. Recommended." (*Library Media Connection* 2011-01-01)

"It was easy to get caught up in this book—enough suspense to keep the story moving briskly along. A good hi-low read for teens." (*Puget Sound Council for Reviewing Children's Media* 2011-04-01)

"Butcher offers an insightful look into the ethics and morals of high school students... The short book really lends itself to a good discussion." (*PSLA Top Forty* 2011-06-01)

From the Back Cover

"Nobody likes a snitch. Unless you're looking to become a total outcast, let it go." Laurel discovers a passion for investigative journalism. Eager to write articles with impact, she launches an investigation of a cheating scam at her high school. She discovers the cheating is widespread—more than she'd ever imagined. Caught up in the search for the truth, Laurel is willing to commit social suicide to get the story. But her ultimate discovery changes everything.

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