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Modest, not mousy



Make a splash at the pool or water slide with sassy suits that cover up more



Kate Spade

The high-waisted bikini

Taylor Swift devotees know the *Bad Blood* singer can't get enough of her high-waisted bikinis, and it is easy to see why. Not only does the retro-inspired bathing suit give off a classy, sophisticated look, but it also saves you from the worry of having your bottoms fall off as you splash around in the pool. To play up the swimsuit's vintage feel, look for options in retro-inspired prints like flamingos, palm trees and pineapples.

Try it on: Kate Spade New York 'Playa Flamingos' Underwire Bandeau Top, \$94; High Waist Bottom, \$85. Available at Everything But Water.

By Courtney Ortega
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Signaling the unofficial start of the summer season, Fort Worth's first ever Slide the City event takes place downtown Saturday, and there's sure to be no shortage of skin.

While some sliders will opt to go functional in a T-shirt and athletic shorts, others will undoubtedly go for something more stylish (and skimpier), like a string bikini.

But what if you want to prevent an unfortunate wardrobe malfunction while you slide down the 2,000-foot water slide? Or maybe you just prefer to keep things a little more covered up (keeping in mind photos of the event might end up on thousands of Facebook walls)?

Is it possible to still look fashionable without having to show so much skin? The answer is yes!

Whether you want to cover up the majority of your torso or just one half of your body, there is a wide variety of modest swimsuit options out there to accommodate everyone. Plus, you don't have to worry about not being on trend. (Fashion-forward celebrities like Taylor Swift, Blake Lively and Reese Witherspoon have all stepped out in modest swimsuits while on vacation.)

So before you hit up the downtown slide, water park or beach this summer, check out our list of modest, Instagram-worthy swimsuits.

More on **SWIMWEAR, 1C**

The rash guard

Once upon a time, rash guards were reserved only for surfers and fair-skinned individuals trying to prevent a nasty sunburn. Now, thanks to designers like Tory Burch and Mara Hoffman, rash guards are a trendy way to dress for a day at the water park or beach. With a variety of sleeve lengths and fun designs to choose from, rash guards are proof you can cover up and still indulge your stylish side.

Try it on: Zip-Front Rashguard, \$24.94; Classic Bikini Bottoms, \$19.94. Available at Old Navy.

Old Navy



Young-adult author and librarian has the best of both worlds

Novelist Jenny Martin will share writing tips with teens at a workshop.

By David Martindale
Special to the Star-Telegram

Jenny Martin lives in a fantasy world.

Not all of the time, mind you. Mostly just nights and weekends, when she's not at her day job as a school librarian.

Martin's vividly imagined alter ego is a 17-year-old girl who races cars and strives to bring down the oppressive corporate overlords on a 24th-century Earth colony planet.

The girl, named Phee, is the spitfire heroine of *Tracked*, a young adult adventure novel that grafts elements of *The Fast and the Furious* onto *The Hunger Games*.

"In real life, I am one of the most timid people you will ever know," Martin says. "But in my imagination, as this character, I can be fierce and brave."

"I can do things I've longed to do but was always too afraid to try, like racing cars." It's important to note that Martin is selling herself short here. It takes tenacity and courage to write a book and to send it out into the world the way she has.

Tracked, which was published in May by Dial Books, an imprint of Penguin Random House, has been the recipient of enthusiastic reviews and good sales.

"Even if that's as good as it gets, boy, I'm so happy," she says.

In most ways, becoming a published author didn't change her life. As she works on final edits for the second book in the *Tracked* duology, which comes out next year, she is still the librarian to 800 students at Beck Elementary in Trophy Club. She is still a wife and mother.

"But it is fun when some of my older students come to me and ask if I'll sign their book," Martin says. "And it never gets old seeing my book on shelves."

Students often come to Martin seeking guidance on their writing projects, because they value her expertise as a "real" writer.

This month, she'll share More on **AUTHOR, 4C**

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Swimwear

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The one-piece

No longer seen as frumpy or unfashionable, one-piece swimsuits have grown in popularity, and for good reason. Not only is the style generally flattering on all figures, but one-piece swimsuits offer more coverage than a traditional bikini. When shopping for a one-piece bathing suit, keep an eye out for options with interesting necklines or prints.

Try it on: Scalloped Underwire Maillot in black and white, \$98. Available at Anthropologie.



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The tankini

Want the coverage of a one piece with the movement of a bikini? Then a tankini might just be the right fit for you. The two-piece ensemble features a tank-style top that can be paired with a variety of bottom options, so you can switch up your look if you get bored. Much like the one-piece, tankinis work on most body types and do a wonderful job of helping to create a slimmer waistline.

Try it on: Dot Halter Tankini Top, \$79; Dot Banded Bikini Bottom, \$49. Available at Ann Taylor.



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For men: The board short

Think women are the only ones prone to having water park wardrobe malfunctions? Think again. Soggy, sagging swim trunks and teeny tiny Speedos can leave little to the imagination. To solve this problem, we suggest North Face's board shorts for men. Made to be worn both in and out of the pool, the quick-drying board shorts hit right above the knee and feature a button closure to ensure they don't stray from your waist.

Try it on: The North Face 'Pacific Creek' Board Shorts, \$55. Available at Nordstrom.



The North Face

The cover-up

For those who prefer to spend their summer days lounging by the pool, a pretty cover-up is a great way to add additional coverage over your swimsuit. While cover-ups are available in a variety of styles ranging from rompers to sundresses, we prefer the kimono-style options that come in pretty, eye-catching prints.

Try it on: OP Juniors Rose Print Kimono Swim Cover-up, \$11.96. Available at Wal-Mart.



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