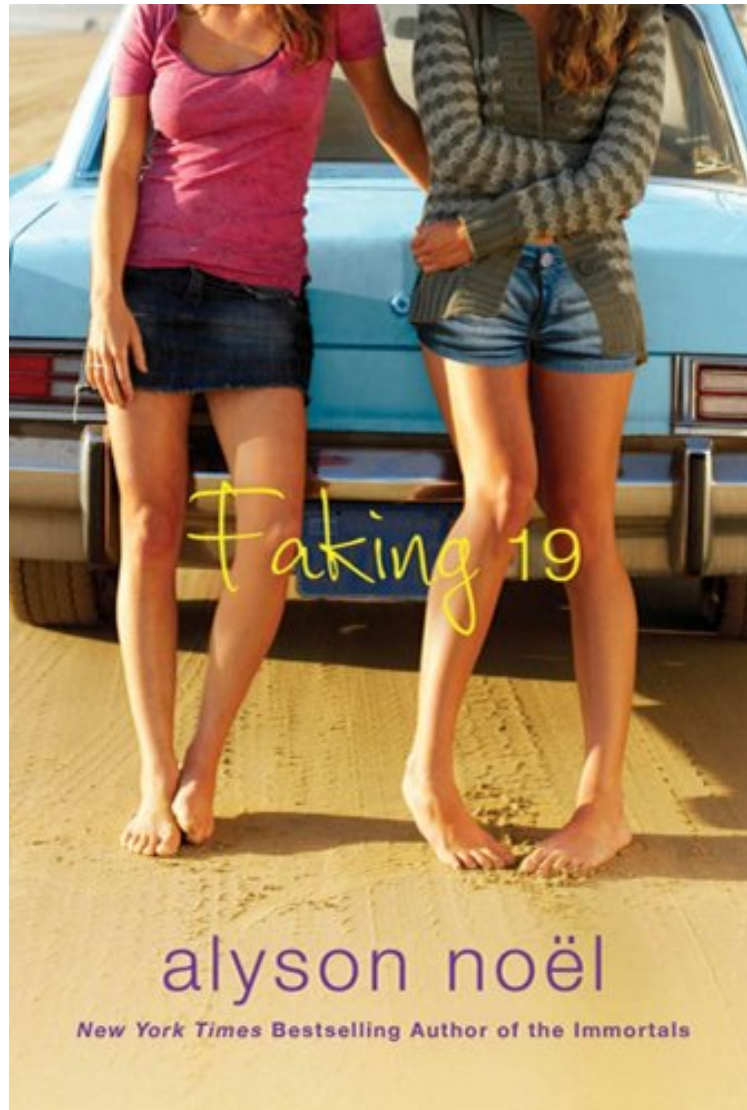


Faking 19

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Von Alyson Nol : Faking 19 before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Faking 19:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Courtesy of Teens Read Too Von Teens Read Too Alyson Nol took me for a joyride in FAKING 19 into the oh-so-fabulous, wild party life of two beautiful high school seniors in SoCal. At first glance, Alex may seem like she has it all. She's pretty, smart, and her best friend is the most popular girl at school, M. But the truth is, Alex has some pretty hefty family problems and she's undergoing a major identity crisis. Oh, and on top of all that, she's failing all of her classes and

might not graduate from high school, never mind college. Alex wasn't always this way. Freshman and sophomore years, she was on top of her game, a straight-A honors student. Those were her glory years. Now, she'd much rather hit the L.A. club scene with M every night instead of worrying about something trivial like her grades. It doesn't matter anyway; her dad won't pay for her to go to college, so what's the point? One day, when Alex and M are out on the town, they meet a couple of cute, older British guys. Connor and Trevor are attractive and charming, and the girls immediately fall for them. Connor owns a record label and is filthy rich. Alex thinks that he just might be her ticket out of her dull life, and then she won't even need that college education her counselor so desperately wants her to achieve. But when everything doesn't go exactly as Alex fantasizes, she realizes that the only person she can count on is herself. Ultimately, Alex discovers that there's more to life than who's wearing the prettiest dress or who snags the hottest guy. Even though this book is about gorgeous teenage girls going clubbing in L.A., Alyson Nol still manages to create characters that I can identify with. Underneath the glamorous exterior, Alex is just another girl struggling to get through her high school years. Along the way, she learns an invaluable rule of life: Success is a gift that you give to yourself. Reviewed by: Amber Gibson

Kurzbeschreibung On the surface, 17-year-old Alex has it made; she is beautiful and smart. Plus, she's best friends with M., the absolute most popular girl in school. Feeling bored with their fancy Orange County suburban town, Alex and M. decide to check out L.A.'s glitzy nightlife scene. Pretending to be 19, Alex and M. meet Trevor and Connor, two rich older guys. At first, Alex can't believe her luck--she gets to hang out at hip Hollywood houseparties and downtown L.A. clubs. These weekend trips into the city become the perfect distraction for Alex, who is secretly struggling with her failing senior year grades, her absentee father, and her clueless mom. But, after the initial fun wears off for Alex, she is forced to reevaluate her friendship with M., who is hiding some secrets beneath her perfect Burberry-clad exterior...in Alyson Nol's *Faking 19*. From School Library Journal Grade 9 Up By the time Alex is a senior, she is in danger of not graduating high school, something that no one could have foreseen a couple of years earlier. Her father is gone, her best friend, M., dabbles in drugs, and the teen wonders why she should care about anything. Every weekend, M. and Alex head down to L.A. to party at the hip clubs, pretending to be 19 in order to fit in. The initial fun soon wears off, though, when Alex realizes that she can't escape who she is. She must take a step back and reevaluate her friendship with M. as well as figure out what she wants to do after high school; clothes, music, and hanging out her top three what I'm good at choices aren't going to provide real prospects. Writing, the one thing that she's exceptionally good at, has always been her outlet and escape, but is it enough for her to start her future? Does she have the power to control her own life? Nol's debut novel is realistic and convincing. Alex and M. are fresh and endearing, and anything but superficial. First-person narration and situations dealing with sex, drugs, and alcohol make this a compelling look at one teen's broken life and how she fixes it. Readers will relate to both characters and their lives. Erin Dennington, Fairfax County Public Library, Chantilly, VA Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Pressestimmen "Noel's debut novel is realistic and convincing...First-person narration and situations dealing with sex, drugs, and alcohol make this a compelling look at one teen's broken life and how she fixes it. Readers will relate to both characters and their lives." --School Library Journal "Alex and M, despite their foolish mistakes, are fresh and endearing characters." --Teenreads.com "Noel manages to create characters that I can identify with. 5 Stars." --TeensReadToo Noel's debut novel is realistic and convincing...First-person narration and situations dealing with sex, drugs, and alcohol make this a compelling look at one teen's broken life and how she fixes it. Readers will relate to both characters and their lives. "School Library Journal " Alex and M, despite their foolish mistakes, are fresh and endearing characters. "Teenreads.com" Noel manages to create characters that I can identify with. 5 Stars. "TeensReadToo "" Noel's debut novel is realistic and convincing...First-person narration and situations dealing with sex, drugs, and alcohol make this a compelling look at one teen's broken life and how she fixes it. Readers will relate to both characters and their lives. School Library Journal Alex and M, despite their foolish mistakes, are fresh and endearing characters. Teenreads.com Noel manages to create characters that I can identify with. 5 Stars. TeensReadToo "" Noel's debut novel is realistic and convincing...First-person narration and situations dealing with sex, drugs, and alcohol make this a compelling look at one teen's broken life and how she fixes it. Readers will relate to both characters and their lives." --School Library Journal "Alex and M, despite their foolish mistakes, are fresh and endearing characters." --Teenreads.com "Noel manages to create characters that I can identify with. 5 Stars." --TeensReadToo