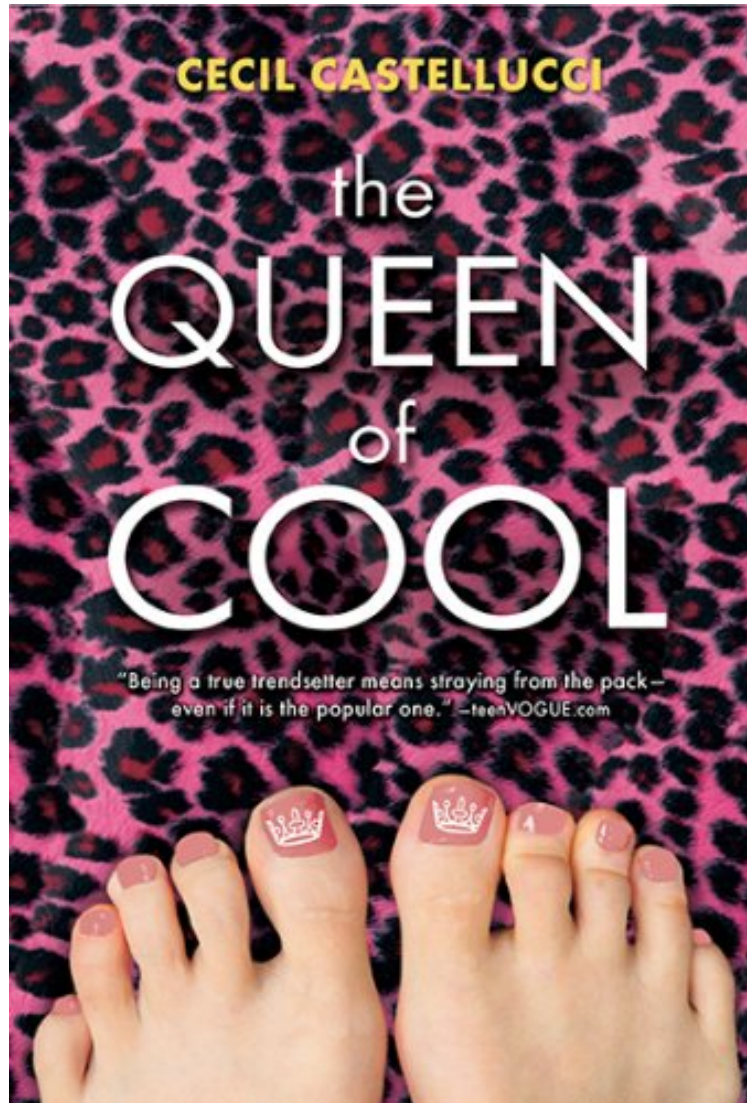


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the biggest losers in school she worries that her life as the Queen of Cool might be over. In this light-hearted and funny novel, Castellucci explores typical teenage themes--finding yourself, and discovering what true friendship means--in her usual frank and honest style. Her prose is sparse, with no extra words or long descriptions, and short chapters make for a quick read. She unflinchingly portrays the reality of teenage life, from drinking at parties, to making out with boys, with a non-judgmental attitude that lets the reader draw their own conclusions about Libby's actions. Readers will be able to relate to Libby's struggles to feel like she belongs as she's changing and learning new things about herself, and growing away from friends she's had her whole life. Recommended, especially for older, reluctant teen readers. Reviewed by: Dena Landon

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