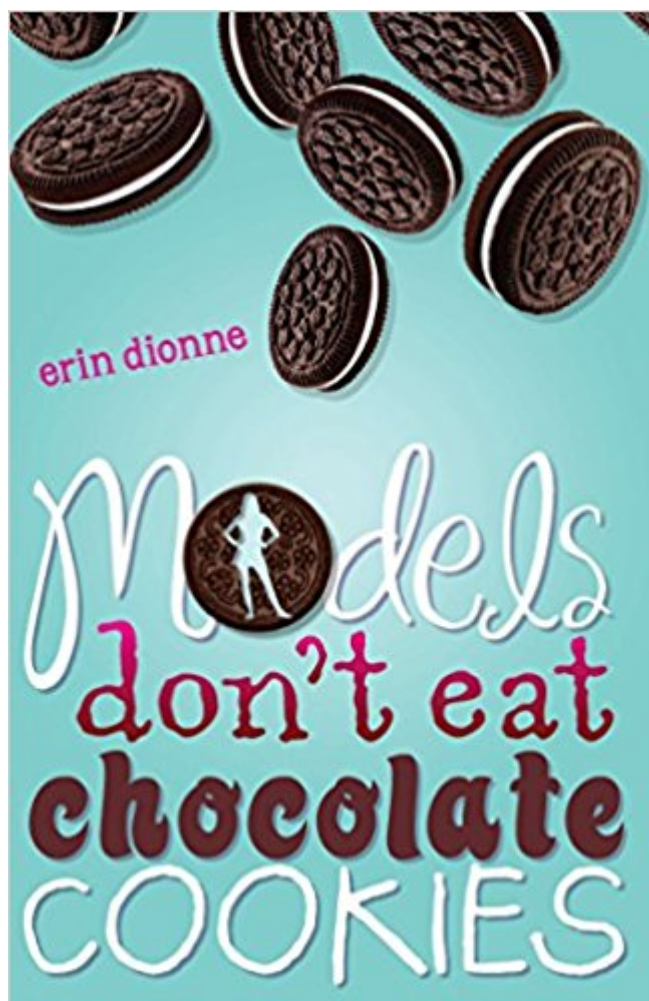


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# Models Don't Eat Chocolate Cookies



## Synopsis

Thirteen-year-old Celeste Harris is no string bean, but comfy sweatpants and a daily chocolate cookie suit her just fine. Her under-the-radar lifestyle could have continued too, if her aunt hadn't entered her in the HuskyPeach Modeling Challenge. To get out of it, she's forced to launch Operation Skinny Celeste?because, after all, a thin girl can't be a fat model! What Celeste never imagined was that losing weight would help her gain a backbone . . . or that all she needed to shine was a spotlight. A hilarious debut featuring friendship, family, mean girls and even celebrity crushes, Celeste's story is a delicious treat that doesn't add a pound.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

When Celeste's meddling aunt enters her in the Miss Husky Peach Pageant for a larger sized girls, the eighth-grader quails at the thought of the teasing that's sure to follow, though the idea of modeling has its appeal. Reasoning that if she loses enough weight, she'll be ineligible for the contest, Celeste finds the motivation to skip snacks and even to exercise. Along the way, she begins to express her individuality through the unlikely vehicle of a beauty contest. Successes, flops, humiliations, and recoveries are all part of the pageant process, and even girls who don't

see themselves as potential models will enjoy Celeste's account of her experiences. The wry first-person narrative also provides convincing views of middle-school friendships, family dynamics, and incremental personal growth. The ending may be a bit too rosy for absolute realism, but readers rooting for Celeste won't complain. A light, well-paced first novel. Grades 6-8. --Carolyn Phelan

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I thought this book was supposed to teach a lesson. It didn't. It made me want to change myself completely, like my body isn't good enough. I'm a bit overweight so this book made me feel pretty cruddy. How are we supposed to read a book that makes you feel like your not good enough? At first I thought this book would be about a girl who learned to love herself the way she is but nope. She learned to change herself. Not typically what I would call a 5 star book, but I gave it 4 stars because besides the fact that it made me depressed, it was a good book. It was well written and at times made me laugh. I could relate to some things even though Celeste is older than me, and I was impressed about how many words I didn't know we're in it! I have a huge vocabulary so it was a shocking find. Anyways, if your thin, you might enjoy this book a little more than a slightly overweight person would. It may come off as an insult but I got passed it and had to realize that it's a book about another girl's experiences, not mine. Once you get over that, you start to realize how good the book is. The one thing it did teach me was, to stand up to someone who's bullying you or bullying someone else. Also to stay true to your friends. Another thing I did not appreciate was the inconclusive part about Sandra and Celeste. Did they make up? I will never know. I also wish it talked about the wedding and after it. Maybe it was meant to be a quick read, but it should've at least been more conclusive. That's really all. For these reasons, I gave it 4 stars.

I chose this rating because I love to read and I think this is a wonderful book. I like the part about Lively Carson's fake boobs and her crush on Geoff but I do not think there is anything in this book that I do not like. I think I would recommend this book to some of my best friends. I love to read about mean girls and secret crushes.

I have been in 6th grade for about a month! This book could be read by a 5th or 4th grader but they would need to be an advanced reader for their age! This book has to do with BAD friendships, drama, modeling, and celebrity crushes. This is a great book because you can really picture it in

your head. It doesn't have much to do with cookies so if you're reading this book just because the title has cookies in it, then it still is a great book it just doesn't have much to do with them.

I read a review a teacher wrote about this book. I was partly skeptical about buying it because the bad review said it made bigger girls think badly about themselves, but it turns out, apparently that person ignored the fact that the main character Celeste, was becoming more and more confident through being herself! She didn't let the mean girl get to her, either way, the bully got what she deserved! I'd advise people to really read what they are writing reviews on before giving it 1 star... great writing Erin:)

This book was very inspiring for a girl like me because it tells the story of it doesn't matter what you look like in life and that you have to have courage and determination to get through it. I really liked all the parts with the red bathing suit some, not to give anything away but, that also was so push for Celeste (main character) too. Over all I would give this a five star rating! Read this book!!!!

This was a great read! So worth the time and so worth the money! This is such a great inspiration to plus-sized girls and slim girls everywhere to stay fit and healthy and great things will come out of it. Let's hear it for Erin Dionne! Do yourself a favor and read this book.

Celeste is changing, emotionally and physically. Losing BFFs, fighting the urge to eat Oreos, but everything gets worse when her aunt signs her up for the HuskyPeach modeling challenge. OK, so Celeste isn't a SkinnyBanana. Lively Carson steals Celeste's best friend Sandra. Celeste and Sandra can be "Best friends outside of school" says Sandra. Throughout the book, though, Celeste finds that being in a modeling challenge isn't about the winning, it's about meeting new people and trying on different clothes, makeup, and hairstyles to find the real YOU.

This was a wonderful book that made me feel a range of emotions. I was happy for Celeste, sad for her, and proud of her at the same time. It shows real life, and the horrible things that girls do to each other. It also shows the benefits of perseverance, and the whole process is not all flowers and rainbows. You have to work to reap the benefits. This was a great book that I enjoyed very much.

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