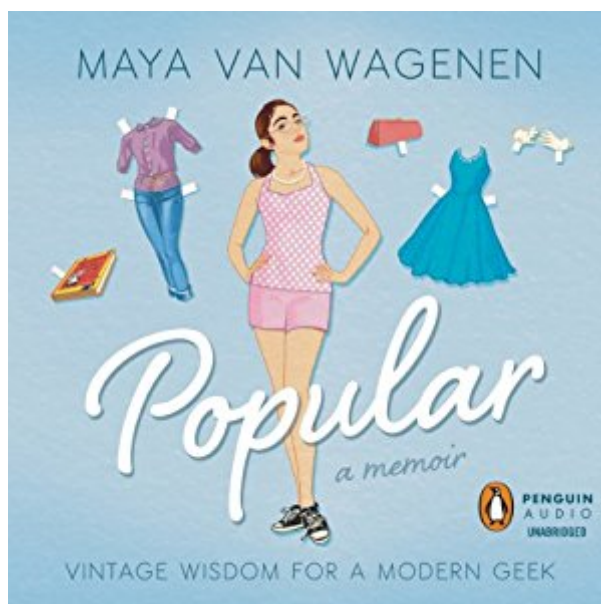


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A touchingly honest, candidly hysterical memoir from breakout teen author Maya Van Wagenen. Stuck at the bottom of the social ladder at "pretty much the lowest level of people at school who aren't paid to be here," Maya Van Wagenen decided to begin a unique social experiment: spend the school year following a 1950s popularity guide, written by former teen model Betty Cornell. Can curlers, girdles, Vaseline, and a strand of pearls help Maya on her quest to be popular? The real-life results are painful, funny, and include a wonderful and unexpected surprise - meeting and befriending Betty Cornell herself. Told with humor and grace, Maya's journey offers listeners of all ages a thoroughly contemporary example of kindness and self-confidence. **Includes a PDF of Maya's digital photo album

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Private Notes: Didn't make me cry as much as I wanted it to, and there wasn't as much romance as I would have liked. I wanted her to fall in love. It didn't happen. I really enjoyed this book. I spent every moment since opening the book reading it. It was that good. It was also a let down in some ways as well. I was hoping it would make me really cry. I did shed a few tears, but after a YouTuber I follow talked about it, I was expecting a bit more. But hey, I have to take it for what it's worth. The book is written in a series of diary entries, but there is enough dialogue to make it feel like a book. I generally hate non-fiction and find it extremely boring. Maya's book is far from that. It's real

life, but it's entertaining. There are a few surprises as well. There's a death, a school lock down, and drug wars going on on the other side of the boarder. You also get to look forward to finding out "how to be popular" through Maya's experience and through the tips of the 1950's book she uses as a guide. Why some of the practices are a bit shallow, like doing hair and makeup and dressing a certain way, others apply to anyone. The most meaningful chapter to me was the one where Maya had to break out of her shell and sit with everyone in the cafeteria. I especially enjoyed the reaction she got from the popular kids. I moved around a lot when I was in school, and I learned to adapt pretty easily, but I never considered myself popular.

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