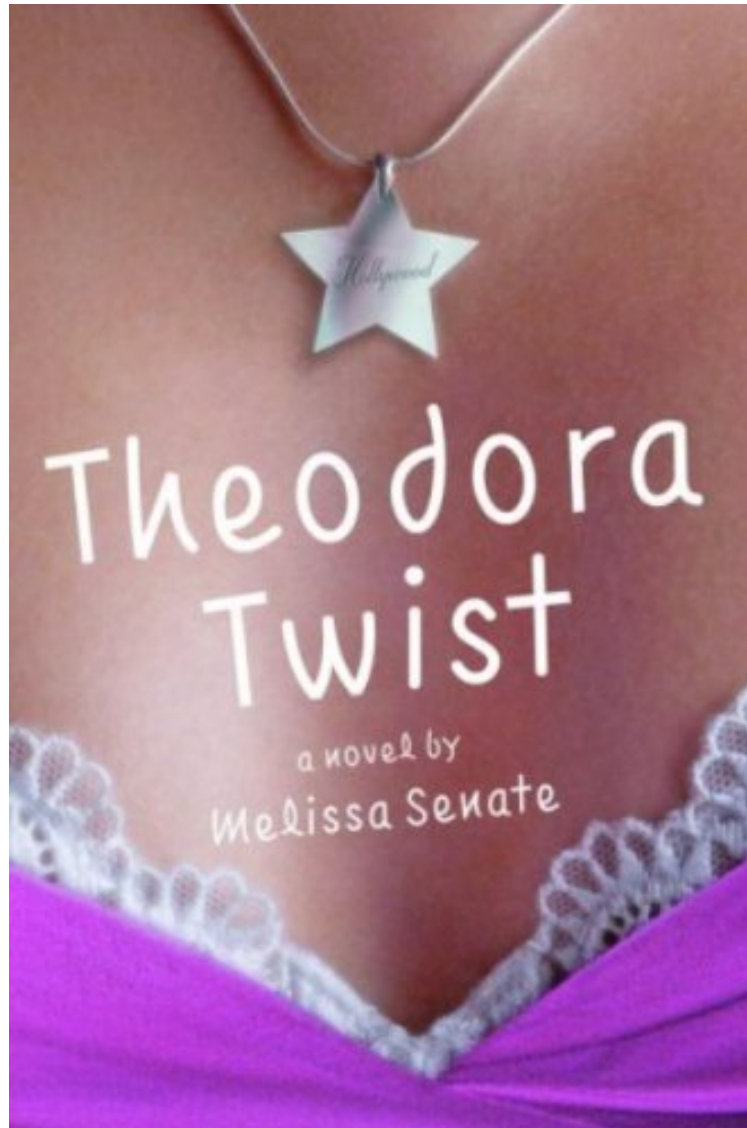


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Von Melissa Senate : Theodora Twist before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Theodora Twist:

KurzbeschreibungIm going to have to come up with something really good to get you back into the publics good graces. I have no idea what, but trust me. Ill think of something.Well thats what Theodora pays her agent \$100,000 a year for, isnt it? Theodora Twist is the girl everyone wants to be. Shes Hollywoods hottest young actress. Producers court her, fans mob her, and the tabloids cover everything. Emilys life is Boring with a capital B. Shes a 16-year-old nobody to everyone, including her own mother. The only thing remotely interesting about Emily? She lives in Theodora Twists former house. But shes about to get Twisted. How? On a reality show meant to clean up Theodoras party girl repwith Emilys family as host. Its just another role for Theodora. Emily is in panic mode. This isnt just a part . . . its her life.From the Hardcover edition.From BooklistGr. 8-11. Teen starlet Theodora and plain-but-insightful teenager Emily both have roots in Oak City, New Jersey. Theodora, who left home at 13, has led a wild life, and Emily's family now lives in Dora's former house. To sanitize her image, Dora returns to her hometown to star in a reality television show--and she moves in with Emily and her family. Neither girl is pleased by the situation, but they discover an affection that allows them to learn from one another. Senate uses stereotypes generously but to good effect here; there are beautiful, brainless boys; snarky girls; addled mothers; and aggressive business people, as well as the two 16-year-olds, who aren't as mature as those around them presume. With the exception of a few antigay sentiments couched in thoughtless teen cant ("it's another hour . . . while some gay guy with bad breath does your face"), the story, told from the girls' alternating viewpoints, is still an entertaining read. Francisca GoldsmithCopyright American Library Association. All rights reservedFrom School Library JournalGrade 10 UpThis novel is told in alternating first-person voices by two very different teenagers who discover that they have a lot in common. Theodora Twist is a hot 16-year-old actress whose bad-girl reputation is threatening her career. Straight-laced Emily Fine has just been dumped by her dream guy because she's not ready to have sex. She and her family now own the house in Oak City, NJ, where Theodora grew up and lived until she hit it big and moved to California. The two girls had shared a brief friendship when their fathers died around the same time. When the paparazzi catch Theodora skinny-dipping with identical-twin pop stars, her agent decides to fight the negative press by staging a reality TV show about the actress returning to Oak City for one month before the junior prom. Theodora dreads the idea of living in her old home with the Fines and still struggles with her feelings about her father's death. The school goes wild over her, and many students try to win influence through Emily. This time, the girls strike up a deeper friendship. The plot is all tied up in a neat package along with Theodora's hilarious stunts. Senate provides a unique look at teen stardom and reality TV. The mature sexual content makes this fun read most appropriate for an older audience.Karen Hoth, Marathon Middle/High School, FL Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.