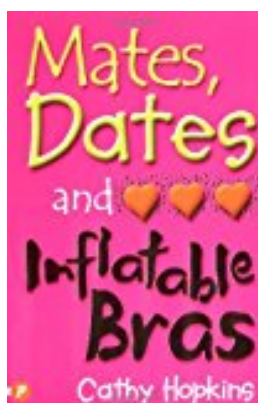


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**Description:**

**From School Library Journal** Grade 6-9-Lucy, the main character in Cathy Hopkins's novel (Simon Pulse, pap. 2003), will remind listeners of Georgia in Louise Rennison's *Confessions of Georgia Nicolson* series (HarperCollins). The story here is told in the first person, but not in the scatter-shot diary format favored by Georgia. Fourteen-year-old Lucy is more introspective, less self-centered, and less superficial than Georgia, if not quite as laugh-out-loud hysterical. There is plenty here on the subject of boys, appearance, and changing friendships, and there's also a fair dose of humor. Lucy displays a sensitivity and concern for her place in her family, her friendships, and her world. Amanda Hulme's rendition reflects the voice and phrasing of a young teen very well. She also subtly

but convincingly distinguishes between the other characters. As Lucy struggles with looking younger than her friends and defining what she might like to do in the future with her particular talents, she meets her dream boy and she must seriously consider what it means to grow up and to find her own way. Fans of Georgia Nicolson will enjoy this well-rounded look at another young teenager working her way through the transition from young teen to adulthood. This thoughtful novel belongs in all audio collections serving young teens.-*Jane P. Fenn, Corning-Painted Post West High School, NY*  
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**From** Reviewed with Cathy Hopkins' *Mates, Dates, and Cosmic Kisses*.

Gr. 6-10. These two titles join the recent British invasion of funny, on-the-mark novels that read like a junior *Bridget Jones' Diary*. Centered on a trio of high-school friends, each book is told from a different character's point of view. *Cosmic Kisses* is Izzy's story, and she describes her first painful obsession over a boy. Luckily, her concerned pals are waiting when she comes to her senses, and she moves on. *Inflatable Bras* is narrated by Lucy, who, at 14, feels flat-chested and immature in comparison to Izzy and Nesta, her two gorgeous best friends. A what-do-you-want-to-be-when-you-grow-up assignment exacerbates Lucy's identity crisis, but she finds direction and confidence (and even a cute guy) when her friends encourage her sewing talents and fashion flair. Both novels fly along with pitch-perfect details and slapstick humor that is deepened by sharp insights into real issues: friendship, insecurities, growing independence, and family conflict. Teen girls will devour these whole; they'll easily see themselves in each girl's struggle. *Gillian Engberg*  
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