

Nikki is a 14 year old teenager who has a passion for art. She's been going to art camp for 5 years. She loves to draw. She is

Mackenzie Hollister

The most popular girl at Westchester Country Day and the leader of the CCP (Cute, Cool & Popular) Clique. Mackenzie is wealthy, spoiled and self-centered. She has a locker next to Nikki's. MacKenzie always wears top designer outfits, carries expensive bags and wears a lot of lip gloss. She has a crush on Brandon Roberts and tries to flirt with him by twirling her hair whenever possible.

new at Westchester Day Middle School. Nikki feels so out of place, in the middle of all the fabulous clothes and hair. So she spends most of her time writing in her diary. Her crush is Brandon Roberts. Her best friends are Chloe Christina Garcia (Chloe is an avid reader and loves young adult romances. She is a self-proclaimed expert on guys and dating and works in the library with Nikki and Zoey. She is Hispanic and has long hair with bangs.) and Zoeysha (Zoey) Ebony Franklin (Known as Zoey and is also Nikki's best friend. Super smart and also an avid reader, she

loves self-help books and is a self-proclaimed expert in psychology. Zoey works in the school library with Nikki and Chloe. She is African-American and has medium length hair and bangs.) Nikki has to deal with a locker next to Mackenzie Hollister, the queen bee. Nikki also has an annoying 6 year old little sister named Brianna, who is afraid of the tooth fairy.

Popularity

The popularity of Dork Diaries has sky rocketed. Now, for the Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards 2011, Dork Diaries has been nominated for an award! And, the books have been published in 22 countries and in 18

languages. It has spent 34 weeks on the New York Times Bestsellers list. Many people enjoy reading the books. Here' is what Adey age 22, had to say. "I think that Dork Diaries gives girls a fun and cool insight into middle school. I know it doesn't happen that way all the time, but we all need to laugh about it, right?" There are approximately 700,000 copies of Book 1 in print and approximately 500,000 copies of Book 2 in print in the United States.

Inspiration and More about the Author!

Rachel R. Russell's inspiration for writing this book was just from her own experiences and her daughter's experiences in middle school. She said that when she was in sixth grade, she wrote her first book for her two younger brothers. She has two daughters, Erin and Nikki. Nikki is the one that helps with illustrations. Erin and Nikki have been two of the most major inspirations to their mother. She said in an interview that she is looking forward to adopting 3 new children. She has two dogs, a miniature poodle and a yorkie.

Well, now that you just got *schooled* in learning about Dork Diaries, it's time I asked you a very important question.

Are YOU a
DORK!?