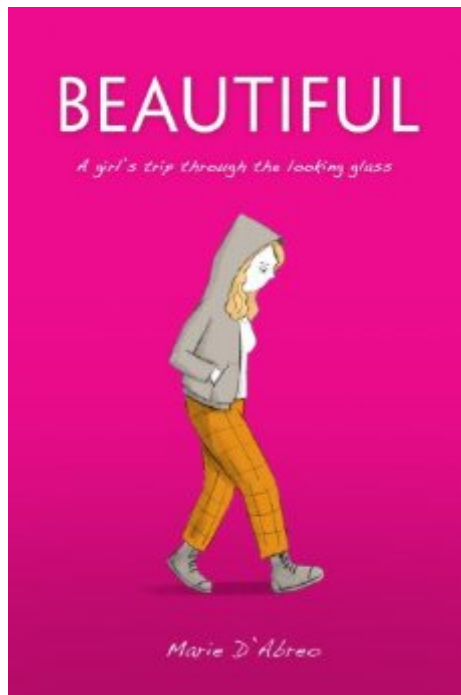


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# Beautiful: A Girl's Trip Through The Looking Glass



## Synopsis

From the creator of 'Sky Orb', here's 'Beautiful'... It sucks to have big, frizzy hair and a decidedly average body... when you really want to have model good looks and a cool boyfriend. That's why Lily's on a mission to get beautified, or at least get a red-hot makeover. And the attention of her crush. Now if she could only stop that pesky unwanted visitor from messing with her plans! More About 'Beautiful' Teenager Lily gets a lot of messages about what it means to be a successful and desirable woman in today's world. Seems like the bottom line is, you've got to have gorgeous looks, a winning personality... and a cute boyfriend to prove it! Through quirky humor and expressive artwork, the graphic novel 'Beautiful' takes you on poignant journey through the inner and outer voices we all struggle with. And Lily's ultimate discovery about the true nature of life itself. Tween readers will enjoy 'Beautiful', while educators and therapists will find it a helpful teaching tool for women and girls of all ages.

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7/10 Beautiful is a black and white graphic novel that successfully explores the popular saying

"beauty is the inside" through the character of Lily, a young woman who does not want to be different from who she is to be considered beautiful and more lovable by people in general and by men in particular. The book has a few chapters, each one preceded by a motivational quote on inner beauty. D'Abreo's drawing style is very polished and minimalist BW with a predominance of white, therefore, very airy and luminous. There is a minimal but effective use of backgrounds and some fantasy-like elements, like the description of the true self or her inner critic, which are resolved with great imagination but with the same simplicity. However, this is a style or artistic option, as D'Abreo can truly draw. Most of the story in Beautiful happens in Lily's head, in other words, it is Lily's endless mind chatter. However, there is also some human interaction, mostly with her best friend, the cool Tag. Lily is a likeable character from the beginning, mostly because you have had that sort of chatter sometime in your life, you have it right now, or you know somebody who does. Like most teens and young women nowadays, Lily lives under the tyranny of being photo-perfect for social media and for men. The fashion industry and the media help to convey the idea that you need to be perfect, have better looks, better hair, better clothes, less kilos, more kilos, a different attitude, a fake pose, or simply to be different from who you really are. The story is great at presenting the sort of self-talk that reflects this sort of dysfunctional look at the self but is not merely descriptive, and shows how to recognise your negative nagging voice and to how to approach it.

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