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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 8 Up—Sixteen-year-old Riley is pretty happy with her life so far. She has her best friends Lucy and Reid; their band, the Gold Diggers, is getting better; and school is not horrible. After walking in on Lucy and their other bandmate Nathan, Riley and Reid decide they need to do something to bring a bit of romance into their own lives. They make a pact: help each other with their respective crushes and document everything in a notebook. Reid tries to overcome his insecurity and anxiety; Riley gets in over her head with three different guys—Garrick, Milo, and her crush, Ted. While trying to figure out what to do about the men in her life, Riley also avoids Lucy, feeling like they no longer know each other. The band starts to take off but everything gets jumbled as emotions escalate and things get complicated. Then the notebook disappears and Riley and Reid must tell the people closest to them the truth. Character-driven enough to keep the story moving, this book will appeal most to teenagers questioning and exploring romantic relationships. Sex does happen in this story, more than once, along with a small amount of drinking. Most readers will find the notebook entries (done in a handwriting-like font) humorous and relate to the confusing feelings that come from acting on a crush or trying to date in high school. VERDICT Recommended for teens looking for realistic stories without a hefty amount of drama.—Natalie Struecker, Rock Island Public Library, IL

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Praise for *Kissing Ted Callahan*:

A 2016 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults Selection

"A not-so-fluffy chick-lit offering rife with angst, rock 'n' roll and lots of kissing."

?**Kirkus Reviews**

"It's refreshing to see a boy-girl friendship built on mutual support that doesn't drift into romance...Riley's voice is irreverent and funny."?**Publishers Weekly**

"Riley and Reid are witty and believable, and Spalding's story has tons of teen appeal."?**VOYA**

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"Riley and I became besties immediately...I cackled (and maybe even snorted) my way through this novel in one afternoon, but don't let that fool you. There's plenty of substance in Riley's story, and her trials and tribulations strike an authentic chord that can still be heard over the din of laughter."?**Sarah Pitre, Forever Young Adult**

"I laughed so hard I cried. Twice. I have a major crush on Ted Callahan."?**Stephanie Perkins, New York Times bestselling author of *Anna and the French Kiss* and *Lola and the Boy Next Door***

"*Kissing Ted Callahan (and Other Guys)* is hugely fun and full of our favorite things: secrets, shenanigans, and SO many cute boys."?**Heather Cocks and Jessica Morgan, authors of *Spoiled* and *Messy***

About the Author

Amy Spalding grew up in St. Louis, but now lives in the better weather of Los Angeles. She received a B.A. in Advertising & Marketing Communications from Webster University, an M.A. in Media Studies from The New School, and currently manages digital media planning for an advertising agency specializing in indie film. Amy studied longform improv at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre, and can be seen performing around L.A. Amy is the author of *Kissing Ted Callahan (and Other Guys)*, *The Reece Malcolm List*, *Ink Is Thicker than Water*, and the forthcoming *The New Guy (and Other Senior Year Distractions)*, coming in 2016.

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