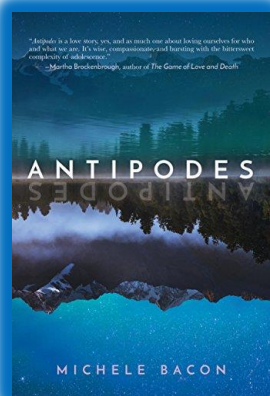


Booklist Review

Books For Youth - Fiction - General Fiction



Antipodes.

Bacon, Michele (author).

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Grades 8-12.

REVIEW. First published March 15, 2018 (*Booklist*).

Pressured by her parents to excel in everything, Erin is focused on one thing at her overly privileged high school: Ivy League acceptance. Her

promising future nearly dies, though, when a video of her mortifyingly drunk on her seventeenth birthday goes viral. Now she finds her life has become the antipodes, or opposite, of what it was. Erin hopes that spending a semester abroad in Christchurch, New Zealand, will heal her reputation and add a unique factor to her already-impressive résumé. However, New Zealand is not what she expected. No one there does anything “important,” yet they’re always happy. It takes a few outdoor adventures with Hank, a friend of her host family, to get Erin to appreciate her temporary home. Slowly, she falls for Hank and understands the New Zealand belief that enjoyment of what one does is more fulfilling than always winning. Brief interspersed chapters reveal her past in reverse chronology, anchoring Erin’s personal journey forward. Perfect for readers who yearn to travel abroad or are trying to bridge the happiness gap. — *Jeanne Fredriksen*



Booklist Editors Recommend

Titles similar to
Antipodes

- *Wanderlost*
- *Love and Gelato*
- *Just One Day*