

Reviewer: Anonymous
School: Yorba Linda High
Grade: Sophomore
Book title: Confessions of a Shopaholic
Book author: Sophie Kinsella
Rating: 4

This is a story about Rebecca Bloomwood who has shopping addictions and cannot pay off her enormous debt. As a finance journalist, she gives money management advice and she becomes known as the girl in the green scarf. Rebecca goes so far as to interrupt a press conference and lie about why she needs to borrow money to buy this scarf. Luke gives her 20 pounds and she later encounters him outside the store in embarrassment of her purchase. Even though Luke owns his own firm their paths cross again on television when Rebecca writes and exposes Flagstaff Life, one of Luke's clients. She attempts to run away from all of her money problems causing her to lose the trust of her friend Suze and crush Luke. Rebecca receives and ignores several letters from Derek Smeath, her bank manager, and some credit card companies creating more havoc to sort through the lies she created. She thinks the only way to make her feel better is by shopping, but when her cards get taken away she loses hope. She has many delusional dreams of becoming rich quickly and spending it on unnecessary things.

This book has a touch of romance, humor, and irony. I liked the character Suze and the book definitely had some funny, relatable parts. In between chapters some bank letters and purchases are documented which help add to the story and tensions. I was surprised by how far Rebecca was willing to lie to her own family about a stalker.

I would recommend this book for anyone who enjoys rom-coms and lighthearted novels because it is such a fun, personal read. This book reminds me of *The Devil Wears Prada* because of similar chaotic circumstances with tight money, success, and fashion.