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From the Inside Flap

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From the Back Cover

"Such a sharp, funny, poignant heroine, with an inner world we can all relate to. I love it." —Sophie Kinsella, author of **Confessions of a Shopaholic**

"**Sloppy Firsts** captures, in spare, truthful prose, the exquisite pain and ecstasy of being besotted by your best friend. The reader may flinch, but Megan McCafferty never does."

—Emma Forrest, author of **Namedropper**

"**Sloppy Firsts** is a spirited, down-the-rabbit-hole adventure in the madcap subculture of high school. With remarkable insight, tenderness, and wit, Megan McCafferty offers us a compassionate, clear-eyed tale of how a sassy young woman survives teenage-hood."

—Laurie Fox, author of **My Sister from the Black Lagoon**

"*Sloppy Firsts* perfectly captures the turbulent roller-coaster ride that is being a teenager. This is an (at times) intimate, painfully honest peek at a girl's coming of age. Getting to know Jessica was like meeting a new best friend. I miss her already."

—Atoosa Rubenstein, editor in chief of *CosmoGirl!*

About the Author

MEGAN McCAFFERTY was senior articles editor at *Cosmopolitan* and has written for *Glamour*, *CosmoGirl!*, *YM*, *Maxim*, *Details*, and other top magazines. She also wrote an ongoing serial from Hope's point of view on *twistmagazine.com*. She lives in New Jersey, where she's at work on the next Jessica Darling novel.

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