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# JENNIFER ZIEGLER

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## AUTHOR BIO:

Jennifer Ziegler is a writer, speaker, blogger, mother, spicy food lover, caffeine addict, and movie buff. Her early years were mainly spent trying, unsuccessfully, to copy hairstyles of famous female pop figures. But she also wrote—a lot. Underneath her bed you would find, among the detritus of discarded clothes and cookie wrappers, several spiral notebooks full of short stories, unfinished novels, elaborate doodles for future tattoos, and a comprehensive thesis on who was the cutest member of Duran Duran. She didn't realize she was preparing for a career, but all that practice made writing feel comfortable, almost like a reflex (which, coincidentally, is a song by Duran Duran). Later, she received degrees in English and Journalism from the University of Texas at Austin and taught middle school language arts, all of which helped to inspire her. Now she writes fiction, teaches writing workshops, and presents at schools and literary events throughout the country. Her book *How Not to Be Popular* (Delacorte, 2008), has been named to the Lone Star Book List and was an International Reading Association's Young Adults' Choice. Other novels include *Sass and Serendipity* (Delacorte, 2011), which was recommended on the NPR show "Tell Me More," and *Alpha Dog* (Delacorte, 2006), a finalist for the 2006 Teddy Award. Her new book, *Revenge of the Flower Girls*, will be published by Scholastic Press in June 2014.

## SHORTER BIO:

Jennifer Ziegler is the author of the YA novel *How Not to Be Popular* (Delacorte, 2008), a pick for the Lone Star Reading List and an International Reading Association's Young Adults' Choice. She has also written *Alpha Dog* (Delacorte, 2006) a finalist for the Teddy Award, *Sass & Serendipity* (Delacorte, 2011), a recommended book on NPR's "Tell Me More," and several other young adult series books penned under different pseudonyms. Her new middle-grade novel, *Revenge of the Flower Girls*, will come out in June 2014. A former English teacher, Jennifer lives in Austin, Texas where she continues to write books, lead writing workshops, and talk about her experiences at schools, libraries, conferences, and book festivals. She credits her wonderfully patient family and the vibrant Austin, Texas writing scene for keeping her happy and inspired.

## EVEN SHORTER BIO:

Jennifer Ziegler is the author of the upcoming *Revenge of the Flower Girls*, which will be published by Scholastic in June 2014. Other books include *Sass & Serendipity*, *Alpha Dog*, and *How Not to Be Popular*, as well as several teen series books penned under different pseudonyms. She lives in Austin, Texas with her husband, author Chris Barton, and their four children.

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