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\*\*\*Note: This is the first book in a Reverse Harem series. If you expect her to end up with just one guy, then this is not for you.\*\*\*

\*\*Also, there is violence, and just a little bit of foul language.\*\*

\*Oh, and it's a slow burn, so no sexy times till the second or third book\*

Blue Faust and her mother have just moved to a new city, and Blue has a Plan and a List. This will be The Year of New Things. Little does she know just how right she is. When she and her new friends are out hiking one day and suddenly find themselves in a new world, Blue thinks she may have gotten all the New she can handle.

She has to handle kidnapers, killer crystals and stubborn beast mounts. Throw in some very appealing men, all with their own agendas, and it's all Blue can do to keep her head from exploding.

## A Girl Named Blue: The Adventure Begins Details

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## From Reader Review A Girl Named Blue: The Adventure Begins for online ebook

### Kim Latham says

#### Loved

This author and book came out of nowhere and completely blew me away. This isn't your average RH book and the story line is completely different than I have read before. I can say I will recommend this book and can not wait to see what happens next. The characters, settings and story kept me captive and I can only hope that it continues with the next book

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### Jennifer G says

A Girl Named Blue: The Adventure Begins by Cecilia Randell lives up to it's name! It's a fantastic beginning to a new Reverse Harem series. Blue is starting her senior year of high school at a new school. She's started over plenty of times due to her mom's job, but this is the first year without her beloved dad. To keep herself from falling into a funk, she has created a list. This is a wish list of new experiences to help her step out of her comfort zone. It also helps force her to connect with new friends starting on Day 1. While out hiking with her new friends, they accidentally travel through a portal ending up in another world. While there they face kidnapers, clansmen, and beasts; there's danger, violence, tragedy, attractions, and possibly love. Blue is definitely out of her comfort zone, but she's also never felt so alive.

There is great world building in this book. There's a complete glossary and an atlas before the story even begins. This is a detailed, multi-layered universe. The story is well-done. It's full of thrills and suspense. It's quite original. However, it's the characters in this book that make it special. Blue is delightful. She is captivating, yet has no idea how she affects the people, especially men, around her. Her dad was a wise man and she has taken his lessons to heart. She cares about other people and tries her best to make them happy. The men are all yummy. It's obvious that Forrest and Mo'ata will be part of her Prida (her little ducklings!), but I am not sure which of the other men will join them. Forrest is the perfect young man to fall in love with; an artist, sweet, smart. Mo'ata is a bit older, but he's irresistible. Then there's the complicated Jason, the hooligan Trevon, her rescuer Levi, the mercenary with a sense of humor Felix. These are all possibilities. Interesting twist to not make her choices clear. I also liked her best friends, Pre and Kevin. It was so nice to have a girl become an instant friend instead of an instant enemy to Blue.

I would have liked more detail once Blue returned to Earth. How did the disappearances play out? How was Phe able to finish her senior year? How did Jason fit in? There would have been mourning and an adjustment back to normalcy after such an experience. This is nitpicking. I enjoyed the book so much, I just wanted more. I want Forrest's last comment to take place quickly! I also want that comment followed by a kiss. Please!

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### Coco.V says

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Blurb:

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### **SJ says**

Oh wow! It took me a chapter to get into it but once I did I could not put the book down! I read it all in one hit and decided to spend the rest of the day reading the next book in the series

I don't quite know what to say except Blue is a strong and fiesty heroine, the story took a complete different direction to what I was expecting as I got further into the story

Full of excitement danger and romance, I can express how good this book really was, it is a clean read and exceptionally good, I am so glad I read this

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### **Nekeisha Ryce says**

Need book 2 now!!!!

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### **Katherine Paschal says**

**\*\*3.5 Stars\*\***

Review here at <https://smadasbooksmack.blogspot.com/>

Blue has had a really hard year since her father died in a car accident- he was her best friend, biggest supporter and the backbone to her family. Moving again due to her mom's job, Blue decides to try and embrace life again and makes a list of things she wants to try, including blue streaks in her hair, making new friends and driving a manual car. Well, on her first day of school, Blue makes at least one of those things come true in the form of 5 possible new friends. This friendship thing really seems to be working out when they invite Blue on a hiking trip. What none of them knew was that Texas actually has a portal to another world- and they hiked right into it.

I am on such a reverse harem kick recently, gobbling up any and everyone I stumble across. When I saw that this was a "slow burn" RH I was super excited because I am not a fan of the overly sexual, insta-love that I attempt to avoid in books. Slow burn is always the way to go in my opinion, just saying. Overall this was a very different kind of book than what I thought, more a mystery adventure where at times they just occasionally have a romantic connection and some bubbling tension. I was slightly confused at her level of potential man-friends and keep guessing who would be picked.

Blue was a very cute, upbeat character. She bristles when the guys fight over her and "treat her like a puppy"

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but I can kind of understand where it comes from. She seemed like a an over enthusiastic kid (or puppy), eager to please, hyper, oversharing everything. I kind of wanted to protect her too, which makes sense that all the guys were falling over themselves to be the one who got to be her protector.

I was a little surprised by the turns this story took. A Girl Named Blue started lighthearted and fun (minus the repeated tangents about how sad Blue was over her dad's death and how proud of her choices he would be) and by the end of the book some surprising, sad and terrible events happened that completely changed the tone of the book. There was no cliffhanger here, technically this could be the end, but there were enough loose ends that the next book in the series

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## Viktória Tóth says

I received a copy of this book in exchange of an honest review.

Well, this book was a fail for me. While based on the synopsis and the reverse harem genre it was promising at first, still for me it became painfully obvious from the first page that I won't love it. Unfortunately, the narration of the story is so childish and immature that even if the main character is 18 and the rest of them are all older it was impossible for me to connect with it. The thing is that after such a huge and prominent problem (for me it was a problem) it takes a miracle for me to enjoy a book. The constant repetition didn't help either.

However, the narration wasn't the only problematic element in the book in my opinion. Still the plot wasn't bad, it was a bit simple and somewhat predictable but I could enjoy it. However, when it comes to reverse harem this book could win the gold medal for sow burn, not only I couldn't really identify the possible members of a future harem there wasn't much of a romantic element to the book either. It kinda disappointed me a lot.

As for the world building, I think that was the one thing in the book that had the biggest potential it is just a shame that the introduction of it is full of dark spots and the whole thing is pretty glossed over.

I think I could have loved the characters if I really got to know them. Apart from Blue the rest of them stays in the shadows, barely, generically introduced despite having their own chapters. However, I didn't love Blue. She had some redeeming qualities but she was awkward as hell, especially in the beginning. Not to mention her constant references to her stupid list and her behavior combined felt as if she lived her first 18 years in a isolated bubble and making a conversation is like winning a Noble prize. I'm kind of an introvert but I couldn't relate to her at all. Her character was just unrealistic.

I probably going to give a try for the next book a well because I'm curious about the identities of her harem but all I can say that there are a lot of way better RH books out there.

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## Camille says

The only reason there isn't any insta-love in this book is because the **Awesome Powers of Teenage Crushes™** were at work instead. Also, we have a **Mary Sue MC**, YAY! (<-- sarcasm.) **Every single one of the characters is entirely one-dimensional.**

As though the simple act of it having been **terribly(ish) written** was not enough for this book, there was a **major disconnect with the stories and its characters**. An example of this is that the reactions of the people therein were oftentimes *off* in some way. Blue, the protagonist, is almost eighteen years old, and everyone is

always(the thing is, I'm not even exaggerating) mentioning how mature she is. That alone wouldn't be so irritating, if not for the fact that **she has the thought process of a child** and **she acts like it**.

I found the authour's decision regarding the **naming of the characters to be poorly made**. I mean, "Mo'ata", seriously? The same adjectives that were used by the aforementioned male individual to describe Blue were also used by Blue to describe her friend, and how attractive she suddenly found him to be. There were **orthographic mistakes** aplenty in this book.

One of (view spoiler) is a megalomaniac, and I guess that was supposed to be a **plot twist(fail)**, except it was pretty obvious it was him behind everything. Now, don't get me wrong: I don't expect the protagonist of every book to be a genius at deducing things, but **when something is staring them right in the face, I certainly do expect them to fucking see it**. Y'know?!

All in all, I've read worst things than this, but that's not the classification any book should aspire to have.

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## Casie says

**This was awesome!**

Sci-fi multivariate adventure reverse harem, everything I love in one book! Really what's not to love!? The writing and world building is really well done, and you can tell that with each consecutive book it will just build even more. I loved the characters, just all around amazing. I can not wait for book two!

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## Joann says

All I'm going to say about this book is that it is a freaking amazing story! I was sucked in before I even finished the first chapter and I couldn't climb out until I got to the end of the book! This was the first time reading anything by Cecilia Randell and I gotta say she's awesome at creating her characters and weaving different realities to the point that they feel like they are real! I'm on to the next book because I have to know what happens to Blue and her friends.

So yes I most definitely recommend this book to anyone who's looking for a fantastic story to crawl into and get lost within its pages!

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## Yasmin says

It was cute and heart warming in the beginning but then it got boring.

Too much reference to the list she made to get out of her own comfort zone. We get it. You have a list.

Blue shows no interest in any guy, and then suddenly seeing all these women with their man made her get an epiphany that she wants a partner too. Which sounded weird. Why not fall in love first?

There is some cute funny moments that might make it worth reading. Plus, the unexpected dark twist was surprising. Don't know if I'd continue. Not a bad story though.

## Megan says

So I almost stopped reading this.. Blue is so uncomfortably awkward at first. I am one of those people who suffer second hand embarrassment... I suffer like real, real bad. But I am glad that I stuck it out. it all kind of worked out in the end and I enjoyed this book.

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## Jody McGrath says

DNF @ 70%

I really tried with this one because I enjoy reverse harem stories and there are so few that are not erotica. I just couldn't finish it though. I put it down and couldn't pick it up again. I kept finding other things to do instead of read. That is when I knew I had to quit. Here are the reasons why:

1. Blue is such a Mary Sue that she can turn the "bad" kids good. Yep. They aren't bad; they are just misunderstood.
2. Adult men fall for her Mary Suedom. Yuck.
3. A 17 year old girl calls a group of kids "hooligans." To make it worse, I think they were suppose to be 1950 greasers.
5. Teenage boys let themselves be called Fi, Fo, and Fum. Fum's name is Derrik.

The list goes on, but it would contain spoilers. I will just end my review here.

\*I requested and received a copy of this book from Netgalley and have given an honest and unbiased review  
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## Leigh says

Despite what the blurb at the top says, which prepared me for a straight romance book, this was anything but, and a seriously welcome addition to my growing list of "new authors to follow everything they do because I love them"

Short story, Blue is trying to be more impulsive and makes friends with two different groups who have some issue between them. Then things go nuts and you get to learn more about Blue, how she handles things, how the story will most likely take some turns you weren't expecting (and some you were) and leave you wanting more in a pleasantly fulfilled "that book was great and there wasn't a cliffhanger so i'm not going crazy right now needing to know what happened" kind of way.

No cliffhanger. This is important. But there are so many directions for this story to go and for a reverse harem, this is the first time I don't know who the guys are/will be. I have a few ideas, but only one that I'm pretty sure of, and I like the ambiguity. It's less "mystical we don't have an excuse for this irregularity" and

more "let's follow our hearts and see where it leads"

Which is just sweet.

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## **Runningrabbit says**

### **The Blues**

Somewhat basic, repetitive, simple sentences and on the immature side of YA. DNF. Maybe for you, not for me, and firmly in the not my cup of tea zone.

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