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WHEN THE UNEXPECTED OPPORTUNITY TO DATE MR. POPULARITY ARISES...

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...SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD JAYSEA MARTIN RISKS LOSING MUCH MORE THAN HER CHRISTIAN FRIENDS' TRUST IN ORDER TO KEEP HIS ATTENTION.



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Seventeen-year-old Jaysea Martin has been trying to find a way to fit in with the popular kids while staying true to her faith. As her view of what's right becomes more distorted, she senses that she is missing something in the conversations between her crush Derek Stetler and his friends, but she is oblivious to the fact that the joke is on her. Despite the warnings of her best friend Kayla, Jaysea ditches her Christian friends on prom night and sneaks out to attend a graduation party at cheerleading captain Lauren Johnson's house. Only after going along with the questionable habits of Derek's posse does Jaysea learn his real agenda. Just when she thinks she's learned her lesson, Jaysea's world flips upside down as she endures a heartbreak she will carry with her forever.

>> JAYSEA

The naïve wannabe.

"Derek's not a bad guy; he's just not your every day, ideal Christian. Mom, Dad, Kayla—they all think he's no good, but I know different. Why can't they see the wonderful things in him that I can? So I have a friend who doesn't read the Bible; that doesn't mean I'm compromising my faith. Does it?"

»LAUREN

The conniving cheerleader.

"Look, it's not like prom happens every weekend. And you won't get caught. I'll bring it with me and you can change when we get there. No harm done. Seriously, take a risk for once; it's not like you're hurting anyone. Except yourself, if you don't do it. 'Cause you know you'll be miserable if you turn this down."

»DEREK

The wagering hotshot.

"This is what you wanted. Me, right? That's what Lauren said. You talk about it all the time. And you said it again in the front room. So here I am. I did this all for you, baby."

»KAYLA

The persistent good girl.

"When did you get so mean? Not to mention full of yourself. What, you want me to leave my morals behind, too? Hang out with you and your popular, cool friends drinking and smoking or whatever it is you're doing now? No thanks."

