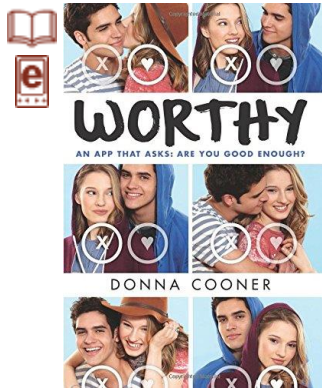


Booklist Review

Books For Youth - Fiction - General Fiction



Worthy.

Cooner, Donna (author).

Mar. 2017. 288p. Scholastic/Point, hardcover, \$17.99 ([9780545903936](#));

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([9780545903943](#)). Grades 7-10.

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Linden Wilson's life is looking up. She's involved with prom, she plans to enter a writing contest for a scholarship, and she just started dating Alex Rivera, the cute catcher for the school's baseball team. Meanwhile, Worthy, a new polling app that ranks couples based on the worthiness of the girl, becomes a preoccupation. The app is addictive, allowing students to anonymously say the ugly and distressing things about other students that they wouldn't dare speak face-to-face. When Worthy becomes personal, Linden decides she must do something to keep it from destroying her friends and herself. Image is a consistent theme in Cooner's YA novels, as are Internet bullying and popularity, and all three figure prominently in this book. Her protagonist struggles to do what's right while questioning why girls must fit a mold rather than be themselves without judgment. Readers who enjoyed Cooner's *Skinny* (2012) and *Can't Look Away* (2014) will find familiar characters in the drama unfolding at Linden's Sam Houston High School. — *Jeanne Fredriksen*



Booklist Editors Recommend

Titles similar to *Worthy*

- *The Boyfriend App*
- *The Pretty App*
- *The List*