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The Ruby Oliver books by e. lockhart!

Things you should know about me, Ruby Oliver

1. I am fictional. ¹
2. I am devoted to footnotes. ²
3. There are pygmy goats. In the books.
4. There are also llamas, penguins, and one enormous polka-dotted great dane. Animal hijinks throughout.
5. There's therapy. Lots of therapy. Because I have these horrendous panic attacks and my parents force me to see a shrink.
6. Sometimes, I actually learn stuff and have personal growth. (Ag.) Such as: How to deal with insane parents! How to take action and not be so passive all the time! How to express feelings! (More ag.)
7. Just in case you're worried that it's all therapy-speak and Nature Channel in these books, please know that there are some excellent vintage outfits, major amounts of baked good deliciousness, some seriously disgusting feet, many unusual movie lists, and tons and tons of advice written by me and my friends in our joint notebook: *The Care and Ownership of Boobs*, for example; or *Clever Responses to Catcalls*.
8. There are also several *extremely* hot guys.
9. Especially Noel.
10. But also Jackson.
11. And Angelo.
12. And Gideon.
13. And Finn. ³
14. And there's kissing!
15. But really, the books are about friendship. And friendships breaking up. And how you manage to get up in the morning when you've lost your boyfriend and all your friends and everyone you used to love suddenly hates you.
16. Also, how to accept yourself and not care so much about what everybody else thinks.
17. Truthfully, these books are a record of my survival. ⁴

—Roo

¹ I exist only in a series of books by E. Lockhart: *The Boyfriend List*, *The Boy Book*, *The Treasure Map of Boys* and *Real Live Boyfriends*. But I don't want to talk about that any more. Being fictional weirds me out.

² See?

³ Yes, Hutch is in there, too. But I don't find him hot. He is much too retro metal.

⁴ More—including excerpts, quizzes, and other amusing tidbits—at e-lockhart.com.

