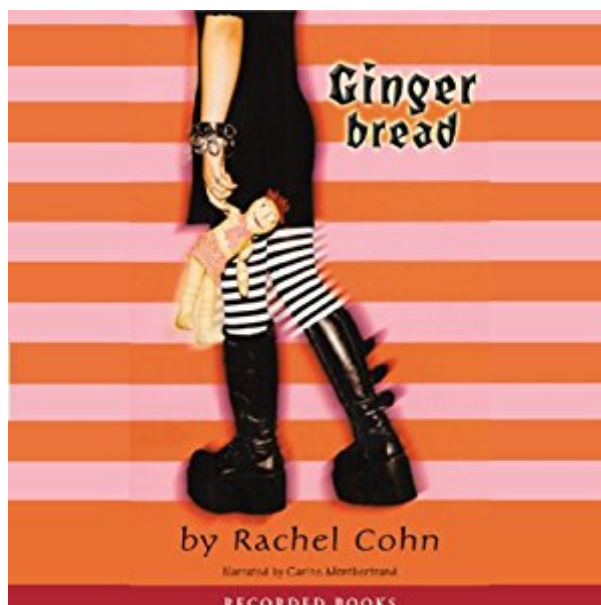


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# Gingerbread



## Synopsis

After being expelled from boarding school, teenaged Cyd Charisse is coping with her life circumstances as best she can. She even has a new boyfriend named Shrimp. But her mother is disturbed by Cyd's rebellious behavior and sends her away from San Francisco to live with her biological father in New York City.

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## Customer Reviews

When one thinks of Gingerbread, heady spices and molasses-like sweetness comes to mind, the book however was a literary equivalent of Angel Food Cake - fluffy, light and sweet enough to entertain but not overly filling. It's something that I can read in one sitting and then get up without a headache, possibly ready to begin the next book in the series. Young Adult fiction has come a long way, reading books about disgruntled sixteen year olds are certainly easier than being one all over again and even though I am no longer a teen I certainly remember how tough it was. Standing strong against the ripping winds of corruption and negative influences while dealing with feelings for boys, parents and especially how I saw myself was no walk in the beach and even though I had a blast growing up I am relieved to be done with it. For Cyd, living with her step dad Sid and mother Nancy and her younger half siblings in San Francisco is more of a nuisance than paradise. Her richly decorated home, stylish mother, lenient step father and her relationship with her new awesome boyfriend Shrimp are slowly crumbling up into a black hole that she has dug up in her past, the spoiled relationship with her then boyfriend Justin who got her hooked on his dark lifestyle

and got her pregnant without giving her any support. After her life changing decision to write her own future Cyd becomes even more cynical, witty, sarcastic and sometimes warm and human on her quest to fix her broken relations with her parents, Shrimp and her biological father in New York. Her last memory of him was when she was five years old and him giving her a doll that she named Gingerbread, carrying it with her to this day. The visit to the East coast opens her eyes in more ways than she has imagined and it's up to her to either find the light or slink away into the shadows with no helping hands to pull her up. The mystery of her parents split, her other half siblings and potential new boys are lined on up the horizon for the reader to grab onto and enjoy. It's all up to her whether she wants to grow up and change or act like a spoiled brat. The writing was easy to read and made the book flow like an express train. I enjoyed the brief glimpse of Cyd before she was with Shrimp and how her current situation evolved. This isn't deep fiction but a fun romp though pages filled with growing pains and emerging roots of maturity. I'm all ready reading the sequel "Shrimp" and cannot wait to find out what happens when Cyd is back in San Francisco after her life changing summer in New York. This book is like a nice, light slice of cake; it's no dinner but still fills you up.-  
Kasia S.

Granted I'm well beyond the age of her average reader. I truly think every teenager should read at least one or two of her books.

This book was wonderful. I got the book really fast which amazed me. Anyways, Cyd is one very strange girl to me, but if i met her I think she'd be one of my best friends. See gets into a lot of "trouble" in the book which is why I couldn't put it down it was very, very entertaining. Literally the day I got it I started reading and didn't go to sleep until 5 in the morning when I finished it. Two thumbs up!

It's very interesting and I'm Completely glued to it. I admire the concept of this book. Complete worth purchasing. It's a must read

It was a pretty short book, but I really ended up invested in the characters. I couldn't wait to get my hands on Shrimp, the second installment.

Was not able to completely download book to my daughters tablet. Dont know what was happening. \$8 for nothing. She needed it and we had to run around and get the paperback edition.

Book was stained with what looked like coffee and it covered the back of the back cover and the edges of every page and some on the text. Pages are still read able from that I've seen so far. The front cover looks good aside from the coffee stain in the corner and dents around the edges of the cover. No creases though. It was disappointing.

Add a rebellious teenager named Cyd Charisse to parents named Sid and Nancy. Throw in a biological father on another coast, a brooding surfing/artist boyfriend whose brother runs several fine coffee shops, a tarot reading best friend in a nursing home, and a doll named Gingerbread -- all that, and you're still not going to get a good story unless the author knows her stuff. Even a splash of a hot-hot-hot ex boyfriend and a boarding school scandal won't do it, unless the author knows how to capture characters on the written page. This, gentle readers, is an incredible book by a fabulous author. While Cid in "Gingerbread" isn't quite one's typical teenager (she's got a bit more money than most), the trials and tribulations are incredibly real with this obviously brilliant character. There are no minor characters in this book; everyone is very much alive. I first heard of Gingerbread, which is mentioned in a chapter of the 2002 Children's Writers & Illustrators Market (available on .com). The description is good enough that, instead of going to another library to do research on homework this weekend, I made a trip to a library with a children's and young adults' room specifically so that I could take this book off the shelf to read. I read it in under two hours. (It was a welcome relief from legal tomes! Furthermore, even though I'm now going to have to spend Sunday in the law library, meaning that I won't have any days off, giving up an afternoon to read something THIS delightful was worth it.) This book will make a unique gift for a teenage girl or boy who isn't quite as angelic as the Bobbsey Twins -- or perhaps for the parent of such a young adult. I am desperately hoping for a sequel, and I'm in my early 30s.

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