

Booktalk!

Worthy Script

For this Book Talk you will need

- 2 actors (Linden, Kat)
- Linden: t-shirt, hoody, jeans, running shoes, cell phone
- Kat: black pants, black shirt, black boots
- Additional props: table with two stacks of books piled on it, book cart, laptop, computer mouse, mouse pad, copy of *Worthy*

Kat: *(standing next to book cart & glancing at watch before speaking to Linden)* Uh, you're late. *(pausing for comedic effect)* Detention? *(laughing aloud)*

Linden: *(hesitantly)* I was at the prom planning meeting... *(pausing)* I was elected publicity chair.

Kat: *(crossing arms, smirking, then answering sarcastically)* Congratulations.

Linden: You think it's silly. *(walking over to table, sliding hand underneath stack of books then walking them back over to the cart)*

Kat: I'm not saying it's silly. It's fine if you want to go to prom... *(pausing)* It's just not my thing.

Linden: *(setting books down on cart & putting them in some sort of order)* I don't know if I'm going; I'm just helping.

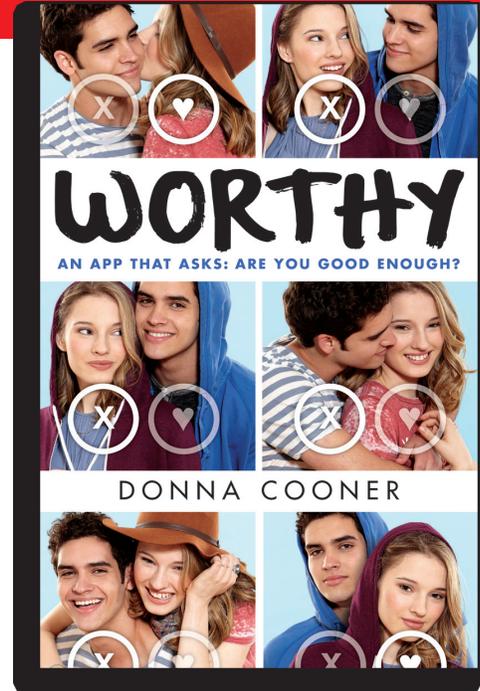
Kat: What do you have to do as *(making air quotes)* 'publicity chair'?

Linden: I have to write some posts for the school website...

Kat: The Sammy Page? Really? *(smirking)*

Kat: *(waving Linden over to the table, sitting down in front of & opening up the laptop, moving the mouse as if to get the computer up and running; chuckling as she views the Sammy Pages web site)* Wow, you sure have your work cut out for you. *(squinting slightly at something on-screen)* Hey. What's this "Worthy" thing? *(pointing to a place on the screen)*

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Linden: *(moving a chair over and sitting next to Kat)* Oh, yeah... *(scanning the room to make sure the librarian isn't around then taking her cell phone out of her pocket & tapping the screen to simulate activating the Worthy app)* It's this new app. *(turning her phone so Kat can see the screen)*

Kat: *(reading off Linden's phone)* "Welcome to Worthy! A private network for Sam Houston High School students to share honest opinions about the weaknesses and strengths of select girls. Swipe here to continue." *(stops reading; looking at Linden with a mixture of shock & confusion on her face)* 'Select girls'? Who's doing the selecting?

Linden: *(looking over at Kat, sounding a little nervous)* I don't know. *(glancing back down at phone and swiping her hand to continue on app, then looking back over at Kat)* Look — it's Taylor and Liam.

Kat: *(squinting at cell screen again, pointing at the screen & sounding incredulous)* It says, "Is she *(air quoting)* 'worthy'?" *(pointing to a different place on the phone screen)* What IS this? *(shifting chair closer to Linden & leaning forward slightly)*

Linden: I'm not sure. Like a popularity contest for a couple? You vote on whether they make a good match or not?

Kat: *(sitting back)* So...you're supposed to click on the heart for 'yes' and the big red 'X' for no?

Linden: *(shrugging)* I guess so.

Kat: *(looking & sounding a little angry)* Who started the app?

Linden: Don't know... But it probably wouldn't be that complicated to make.

Kat: Obviously. Anyone who's taken Tech 101 would know how to create this piece of bland. I could do it in my sleep.

Linden: So what do you think? *(glancing at phone screen, then back at Kat)* IS she worthy?

Kat: Why is this only about the GIRL? Why does SHE have to be worthy of HIM?

Linden: Good question. One you should be asking every fashion magazine article ever written. But I figure this is no different than liking someone's photo on Facebook or Instagram, right?

Kat: *(frowning)* Take a look at some of those comments that have been posted: "Eww, she's evil" and "She's not worthy of anyone!" Are they going to show the results? It all seems kind of gross.

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- Linden:** *(shrugging)* But it's probably just part of being in the popular crowd. Everyone has an opinion about you. They're used to it.
- Kat:** *(pushing her chair back & standing up)* I'm out! *(turning to pick up second stack of books — leaving behind the copy of Worthy & taking them to the cart; glancing back at Linden, shaking her head and wheeling cart offstage)*
- Linden:** *(watching Kat leave, then standing up & speaking to audience)* Can Taylor ever really get used to being judged? And is it okay to determine her value based on other people's opinions? *(holding up a copy of Worthy)* Look for *Worthy* at your Scholastic Book Fair.