

Don't Get Caught by Kurt Dinan

It all starts when five students are sent up a water tower by the Chaos Club - the most elusive and exclusive group Asheville's ever known. But when it all proves to be a setup, those students know exactly what to do: the Water Tower Five are going to be the Chaos Club's greatest rivals. The prank war starts now.

I can't say Don't Get Caught was my favorite read this year, but it was a good one. It was full of pranks, which is always a plus, but also some of the harder things about growing up-- figuring out who you are, or what matters to you. It mixes the light-hearted moments of high school with the struggles lots of high schoolers face at epic proportions.

Don't Get Caught was a fun read. That being said, some of the aspects of this book made me incredibly uncomfortable. At times these teenagers were wildly vindictive and vengeful, almost to a ruthless degree. And some of their jokes and pranks weren't funny, they were cruel and crossing lines - something the narrator sometimes notes, and sometimes doesn't. For this reason, I'm going to call it a B-14, as well as for a myriad of sexually charged jokes.