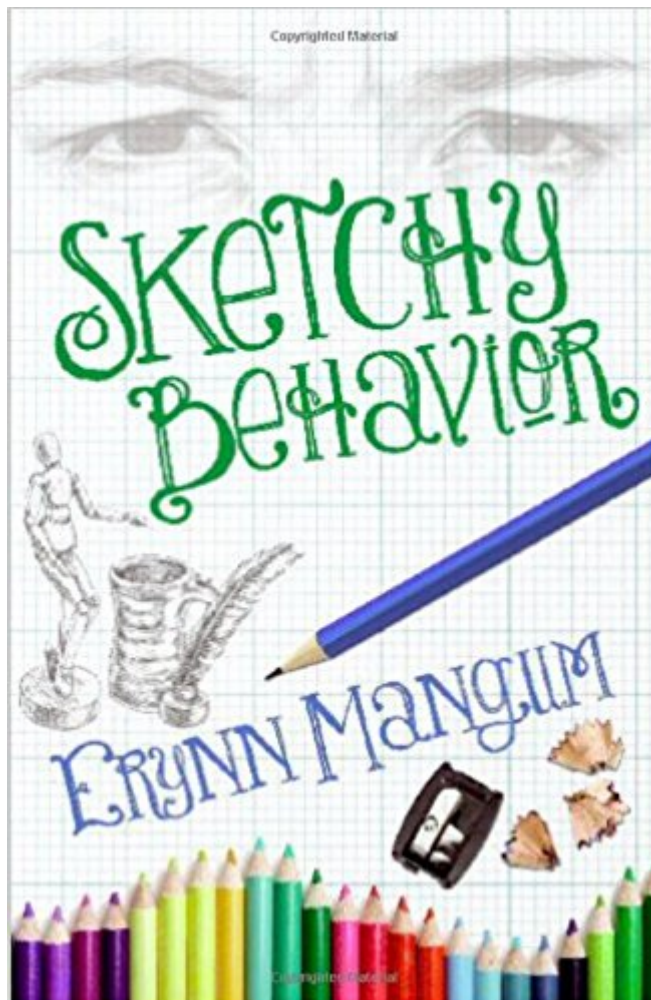


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Sketchy Behavior



Synopsis

Drawing Conclusions or Drafting Disaster? Other than harboring a somewhat obsessive fondness for Crispix and completely swearing-off boys after a bad date (don't ask), sixteen-year-old Kate Carter is about as ordinary as they come, except for her two notable talents: art and sarcasm. After an introduction to forensic sketching in her elective art class, Kate discovers a third and most unexpected gift: criminal profiling. Her photo-quality sketch helps the police catch a wanted murderer and earns her celebrity status in South Woodhaven Falls. But when that murderer appears to be using his friends to exact revenge, Kate goes from local hero to possible target. Will she manage to survive? Will life ever be normal again? And will local news anchor Ted Deffle ever stop sending her flowers?

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Customer Reviews

Sixteen-year-old Kate Carter sees her life as typical and unremarkable. Her days are filled with school, homework, and television viewing with her best friend, Maddy. Having sworn off dating after one disastrous experience, she has a pleasant, if perfunctory, relationship with her parents, and only the vaguest sense of who God might be. This all changes dramatically after her well-meaning art teacher introduces Kate and her classmates to forensic sketching. Before Kate knows it, her sketch of a notorious murderer is making headlines. As Kate loses her anonymity and her sense of security, she and her mother begin to seek spiritual solace at church, and soon Kate finds herself engrossed by the Psalms and Gospel of Luke. Additionally, Kate's world opens up beyond the confines of her friendship with Maddy, and she meets a boy who might even make her reconsider

her dating ban. Though it is occasionally difficult to suspend disbelief, especially when a sketch artist gets such sustained celebrity treatment, Kate's wit and self-deprecation, combined with Mangum's entertaining take on the crime thriller genre, make for pleasurable reading.

(Publishers Weekly)

Erynn Mangum is the author of the Miss Match and the Cool Beans series. She's nuts about all things coffee, is crazy for pink, and adores the Food Network. Erynn lives with her husband, Jon, and their son in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Erynn Mangum has been one of my favorite authors ever since a friend recommended MISS MATCH to me a couple years ago. SKETCHY BEHAVIOR continues to deliver the quirky humor and drama of life while moving into some new territory. Kate Carter loves art. Even though her dad wants to see her follow in the Carter family name and become some kind of engineer, that doesn't set too well with Kate. But now she's rethinking her passions. When a simple class assignment in sketching criminals leads to the arrest of a major serial killer, Kate doesn't know what to do. News reporters cover her front lawn. The police applaud. The world seems grateful and relieved. But the killer wants revenge. And now he's sending his friends after Kate. The question is: how long can Kate keep up her "I'm fine" excuse before everything crumbles? And how long will it take before the killer finds his next target: Kate Carter? SKETCHY BEHAVIOR aims to please a slightly different crowd than her previous two series did. Mangum leaves behind the twenty-something world of romance and life and enters a more suspense-driven young adult realm. Coming in less than 250 pages, this is definitely for a younger crowd, and older fans might not go for the more high-school-esque feel. The book is much more plot-driven than any of Mangum's previous titles, and she pulls off the smattering of action scenes fairly well. There's even a couple of interesting twists near the end that will leave readers flipping pages faster and faster to see what happens next. Romance doesn't make it's way into this novel, and fans of COOL BEANS or REMATCH might miss these elements. Mangum's strong suits are always in characters, and she definitely delivers here. Kate is fun to follow around, and just as spunky as Maya Davis or Lauren Holbrook. Some of my favorite moments take place in Kate's first interactions with church -- trying to understand the different quirks and nuances of the service. And as usual, I found myself laughing out loud at Kate and her antics. The surrounding cast is just as fun -- from a psychiatrist mother to a logical and over-protective father -- Mangum gives us plenty to laugh along with. Her villain is pretty terrifying, and definitely sounds like something stepping right out of the news and into Kate's backyard. This

book felt like a step in a good direction, keeping a complicated and realistic main character, while giving us a little action and intrigue. Teen fans of light-hearted suspense will enjoy this latest Mangum outing and be left hoping for more.

Sketchy Behavior had me going from beginning to end. Katie was a great character in this book. From reading how she sketched and getting into her head while she was sketching was great. I loved her dad I thought he was funny walking around with the gun all the time. While this was a very serious matter that went on with the story line you didn't feel it as much as I thought you would. I hope that Erynn Mangum is writing more to this story. Love her books and the way she writes them.

While different in tone from her Lauren Holbrook and Maya Davis series, Sketchy Behavior is no less pleasing than Erynn Mangum's previous novels. The premise--a high school student who draws a forensic sketch that helps capture the criminal, must then deal with the fallout from said sketch--is quite compelling and the characters amusing and quirky in their own rights. All in all, another great book by Erynn Mangum.

This mystery is so compelling with twists and turns throughout. There are murders and romance with some humorous dialogue. The characters are colorful and realistic. There is emotional intensity and a surprise climax. It is a wonderful story and a really good read.

I absolutely LOVED this book. It was amazing, and I really like this author. A must read for action lovers

I really loved this when I started reading it but the ending seemed too short and left some key details and what seemed to be potential significant themes and parts of the story unfinished (I won't specify so there's no spoilers). Disappointing but for the most part a pretty good read.

Oh my gosh this book is so cool! It was really humorous, and action packed. I felt like I was there. The ending will leave you shocked and sad that it's ending ;(I love this book and I recommend it to any age but I am not a fan of the beginning.

I bought this for me, but because the lead character is a teen, I shared it with my 13 yr old granddaughter. We both loved it. Fast paced and smart with strong parent support-- it shows that

even children are perceptive and gifts of observation that can be helpful.

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