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Can stepping out of your comfort zone lead you to ultimate happiness?

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The Difference Between You & Me Details

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Sophie says

Netgalley copy.

This book and I didn't agree.

Alison says

Trudy's life is going to plan, great job with an almost guaranteed promotion, nice flat, all mod cons, engaged to a 'sensible' man with the wedding imminent so what could possibly fill a book!?

It begins at her wedding dress choosing/fitting .. it seems she has half the damn family there giving their opinions. The future mother-in-law is the archetypal horror. Everyone has an idea about what Trudy should wear or do and I found this quite a tough section to get through without throwing my Kindle across the room. But bear with it .. little Miss Perfect is in for a shock when she discovers what 'sensible' Horace is up to!

Consequently her job doesn't follow her mapped out direction and she is sent to a little town in Scotland to bail an ailing bank out of financial difficulty to ensure it doesn't close.

Well, you'd think she was travelling to the end of the earth by crossing the border, she dislikes the area, weather, people and god forbid it must be medieval times when the WiFi stops working!

This is a quick, easy read .. it gets a little more interesting when she meets Ethan .. then we have the classic will they, won't they scenario but at least it heats up a bit.

If you are after a rom-com that you don't have to think too much about and just enjoy for light entertainment then this will do the job.

Thanks to Netgalley, Aria etc for the opportunity to read and review voluntarily.

Amy MacKinnon says

Hard to stick with.

The heroine is incredibly cynical, quite hard to like. For some reason the hero seems to want to put up with her. More power to him. I don't feel that way myself...

Long, long chapters cataloging her negative thought process. It gets tedious. I really wouldn't recommend...it doesn't leave you feeling particularly happy.

Claudia Blanton says

I received an ARC copy of this book for free from the publisher in return for an honest review

Some books carry you through the story because they are well-crafted, have an interesting plot, and loveable characters. Other books are impossible to connect with, even if the plot idea is solid. The Difference Between You And Me is sadly one of the later kind of books.

I truly do not understand the obsession of some writers to ruin what could possibly a good story by insisting on using a First Person Present Tense Narrative. There are only a few ways to make a story crafted in this way work:

The characters have to be exceptional
The plot has to be not just solid, but amazing.

I wish I could say that this book had these two points going for it. Sure, this story line could be a good book - but not amazing, and I truly did not like the main characters. Reading this book was like spending time with someone you don't like, and being told what they are thinking, without caring for them at all.

I really wish I could find something positive to say about this book, but I simply can't.

Rose says

The main character was a complete cold bitch and some of the dialogue is way too dramatic to come up with on the fly but its a fun read overall. Ethan doesn't seem like the kind of guy she will fall for and they don't make any sense together.

Pontiki says

I like the small town and the fun, from the rain soaking everyone to the Pumpkin King and Queen.

Trudy, not so much. She's too harsh and logical, and even when Ethan is trying to get her to open herself up to their relationship, she's still rigid and complaining.

As she becomes 'nicer', it's better, but the relationship sounds like too chaotic, even at the end, when she wants to read her book when he wants to surprise her.

He seems quiet, gruff, but sweet, she needs to loosen up.

Camila says

*This book was given to me by the publisher through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review – all

opinions are my own.*

This was a cute little chick lit book that I would give more a 2.8/5 rather than just a 2. It follows workaholic Londoner, Trudy as she sees herself relocating (against her will) to a remote village in Scotland. It was an enjoyable and quick read that I would recommend to people who like a nice little romance. I found it well written, especially for a romance genre, however, there are a few things that irritated me. Except from all the obvious clichés that this book rehashes, it's the slightly inaccurate way of portraying Scotland and Scottish people, right to the language. To be honest, it's easy to not think about it, but I live in Scotland so it kept hitting me. Still an enjoyable read!

Sofia says

So, I got kindle unlimited and I was like "right, time to try and minimize my to read list. Let's find out what title I have on my list that's free on Amazon".

Turns out there are at least two books with this title. One is the one that's actually on my list... the other is this one. Good, because I was starting to think I'd lost it 'cuz I couldn't for the life of me figure out why I'd put a book like this in my list.

I read three chapters last night. Those are the only chapters I will ever read. Since this wasn't actually the book I wanted, I had no idea what the summary was but after a chapter and a half I was like "ah, so, this is what's gonna happen".

To be fair, I'm quite fond of clichés so that didn't put me off... Everything else about the main character did. I understand being witty. Once in a while, I say a few things like that but every single thing that I think/comes out of my mouth? It's just unrealistic.

All those three chapters gathered from me were eye-rolling and just getting upset so I decided that there's no point in carrying on, especially when I now know the summary and so, pretty much the whole plot of the book.

Again, there is nothing wrong with clichés and I do enjoy romantic stories... but man, you have got to bring something new to the table. And no, "I am not like any other girl" is absolutely not a good point.

Probably shouldn't count as "read" when Amazon tells me I only read 11% of it but hey, I tried.

Amethyst Kinnair says

Loved it!

I rated 'the difference between you and me' five stars because as soon as I read the first chapter I couldn't put it down, it's an adults fairytale, with a lovely happy ending! I love Trudy and how she changed her ways and grew as a person throughout the story, it shows the readers that love changes you as a person and helps you grow in many ways. Really good read.

Grass monster says

The Blurb :

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My Thoughts :

This got going from the off and I must say I found myself having a little giggle at the future mother in law and friends at the bridal shop fitting. Trudy is a bit like marmite, you either love her or hate her. I could sympathize with her when she came across her fiance and another woman. Im surprised she didnt swing for him.

When in the following weeks, her job takes her to Scotland, all is not as it should be. One would think Trudy was asked to live in a dump. Instantly she dislikes the weather, the area she has been put in and she doesnt like the people. To top it off the WiFi stops working. Things start to get a bit more interesting when she meets Ethan, the local landlord.

This is a nice little Rom Com that is funny at times and I really enjoyed it. Its been well thought out and keeps its pace throughout.

Lilly Charysma says

I loved it! I believe mostly because I could relate to the character but also because it made me laugh so many times! It just made me feel good. And it is just what I needed.

What would you do if one day you realize that what you thought was a perfect life, actually proves to be full of flaws? Well, for starters, you run! I mean, I would go someplace far, try to start all over, or at least put some distance for a while. That's what our main character does as well – even though she takes this decision in a not so clear state of mind. Regardless, she ends up in Turriff, a place somewhere far from civilization – in her opinion at least.

The story is so full of funny incidents and funny dialogue that it captured me from the very beginning. I loved the writing, as it seemed so natural and believable. It starts and it ends in the same funny manner – and trust me, it has the most original Acknowledgements

I was mentioning in the beginning that I could very much relate to the character. I am as well a workaholic and I know what is like to put work before everything else. I sometimes struggle with the same issues as Trudy. But coming back to her, I liked the fact she knew she was as guilty as her ex-future-husband in the distance settled between them. She never blamed solely him, but she never imagined this outcome for her

relationship. She is now looking for comfort where she knows she is really good: in the office. Still, when she ends up with a hot landlord, her planned six months may turn differently.

The relationship between Trudy and Ethan is full of crazy. They argue, they cannot stand each other. He brings out a side in her she has never let out. It is very intense and at the same time really, really funny!

Honestly, I loved it and I would read it again. It made me feel good, it kept me from putting it down... what more could I have asked?

Debra says

I read for a honest review for NetGalley. I love this cover, its what attracted me in the first place then these characters Trudy and Ethan.I look forward to more books by Ms.Hayes in the near future.

kristen says

Your ability to hang in with this book is, as far as I'm concerned, entirely dependent on whether or not you can deal with the jarring writing style and if you can deal with it long enough to get to the point where Trudy starts to change. I disliked it so much that if I hadn't been reviewing The Difference Between You and Me, I would simply not have persevered.

Rest up at AAR: <http://allaboutromance.com/book-revie...>

Rachel says

The story is pretty quick to get going and I loved that Trudy almost straight away found herself out of her comfort zone. I have to say at times that I struggled to engage with Trudy however as the book progresses her personality begins to come out. Her reaction to having no internet for two days is priceless. Although I'm sure I would be a little upset going without my blog for a few days! Then again not having access to social media would mean I probably could read more books.

When Trudy and Ethan first met I knew that it would be entertaining seeing them clash. I loved the sparring between them and it was lots of fun to see these two get to know each other. Their chemistry slowly simmering under the surface kept me interested in the story. The question is will anything happen between them?

I liked the people in the town of Turriff and I almost wish I could have gotten to know them better. There was the potential to bring to life some interesting characters that I'm sure would have made the book that little bit more engaging.

If you just need to forget about your day then this book could be just right for you with a story that is easy going and light hearted.

The Difference Between You & Me would be great to spend a few hours with and forget your troubles!

Three and a half stars from me!

Thank you to Aria & Netgalley for my copy. This is my honest and unbiased opinion.

Gaele says

Told in first person POV, there is some adjustment needed to find the joy in Trudy. A city-girl with everything as she expected: fab flat in London, a fiancé that fits her lifestyle, a wonderful job where she is in line for the next big promotion and only a few hiccups with her family and soon-to-be mother in law. Things are moving according to plan until she's informed that her next position will be in Scotland, not a city but a small town, and she will have to turn around the fortunes of a failing bank.

Not so terrible (oh wait, perhaps it is) until she sees the bank, convinced the employees hate her, her new housing is below her standards, hell, even her internet is down (GAH). Even worse, the pub owner, as gorgeous as he is, seems to have issues with her: if their back and forth is any indication. She's such the fish out of water here, and she takes no time in informing people of those differences.

There's a solid sense of humor running through this story: the banter and conversations are delightful easy to imagine the expressions and the subtle digs, or not so subtle, as they play at Trudy's confidence and solid sense of "getting on with it to get to the end goal" sort of attitude. And her two days with no internet, no access to social media, and the adjustments she must make to acclimate herself to the quiet after the bustle of London is delightful, and here is where her own personality takes over, allowing readers to engage more fully and start to find the rhythm in her thoughts, as we are privy to most of them.

The relationship with Ethan is lovely: from her initial reactions when, dismayed by the weather, the town, her position at the bank and most decidedly the fact that it is NOT London, the two are bickering back and forth with jibes, subtle and not so. But, Ethan has a large prat to play in her life, from his 'always' being there, to a clear understanding of and place in Turriff, he's able to provide a space that, despite her initial reactions, is welcoming and comfortable. And there is no harm in the fact that their chemistry is palpable, even electric at times, as the story moves on. Light and fun, with plenty of laughs even as Trudy is making some life-altering decisions, this is the perfect get away from it all sort of book, if you are willing to persevere through the early chapters and let Trudy come to show herself to you.

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