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Editorial Review

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Isabelle Scott, 15, lives with her grandmother in Harborview, a down-market North Carolina boardwalk town. Between swimming, working, and spending time with friends, life is fine—if only Gram wasn't going downhill mentally. Gram has made arrangements, however, and when she is unable to care for her granddaughter, Izzie finds herself living in posh Emerald Cove with relatives she has never met before. Calonita wades into soapy territory here, especially as Izzie and her same-age cousin, Mirabelle, try to make it work at home and in school, but the story is told with plenty of panache. There's a secret that frames the narrative, and which is pretty easy to figure out. The fish-out-of-water elements have the most bang, complete with designer names, catty social clubs, and forbidden romance. A political campaign also plays a role. Told in alternating chapters by Izzie and Mira, this dual perspective adds an effective layer to the story. Grades 7-12. --Ilene Cooper

Review

Praise for *Belles*:

"*Belles* is a must-read, full of scandals, sisterhood, Southern charm, and secrets!"

?**Sara Shepard, #1 bestselling author of the *Pretty Little Liars* series**

"Proving Southern belles can backstab with the best of 'em, Jen Calonita weaves a soapy tale that keeps you guessing from beginning to end."?**Kate Brian, New York Times bestselling author of the *Private* and *Privilege* series**

"A page-turner that has it all--tingly romance, shocking secrets, and tons of heart. You're going to love it."?**Sarah Mlynowski, author of *Gimme a Call* and *Ten Things We Did (and Probably Shouldn't Have)***

"This adorable, heartwarming book is pure beach-ready fun."?**Justine**

"*Belles* is a near-perfect girly contemporary YA.... there's plenty of action and glamour to keep the pages turning."?**iheartmylibrary.com**

From the Author

I can't wait for you guys to meet my newest characters, Isabelle Monroe and Mirabelle Monroe! I love how the girls' different experiences and backgrounds influence each other in this new series. I hope you enjoy the world of Emerald Cove!

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Sherry Stevens:

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