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Book Title: Some Girls Do

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"Some Girls Do" by Jennifer Dugan follows the story of Morgan, a high school senior who is a lesbian and also a track star. When she arrives at her new school due to being kicked out of her Catholic school as being queer goes against the school's code of conduct, she meets Ruby. She is a closeted pageant queen who has a love for engineering. Morgan is drawn to her despite her initial reluctance to get close to anyone, but Ruby isn't ready to come out yet. As Morgan navigates her feelings for Ruby while dealing with pressure from her conservative town and her insecurities, she learns valuable lessons about friendship, love, and being true to herself.

I found "Some Girls Do" to be a heartwarming and relatable story that tackles essential themes such as identity, acceptance, and self-discovery. While Morgan feels accepted at her new school and joins the LGBTQ+ club, Ruby thinks the opposite. Her mother is homophobic as well as emotionally abusive, so she keeps her feelings and thoughts to herself. Her mother wants her to be this perfect beauty queen because that's what she wanted when she was younger until she got pregnant with Ruby at age sixteen. But all Ruby wants to do is work at her mom's ex-husband's mechanic shop. The characters were well-developed and the romance between Morgan and Ruby was sweet and I enjoyed seeing their relationship develop throughout the book, even though it took some time. While I enjoyed the overall story, there were moments

where I felt the pacing could have been improved but it didn't ruin my reading. My favorite character was Ruby, as she is an influential person and showed a strong will that could inspire others. Overall, reading "Some Girls Do" left me feeling uplifted and hopeful, and I appreciated the message of acceptance and self-love.

I recommend "Some Girls Do" to readers who enjoy contemporary young adult romance novels with diverse and well-written characters because it is a story of events that are interesting enough to want to keep reading after every chapter and not wait. This was my first book reading about the LGBTQ+ community, so I can't say I know any other books like this.