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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Gregory, in her first book for children, kicks off The Cheetah Girlz series, aimed at African-American preteens, with a choppy tale that tries hard to be hip. At center stage is narrator Galleria Garibaldi, a 14-year-old whose 250-pound mother looks like a "Black opera diva" and whose father is "Eye-talian... from Bologna, Italy." It's the eve of her enrollment in Manhattan's Fashion Industries High, which she'll attend with her best friend, Chanel ("a blend of Dominican and Puerto Rican on her mother's side, Jamaican and Cuban on her father's side--and sneaky-deaky through and through!"). When the pair hooks up with three other girls to form a singing group, they unleash their "growl power" and discover the "jiggy jungle: that magical, cheetah-licious place inside of every dangerous, scary, crowded city where dreams really do come true." The narrative consists almost entirely of glib dialogue that is often either cutesy (on the Internet with Chanel, Galleria types, "You're a burp!... Boogie, undone, ridiculoso, and princess-y to the max. Don't deny it") or, despite a glossary that translates words like "chomp-a-roni" (i.e., "Trying to catch a nibble on the sneak tip") difficult to decipher. After the singers' debut performance, one of them announces, "The Spice Rack Girls had better bounce, baby, 'cause the Cheetah Girlz are 'bout to pounce!" Alas, the competition need not fear: these players have considerably more bark than bite. Due out the same month is the group's next act, Shop in the Name of Love. Ages 8-12. (Sept.)

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From School Library Journal

Gr 5-8-Straight out of the "jiggy jungle" ("a magical place inside every big city where dreams really come true-and every cheetah has its day") comes a new series just for "divettes-in-training" ("girls who can't afford Prada or Gucci-yet"). Galleria, named after a famous shopping mall, and her friend Chanel live in New York City and dream of becoming famous. They decide that two singers are not enough and convince three other girls to join them. Most of the plot centers around forming a group, booking a gig at the Kats and Kittys Halloween Bash, designing costumes, and practicing for the big event. Along the way, the five girls learn about one another, quarrel, and, of course, forgive. They are true series characters, growing just enough to leave room for more stories. Gregory's playful use of language is consistent and fun. For other "peeps" (people), a handy glossary is appended. Cameo photos of young models posing as the characters grace the front and back covers. The Cheetah Girl Credo is printed at the beginning of the book and is spoken on the mini-CD that accompanies the book. The credo suggests all Cheetah Girls are created equal, but not alike, and is upheld by the characters, who are mixed-race African American, Italian, and Dominican. A light read for young teens who dream of stardom.-Linda L. Plevak, Alamo Area Library System, San Antonio, TX

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