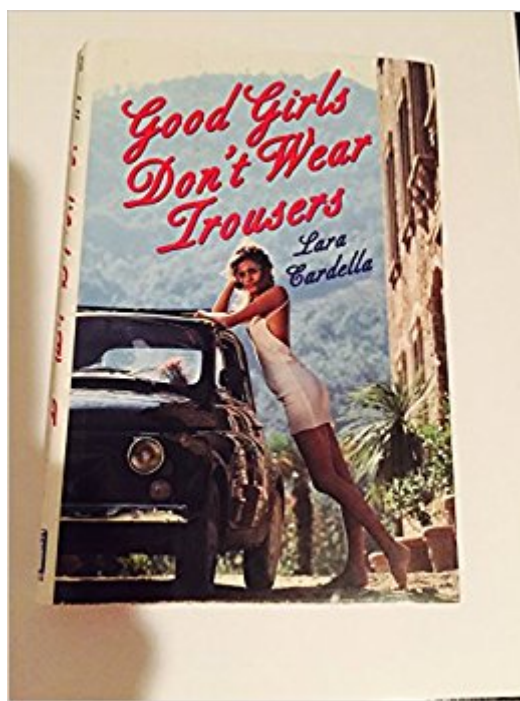


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# Good Girls Don't Wear Trousers



## Synopsis

An international bestseller chronicles the adventures of twelve-year-old Annetta, desperate to get away from her stifling Sicilian village, who is sent away to live with grim relatives, where a shocking truth about her childhood is revealed.

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"Here, women can be wives and mothers but they can never be people." This is one of the most powerful lines from this book "Good Girls Don't Wear Trousers" which is translated from the original Italian into English. It is a most powerful book with a very deep insight into life in rural Sicily where women aren't valued as human beings. It delves into the rural mentality (which I've witnessed in any number of small towns in the U.S.) of wanting to think the worst of people, purely for the entertainment value of it. Nobody even tries to ascertain the truth, because that would take away the only entertainment they have, which is maligning the reputation of others to the best of their abilities. In this particular setting of rural Sicily, people are very quick to ruin a girl's reputation and call her a "slut." Whether or not she actually is one is immaterial, simply if she doesn't conform or is seen anywhere close to a guy, she's assumed to be a slut. In this story, we have a young girl who dreams of being a nun, because she thinks they wear pants underneath their habits. Obviously, they don't, so she then tries to imitate her male cousin. When that leads to nowhere, she then tries to become like the well-to-do engineer's daughter. All the while, she is subjected to ruthless beatings from her father and her mother, even. As her mother prefers the ne'er do well son over her daughter simply because of the gender expectations of their society and she isn't even worried

when her daughter's uncle abuses Annetta sexually. The power of this book lies in how it reveals what happens in a society that doesn't value women as people and is too poor to value education.

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