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Trust Me Details

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From Reader Review Trust Me for online ebook

Dash fan says

If I could rate Trust Me 10 stars I would!

I was hooked from page 1. Gemma's style of writing made reading even better. The chapters were short and sharp.

I was hanging on to every word desperate to find out more. It was captivating, enthralling, Heartbreaking and had so many twists and turns I was left guessing at every page.

Lana and Liam connect via a telephone call that will change both of their lives forever!

When Lana calls Liam trying to sell him a holiday, Liam tells Lana he is about to kill himself.

Lana is about to lose her job if she don't make a sale but all she can think of is Liam.

She rings him back and so their journey begins

Eventually Lana persuades Liam to tell he's story to her. On doing so it opens up wounds for Lana and she too begins to confide in Liam reliving her awfull story to him and why she run away, in order to save him.

Jessica is Liam's current wife and the story is heavily centered around her manipulative, physcotic ways.

Without giving anything away, you soon learn Jessica is jealous of Liam's deceased ex wife and she does everything in her power to control and bully him.

My heart really went out to Liam he suffered so much at the hands of Jessica and carried so much guilt, tragedy and heartache, I can see why he feels he has no way out. Jessica has trapped him, there really is no escape!

Lana's story is equally as tragic. She has parents who are cruel and disown her for being pregnant at a young age and she has a drug addict brother who endangers her daughter and steals from her.

It because of her brother she ends up running away.

Throughout reading Trust Me I had so many questions and theories they changed Chapter by Chapter which I loved as it kept me on my toes craving to know the answers.

The Chapters go from past to present but Gemma has managed to make the transition seamlessly.

Normally I find this frustrating but with Trust Me it works.

It is perfect for the phone call style. Lana needs to keep Liam talking and in order to do this she asks him questions which blend into telling he's story.

I highly recommend reading Trust Me, it really is a heart racing, page turning, captivating, gripping story.

I can't wait to read more of Gemma Metcalfe books.

I would like to say Thank you to the publishers for accepting my request to read this exciting new book.

I received this book from the Publisher for a fair review via NetGalley.

Lisa Doherty (Rambling Lisa's Book Reviews) says

I'm not even going to wait until I've finished my ramble to tell you to go and buy this book, it is 99p on Amazon and worth much, much more!

Trust Me starts with Liam receiving a phone call from Lana, a cold-caller trying to make a sale, and as a result of this phone call things will never be the same. Liam has decided to kill himself and as Lana tries to make her pitch to him he tells her that there is no point as he is going to be dead and hangs up on Lana. Completely in shock, Lana rings him back because she feels she has to stop him. As she tries to tell him that life is worth living he tells her she is far too young to know anything about life and it goes from there.

This is one of the most poignant stories that I have read in a long time. This beautifully written tale tells of something that could genuinely happen to a cold-caller, or anyone for that matter, and the subject has been dealt with wonderfully.

It is the first book in a long time that had me saying, while in bed, "One more chapter" or "Hold on, I need to find out what happens!" to my husband. A side note – he fell asleep and the first thing he asked, in the morning, was, did I finish the book, followed by how he knew it was good because usually I just stop and the end of my chapter. All this was before "Good morning my, oh so beautiful wife who I cherish for all eternity!" (OK I am delusional, I can't imagine he has ever said that to me but come on a girl can dream!)

This is a story both apostolic and in retrospect, however, it is exceptionally easy to follow. I was gripped the whole time and the only reason I put it down the first night was because my Kindle had hit me up the face a few times. I thought I could predict how it would end but I couldn't, in fact, I was so far off it was wonderful.

Grass monster says

The Blurb :

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My Thoughts :

Firstly if that blurb doesn't get you intrigued I don't know what will. I am usually a Chick Lit kind of girl but occasionally I like to indulge in the odd Thriller Suspense book.

I was gripped from the start and could not put this down as I wanted to know what was coming next for each character. It's safe to say I was up until 3am wanting to finish it, and that's not something I do often. I really got into the characters of Lana and Liam, and as I read each page it made me wonder what possibly was to come that was worse than I'd already read.

This jumps between past and present, Lana's life and Liam's life. I was a little unsure and thought it may get

confusing but it didnt. Gemma Metcalfe really worked this part of the story and made it flow perfectly. My only little niggle with the story was that would Lana of really been allowed to of been on the phone all that time without her boss really questioning it or her colleagues not listening in and thinking she was nuts. But thats just something I picked out and really doesnt effect the reading in anyway. There are lots of twists and turns with a few surprises thrown in. I didnt call most of them, which is good because it shows what a great writer Gemma is. I think this would of been a 5 star review but due to the ending ive given it 4 as I was a little disappointed and I think it ends quiet abruptly which left me feeling a bit Ohh. The whole book had such depth, with the ending leaving me a bit deflated. Overall a fab book and a new author to look out for.

Wendy says

Gemma Metcalfe is amazing!!!

I loved everything about her book! I loved the way she set up the conversation between the two main characters... I don't think I've ever seen that before in a novel and for me it made it unique! I loved it!

The characters I could really relate to. They were very likeable and you could feel empathy for both their situations.

I loved the humour you injected into the story and the way you time stamped the switches between characters lives.

Overall I loved this book and from the moment I picked it up I was stealing time to read the odd page or two in between entertaining family. It was an amazing read and so pleased I discovered it. I was pulled into the stories and couldn't wait to find out what was going to happen next.

I'm really hoping Gemma is currently over in Tenerife writing her second novel because she has a lovely unique way of writing and I most definitely would love to read her next one!

Anyone reading this please go over to Amazon and support Gemma so her novel can be available in paperback! It's an amazing novel! ? x

Linda Strong says

4.5 Stars

Lana is a telemarketer. She's been told to sell a holiday package before the end of her shift, or it will be her very last shift. Having a young daughter to support and needing money, she makes another phone call.

Thousand of miles away, the phone is answered by Liam. When Lana starts her spiel, he tells her not to continue, he's getting ready to kill himself.

At first, Lana thinks it is a joke. But somehow the man's earnest demeanor comes through.

As time runs out for both of them, they each have a story to tell ... a secret to share.

This is quite different from any other books I've read. Told in turn by each, the reader is transported to the past ...and to the present. This is not a mystery, per se, but it is highly suspenseful. I actually did not find Lana all the credible. But Liam found a place in my heart that hurt so much for him.

It seemed like a fast read to me, but maybe that's because I just could not put this one down. I had to see what happened next to both Lana and Liam.

The ending was so unexpected, but so fitting.

Many thanks to the author/ HQ Digital / Netgalley for the digital copy. Opinions expressed here are unbiased and entirely my own.

Aishling Murphy says

Totally enjoyed this book. A story of Lana a telesales girl trying to sell a holiday. Takes a call from Liam a man who feels he has now nothing left to live for and wants to end his life . Two strangers with deep heart breaking stories and how they try to save each other. Stories that need to be told. Gripping with a few twists, for me it was a real page turner from start to finish. A great read.

Joanne Robertson says

Wow! Trust Me is the best 99p I have spent in a long time! I saw this book had some great early reviews so got my pre order in and it magically appeared on my Kindle on Friday. And normally books then languish there for a good few weeks (months) due to my ridiculously high TBR pile but this one had intrigued me so much that I went to bed with it on Sunday night. And in the early hours of Monday morning I finally put it down with just that one word....."wow"!

It's hard to believe that this is a debut novel. Gemma Metcalfe has taken her inspiration from a job she knows well and woven a twisted "what if?" around it in such a unique and engrossing writing style that you will be gripped immediately. Honestly, I defy ANYONE to be able to put this book down once they start it! It had all the pace of a Hollywood blockbuster but with a thoughtful insight that you don't much see in this genre. But the best thing about it for me was that I had absolutely no idea where it was going! I LOVE being surprised by a book, it doesn't happen to me much nowadays so when it does I just want to scream and shout and generally rave about it to anyone who will listen!

These two main characters Lana and Liam have never met but they are about to become the most important person in each others life as their deepest thoughts and darkest secrets slowly come together. I loved that the random phone call brought them together at just the right time and from that first contact I was desperate to discover what they were both hiding. You can almost feel Lana's desperation as she starts off trying to make the sale that will save her skin but then it becomes an agonising race against time to hear how Liams story will end. Both threads kept my attention throughout and I would get fully invested in the tragic occurrences in Liams life then be left hanging in anticipation while we switched to the chain of events explaining how Lana ended up in that dead end job in Tenerife. There were some great unexpected plot twists here as well, one of which I didn't see until it slapped me in the face with its originality and brilliance! Very clever indeed!

And after all that build up I wasn't disappointed by the perfectly pitched ending – the cherry on the top of an involving and well rounded thriller that is unlike anything else you will read this year. Gemma Metcalfe should be so proud of herself for this uniquely fabulous debut and I am so looking forward to seeing what other deliciously warped ideas come from Gemma's twisted imagination. Highly recommended by me!

TracieB♠? says

Gemma Metcalfe is a truly talented author! absolutely amazing book, well written and gets you totally hooked from the start to finish.

Shawna P. says

Working as a phone salesperson has to suck. The constant hang ups, verbal abuse, etc. Lana is not much different. She is pretty much harassed by her manager to make one more sale or she's fired. She then ends up calling Liam, who tells her he is about to end his life.

This book had its ups and downs, good and bad points. The story is told from Lana and Liam, and how they got to where they are now in life. There were points in the book that did make me sad and feel for Liam, but most of it was just so overdone.

Take Lana's boss. He is the biggest assbag ever, and a normal person wouldn't take that. Lana just seemed like such an idiot and her back story was a bit sad, but also felt forced. I don't know how to explain it, it was almost as if two complete strangers were competing for the biggest sob story.

Liam's story is a lot more messed up and I think his storyline would have done well even without Lana's mixed in. The ending was a little bit of a shocker, but not entirely. Overall 3.5 in my book.

Sarah Joint says

Easily four and a half stars, bumped up to a five. **The ending will blow you away.** The two main characters are very different, but immediately likeable and you really feel for them both. I suspected a couple of the surprises in the end, but there were also a couple that managed to shock me. A very twisted and gripping story.

Lana is just trying to pay her rent and care for her daughter. She's stuck doing a sort of telemarketing job, trying to sell holidays. Unfortunately, she is not good at it. Her boss informs her that she needs to make a sale TODAY or she's out of a job. No pressure. As the workday begins to wind down, she gets increasingly desperate. **Her final call of the day may or not be a sale... but it's certainly one she'll remember forever.**

Liam is on the other end of the line, thousands of miles away. The last few years of his life have been unbelievably difficult, and he's drawn to Lana and begins to tell her his story and listen to hers. Someone should know what causes him to kill himself, right? **Both fueled by anger and desperation, their secrets come out, telling each other terrible things no one else knows.**

I was given an ARC of this novel from Net Galley and HQ Digital, thank you! My review is honest and

unbiased.

Nicki says

OMG,I was so hooked in by this gripping psychological thriller that when my hubby left for work at 6.30am this morning instead of just turning over and going back to sleep like I usually do I couldn't resist getting up,grabbing my kindle and finding out how this riviting thriller was going to end.Now I'm bitterly disappointed,not by how it ended but by the fact that I have finished the book.

Lana,a single mum to six year old Amber really needs to sell a holiday or she is going to lose her dead end job.Stuck in Tenerife with a overbearing boss breathing down her neck every five minutes she doesn't think her day can get any worse,that is until Liam answers the phone.

Thousands of miles away Liam never intended to answer the phone,he is too busy trying to work out the easiest and quickest way to die.Then he realises that if he shares his secrets with Lana then at least someone will the truth before he goes,even if that other person is a complete stranger.

As time ticks by and Lana desperately fights to keep Liam alive they are drawn to each other and Liam discovers that Lana has secrets of her own,after all do your secrets matter when you are going to die.

This riviting thriller is narrated in alternating chapters by Liam and Lana,the chapters also flip back and forth through time between the present and the past.The present day chapters are time stamped and count down the day as Lana struggles to convince Liam not to kill himself.The chapters are clearly labelled so you know exactly who's part of the story you are reading,the story flows along nicely and is easy to follow.Tara and Liam are realistic,believable characters who it was easy to feel sympathy for as both their stories unfolded.Their lives had been turned upside down and torn apart due to circumstances beyond their control and because they both tried to do what was right.My favourite chapters where the ones narrated by Liam,I felt that his story was more intreguing and had more twists that Lana`s.

It's a well written thriller that had me hooked from the gripping prologue and gasping out loud when I read a jaw dropping,unexpected twist towards the end.This little gem is surprisingly a debut book and I honestly look forward to reading more books by this author in the future.

Many thanks to HQ Digital for a arc of this book via netgalley in exchange for a honest review

Nic says

I loved this book! It is a great writing style and concept - 2 main characters recounting events from their lives, over a long distance telephone call.

Well written short chapters, lots of twists and turns, and not a serial killer in sight!

A refreshing change, totally recommended and can't wait for the author's next book.

Nicola Southall says

Brilliant first book. Couldn't put it down. Something a little different for a suspense. A must read

Sam (Clues and Reviews) says

This debut novel was something that I began reading not really knowing what to expect; what a novel to go in blind to! Fast paced and unputdownable, I was consumed in these pages and became completely invested in this unconventional story.

First, the narrative style of this one was completely original. It had me on the edge of my seat. Two people speaking to each other over the phone, one person, a telemarketer, and the other, a man in the midst of completing suicide, in present time, begin to reveal their darkest secrets to each other. As the skeletons in their closet are revealed, told in flashbacks, time begins to run out and the question remains, if you are about to die, do your secrets even matter? Crazy right?

Told in alternating chapters and perspectives between Lana, at her call center, desperately trying to keep this man on the phone and Liam, at home completing suicide, telling his story to someone before he dies, flowed easily and I could not flip the pages quick enough.

I did find that the middle of this one lagged a little bit; it sort of began to read a little bit like a pity party. Both characters seemed to be trying to “out do” each other with the amount of strife in their lives. I feel like the story may have worked better for me if Liam was the one dealing with the issues and Lana simply was listening; her storyline worked, don't get me wrong, but there were points where I felt like it both characters were hosting a pity party for themselves.

However, by the time the big reveals unfolded at the end, any feelings of annoyance disappeared and I was completely impressed with Metcalfe's ability to tie the plot together. The one reveal in particular actually made me gasp.

I would highly recommend this novel; a seriously entertaining read!

I received a copy of this novel for review; it was my pleasure to do so honestly!

Karen says

I enjoyed this book, I found it easy to read with a good storyline
