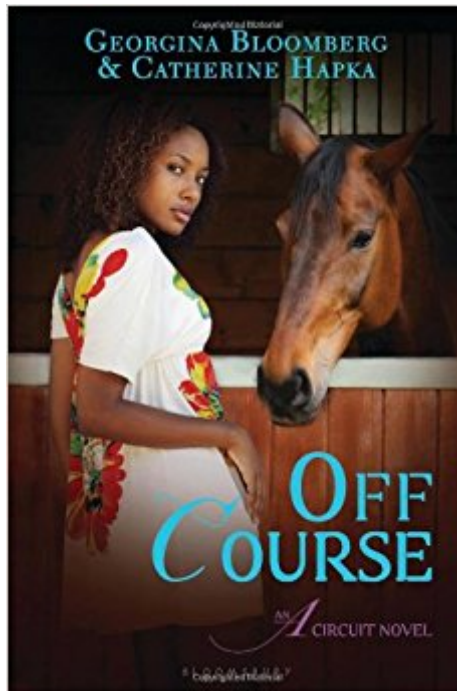




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Off Course: An A Circuit Novel (The A Circuit)



Synopsis

Equestrians Tommi, Kate, and Zara are expected to perform at every horse show big or small. So with the biggest show of the season just weeks away, they should be in prep mode. But that's easier said than done. Kate and Zara are both dealing with boy drama. And a road trip steals Tommi's focus. Then there's the issue of a new blog on the circuit-is someone from Pelham Lane Stables feeding gossip to the press? The drama explodes at annoying tag-along Summer's sweet sixteen bash. This addictive series is perfect for fans growing out of Canterwood Crest and anyone who enjoys the elite world of super privileged teens in series like *Pretty Little Liars*.

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Customer Reviews

GEORGINA BLOOMBERG is the younger daughter of New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg. An accomplished equestrian, Georgina travels the circuit with her horses and lends her time to many equine charities. A portion of her proceeds from this book will be donated to charity. CATHERINE HAPKA has published many books for children and young adults. She keeps three horses at her small farm in Pennsylvania.

The adventures of Kate, Zara, and Tommi continue in *Off Course* which picks up right after the end of *My Favorite Mistake*. Kate is enjoying her new relationship with Fitz but is worried about the

impact it's having on her job as well as the conflict arising from him purchasing her friend Nat's project horse out from underneath her. Zara is in the middle of covering up for her absentee cousin and her riding is suffering as the stress of lying constantly to her mother is getting to her. Tommi is feeling torn between the professional horse life and the college life after a weekend visit to a campus has shown her the fun and opportunities that college can offer her. This was a fun, quick read. I enjoy reading about the struggles of all the characters and it brings back the feelings of being seventeen again. My favorite parts of the series are the equestrian parts, and I love the little details that are in here are very true to life and the horse world. The plot is a little lacking for adult readers, but a fun series to relax with.

I'll get the bad part out of the way first...I had a hard time getting into the book and the beginning of it still focused too much on designer labels, but that eventually lessened and I was able to enjoy the story more. I was bummed to see it come to an end, although it ended in the right spot. This story had the typical teenage angst and drama that follows them and some of it was a bit predictable and the secret blog I've seen in another horse series by another author, but I didn't find myself rolling my eyes at a lot of it like I had the first two books and once I got to reading it I had a hard time putting it down. I think the story-lines are starting to nicely come together and the characters' personalities seem to be maturing, which is good. I look forward to reading the next book when it comes out. Hopefully it'll be released sooner than this one seemed to be. **eta** Apparently the next book won't be out until August 2013!!! Ugh.

This was really a captivating book! Georgina Bloomberg let us inside her show jumper world at the highest level of Competition, the A Circuit! From the cost of a top level jumper prospect (sometimes half a million dollars or more) to the cost of top training in a dedicated barn with a super sharp trainer, no wonder only the well heeled and affluent can even afford to start in this discipline. And I thought Dressage was really expensive! The characters and their stories really reflected the pressures and hard work that goes into being not only competitive, but winners in the show jumping ring. A really absorbing read!

Enjoyed the book. It was a quick read but I'm ready for more in the series. Characters are interesting. Information regarding the A circuit world is accurate. Good read.

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I found this book to be disappointing in the way that it explored more serious issues too some of the un out of the book and shed an unesersry shadow over the other storylines within the book.

These are like my favorite books!! I love horse books and read them all the time. When I buy A Circuit books I always stay interested and can never put them down!!

I absolutely LOVED this book, along with all of the others in the series. I cant wait for the next one to come out and i hope there will be many more after!

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