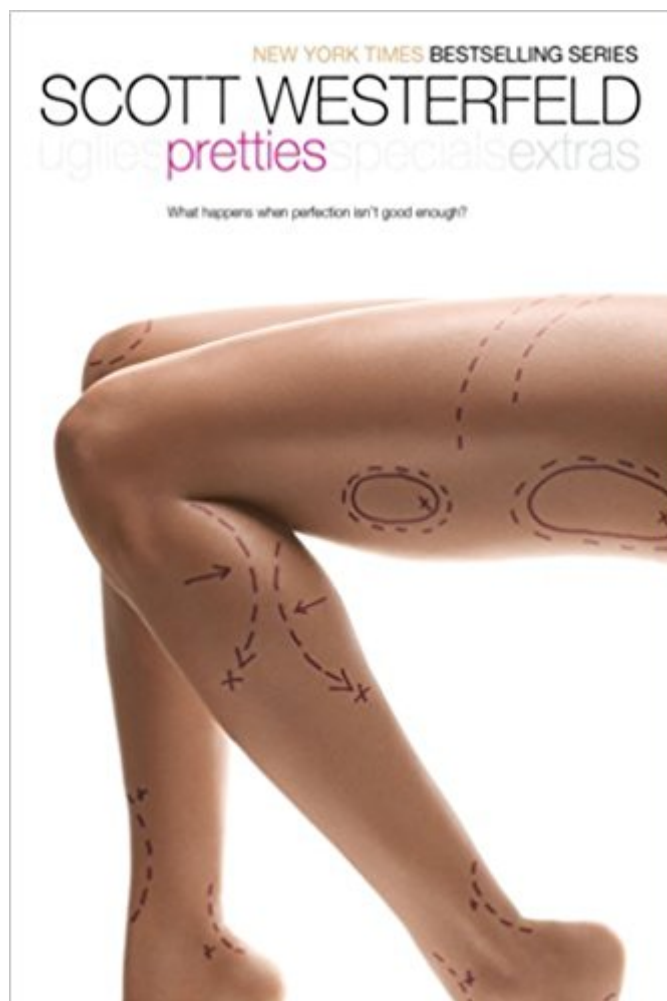


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Pretties (Uglies)



Synopsis

In Tally's world, your 16th birthday brings an operation that turns you from a repellant Ugly into a stunningly attractive Pretty, and catapults you into a high-tech paradise where your only job is having a really good time. Just before her birthday, Tally discovered that turning Pretty comes with a terrible price. She vowed to accept the operation, but with the understanding that her friends on the outside would rescue her, and let her be the guinea pig for the experimental and highly dangerous cure they're developing. But in the second book of the Uglies series, Tally's Pretty. And everything's changed. The new, Pretty Tally is totally happy right where she is. She doesn't think she needs any kind of cure at all. When someone from her Ugly life shows up with a message, Tally has a hard time listening. Did she really promise to give all this up? Is she bound by a promise she made when she was a different person? If there is anything left of the old Tally, how will she fight her way out to keep her word and help her friends?

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This sequel to Uglies (S & S, 2005) continues to provide a gripping look at a dystopian future, but does not stand on its own. Tally, the protagonist of the first book, has forgotten

all that she did as an Ugly and has completely embraced the mindless life of a New Pretty, going to parties, drinking heavily, and thinking of nothing more than the next bit of entertainment. It is not until one of the Uglies from New Smoke comes and delivers a message for her that leads her to two pills, that she begins to remember the real reason she is Pretty: to see if the cure will work. Tally and her new boyfriend, Zane, each take one of the pills and both begin to stay focused for longer periods of time. Then he has a bad reaction to the pill, and Tally has to make a desperate attempt to get him to the only doctors who can help him—the ones outside the city. Westerfeld has built a masterfully complex and vivid civilization. His characters are multidimensional, especially Tally, who wrestles with what she has done in the past and what she will be forced to do in the future. Uglies and Pretties are both nearly impossible to put down. If you don't have the first one, make sure to purchase them both.

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Gr. 8-11. In this highly anticipated sequel to the hit *Uglies* 2005), Tally Youngblood struggles to retain her mental acuity after undergoing the operation that transformed her into a Pretty. While in the renegade Ugly community, Tally learned that along with cosmetic enhancements, new Pretties are given brain lesions that leave them in a perpetual state of lazy vanity. Tally volunteered to take a drug developed to cure the lesions, but now that she is a Pretty, she has forgotten her promise. A coded message leads her to some pills and a letter that she wrote to herself before her transformation, and after swallowing the cure, she is catapulted into a dangerous new adventure, in which she discovers that the peace and happiness of Pretty society come with a terrible price. Riveting and compulsively readable, this action-packed sequel does not disappoint. Just as good as its predecessor, it will leave fans breathlessly waiting for the trilogy's final volume.

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Tally is now a Pretty and she only has pretty concerns. What should I wear to the party, will the right click vote me in, etc. It has been a month since her surgery to become Pretty but something keeps nagging in the back of her mind. In her dreams the prince is Ugly how can that be it she is pretty now. She doesn't really remember her time before the surgery; it is foggy like a dream. She tells stories of going to the smoke and how she rescued Shay but they are stories and not completely true. At a party she follows someone dressed in a costume to look like Special Circumstances into

the stairwell. He is 'Ugly' it is a boy from her past with a note, but she has to find the note she has to think. Thinking is hard when you are pretty, there is always a fog but when the excitement is going and adrenaline is pumping thoughts become clearer. That is when Tally remembers bits from her past and David, why didn't David come for her? Why was it someone else? With the help of Zane another Pretty and leader of the Crims Tally struggles to remember who she was before the surgery and find a way to get free of New Pretty town. This was a good follow up to Uglies. The book was interesting; it is a look into the Pretty society and how it is kept in check. The way the Pretties are distracted from anything meaningful with parties, alcohol, dresses, and fashion fads. They are all too caught up in how they look and who their friends are they don't see how foggy their lives are. That we be due to a lesion on every pretty's brain that makes them compliant, not caring and amenable. Pretties don't argue yell question they are just pretty. I missed David this book he really doesn't come in until close to the end and you don't know what is going on with him. He and Tally had such a cute little beginning in Uglies and then nothing. She goes to New Pretty Town and basically forgets about him completely. She starts dating Zane and they are never without each other after spending a little time together in the beginning of the book trying to find the note Crom left for Tally. I really would have liked to have more time on the love story with David and Tally I never really liked the connection between Zane and Tally since it seemed almost formed during 'The Pretty Days' The reservation was interesting. I wanted to see more behind what they did with the information that they got from the people there. Maybe that is coming in the next book. Shay is an interesting character. She starts cutting herself so that she can become clear minded. I thought the author portrayed positive and negative ways to find clarity well. Tally did exciting things dangerous things but she did starve herself and drank way to much coffee. While Shay turned to hurting herself in order to think clearly. There are always multiple ways to get the same kind of high and the author present the light and dark side of that well imo. But again another cliff hanger at the end so I have to dive into the last book of this trilogy soon to get some resolution (I hope).

I remember when the Uglies series first began releasing when I was in high school. The shortened summary I saw in advertisements didn't seem appealing. In fact, all I gathered was "a future where everyone receives an operation to become pretty and flawless." That sounded boring to me. Not only that, but I never paid the series any attention. (apparently a friend tried to get me to read the series in college, but I don't remember maybe I already decided not to read it?) Regardless back of the book summaries are apparently important.

Anything I read about Uglies made me not think it sounded good and I was wrong. That said, Pretties was a great addition to the world that was set up in Uglies. It basically picks up right where we left off in the first book, or rather, not long after. Tally and another manage to find the cure from the first book and the rest of the book is what ensues after that. There was never a dull moment, but I did get tired of the “pretty” language. I understand why it was there. It was just annoying with everything being “pretty making,” “bubbly,” and “bogus,” among other terms. Either way, it was a great book and I am ready to read more. I only wish I had read them earlier!

In this sequel to Uglies, Tally has been turned into a pretty. At first, she seems to have forgotten her time in the Smoke, and the horrifying fact that the pretty surgery also adds lesions to your brain to make you more docile. When a member of the Smoke visits Tally and hints that there is a cure waiting for her, she is hesitant to check it out, but also feels more alive after a rush of adrenaline during their encounter. With her new boyfriend, Zane, she discovers the cure, but is afraid to take it, so they split the pills, which has a devastating effect on Zane. The book then spends time showing how Tally and her clique, the Crims all try to make themselves wake up from their Pretty minds. The way that the Pretties talk drives me crazy, and I swear I gave up on understanding what “bubbly making” was after a while. Then the escape comes - with Tally taking an off course adventure to a very primitive tribe of people, set up as some sort of experiment. I’m assuming we’ll hear more about these people in the later books, if not it was just an odd part of the book. In the end, Tally is reunited with the Smoke, only to realize that she’s inadvertently led the Specials to them again. Shay has become special and believes that Tally has betrayed her on more than one occasion. Tally is turned into a Special at the end of the book. I’ll read the next book to see what happens.

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