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Following the smash-hit *Something Borrowed* comes story of betrayal, redemption, and forgiveness

Darcy Rhone has always been able to rely on a few things: Her beauty and charm. Her fiance, Dex. Her lifelong best friend, Rachel. She never needed anything else. Or so she thinks until Dex calls off their dream wedding and she uncovers the ultimate betrayal. Blaming everyone but herself, Darcy flees to London and attempts to re-create her glamorous life on a new continent. But to her dismay, she discovers that her tried-and-true tricks no longer apply—and that her luck has finally expired. It is only then that she can begin her journey toward redemption, forgiveness, and true love.

## **Something Blue Details**

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### Ann says

2nd half of Rachel and Darcy's story.

**\*\*SPOILER\*\*** - I was disappointed in this book. It was an ok read, but there's no way I believe that selfish, spoiled, self-centered Darcy would change after one wakeup call argument with Ethan. And...Darcy seemed to want Ethan to love her and when that's not enough she needs her Doctor to fall for her, then when he wants her she decided she loved Ethan. Wayyyy too unbelievable.

And I wasn't overly happy with sweet Ethan either. He's certainly had Darcy all figured out and gives Rachel his version of Darcy as a friend in the first bk (Something Borrowed), then Darcy shows up at his doorstep in this bk and they become best pals. That development would have never happened if Darcy hadn't been so needy. Seemed like the only pull selfish Darcy had on Ethan was that he got screwed over by Brandi and missed out on being the dad he thought he was going to be so Darcy's handy and needy and he can be those babies daddy. Felt like Ethan and Darcy settled...a more or less love the one you're with.

Also was surprised that Darcy who was supposed to have had this big epiphany that changed her can't make the first step to forgive Rachel and extend the olive branch. It had to be Rachel. Was glad Dex stood strong on his cool towards Darcy. Rachel was just too nice and Darcy a huge bitch. Something Borrowed –bk 1 wasn't neat and tidy but an enjoyable read. A reality but almost like a car wreck you can't help but stop and look at. I was riveted as to how it would all end. Although they felt a little guilt you were left with Rachel and Dex very happy with their outcome and you wanted the best for them. True love the hard way. Something Blue got all tied up in an unbelievable pretty bow. No thanks.

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### Amanda says

Something Blue is the follow-up to Something Borrowed. This story is from Darcy's point of view. I loved this book and it is a very quick read. I have to admit I hated Darcy in Something Borrowed and even did at the beginning of Something Blue. I felt that she was finally getting what she deserved when everything started to go down hill for her. Part of me even started to feel sorry for her at her lowest points.

What I liked in this book, is that Ethan, her childhood friend, finally pointed out to her what type of a person she really is. No one had ever done this to her and his words really hit home. Darcy decided to change herself for the better. This book follows Darcy through her pregnancy and journey to be a better person. I felt proud of her as the book ended to see what she had done with her life and how much she had changed for the better.

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### Liz says

Not as good as "Something Borrowed", but an OK book.

It seemed unrealistic how quickly the main character flips from being completely self-centered to a giving and ready mother. The small dramas in "Something Borrowed" were petty and common, but they were also

heartbreaking. In this book, the drama is petty and less interesting.

For example, Darcy realizes after a hundred pages that she needs to stop drinking cocktails because it could hurt her unborn child. Seriously? It took 5 months into her pregnancy to figure that out?

At its core, "Something Blue" is a redemption story, but I was only really interested when characters from "Something Borrowed" were weaved into the plot.

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### **Judy says**

I was looking forward to reading this book. I had just finished an excellent book and was ready to start another. Boy was I in for a shock! This book was bad. It was actually a chore to keep reading, but I hate to leave a book unfinished. My husband was actually hiding the book around the apartment so that I wouldn't have to read any more of it. This book is chick-lit at it's poorest. The main character was flat and the plot was ludicrous.

If you want to read some GOOD chick-lit please do yourself the favor of checking out any of Jennifer Weiner's books. "Little Earthquakes" and "Goodnight Nobody" are my two favorites.

Don't waste your time on this fluff.

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### **Aj the Ravenous Reader says**

Premise is way better than the first book.

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### **mich says**

Wow, I liked this. 3.5 stars

I hated Something Borrowed a lot more than I let on in my short review, so no one is more surprised than me at how much I ended up enjoying this book. The Darcy we meet in the beginning of this story is the same manipulative, selfish bitch that we saw in the first book, but I gotta say - there was a certain frankness, an honesty to her narrative (something that I found completely lacking in Rachel's), and I couldn't help but be drawn to it.

Darcy's beauty has been the source of her confidence ever since she can remember, it shaped her personality and defined who she was. She acknowledges this and is completely unapologetic in her extremely shallow outlook on life. In this book, however, she reaches a point where she is forced to face some hard truths about herself, and in the process, reevaluates everything about her life.

The ending was sweet and made me go "awwwww", but overall, I thought the second half felt too rushed and I had a hard time buying into a big part of it. (view spoiler) I would have rounded my rating up had it not been for that.

## **Tori Hoeschler says**

Read with Midol

So after reading "Something Borrowed" (and LOVING it in spite of myself), I figured, well now I have to read "Something Blue". The freakishly obnoxious b\*tch from the first book is obviously going to get what's coming to her in the sequel and frankly, the devil in me is just in the mood to read about it. Unfortunately this is not how "Blue" plays out. To be fair, any book that is published with the chick lit logo is going to have an impossibly perfect, Bridget Jones becomes the prince's bride ending so I should've managed my expectations accordingly. But Giffin does such a perfect job of creating the quintessential character everyone loves to hate (Darcy) in the first book, that my cup of loathing runneth over upon starting the second book and no matter how much Darcy grew up, I still wanted her to end up deformed and talking with a keyboard ala Stephen Hawking. But like I said, this is chick lit so obviously this does not happen. Rather, in "Something Blue" we get the rest of the story from Darcy's perspective, which ends up being one of the more irritating and whiney narratives I have ever read. For 200+ pages the reader is treated to a diatribe of "poor me poor me, I'm Malibu Barbie" only to be followed up with 100+ pages of incredulous poppycock that quite honestly had my eyes rolling into my head so often I've memorized the pattern of veins in my lids. Ugh...honestly.

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## **Melissa Brown says**

I was blown away by this book. If you hate the main character when you start reading, don't worry, you're supposed to!!!! But, keep reading because the story is incredible and you will learn to root for Darcy Rhone whether you like it or not! Fantastic read!!! (Be sure to read "Something Borrowed" first or this book will not make as much sense)

Spoiler Alert: Some of the other reviews I have read of this book are very cynical regarding Darcy's transformation...however, the reason Darcy transforms is because she has no other choice! Everyone in Darcy's life had always catered to her every whim because of her physical beauty. She had always gotten exactly what she wanted and never had to think about the consequences of her behavior. However, after everything that takes place in Something Borrowed, in addition to her relationship with Marcus, dismissal of Claire and her mother, she is forced to reevaluate her behavior when Ethan finally sets her straight. She has no one to depend on and Ethan sees through her crap! He forces her to look at life differently and to realize that she was not the victim in everything that happened....he also forces her to realize that she can no longer get away with her shallow behavior....she no longer had everyone wrapped around her little finger and therefore she had to become a new version of herself. Maybe I am just not as cynical as other readers, but I truly believe that this type of transformation is possible given the circumstances of Darcy's story.

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## **Chelsea (chelseadolling reads) says**

This series was ADORABLE. I didn't enjoy this one quite as much as the first one simply because I prefer Rachel over Darcy, but this was still soooooo cute. Idk when this happened but I suddenly love Chick Lit???????

## Kelli says

This is the follow-up to *Something Borrowed* told from the perspective of the best friend Darcy. In the first book, we meet Darcy and learn that she is the beautiful best friend who has everything handed to her on a silver platter. After her plain-jane best friend, Rachel, steals her perfect fiance in the first book, you feel like Darcy got a good dose of karma. She did, after all, cheat on her fiance too and ended up pregnant while still engaged.

I almost didn't want to read this story, simply because it was from Darcy's perspective. However, I really liked this book much better than the first. I found myself really rooting for her. And you also come to realize that not everything is as it seems for Darcy. She may be the beautiful girl who seems to get everything she wants, but she is extremely self-conscious despite being so judgemental of others.

She does learn the error of her ways and really tries to turn her life around, now that she is pregnant and alone for the first time in her life. The ending left me very satisfied and surprisingly, left me crying happy tears for Darcy.

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## Anne says

4.5 stars

I didn't like *Something Borrowed*, so it is sort of surprising to me that I *loved* it's sequel! Loved it!

This book is about Darcy, the self-centered friend from *Something Borrowed*. One of the main reasons I liked this book better, was that Darcy seemed like more of a *real* person than Rachael (the main character in *S B*) did.

Darcy had always led a charmed life. She learned young that because she was usually the most beautiful girl in the room, it often afforded her a certain amount of power over everyone else. However, she always thought that she was fairly *benevolent* with that power. And, honestly, Darcy was never *evil*. Self-centered, materialistic, and unthoughtful, yes...but not really cruel. To her, this meant that she *deserved* all of the good thing that came her way. Why shouldn't she always get what she wanted?

So it came as quite a shock to her when she found out that her perfect fiancee had fallen in love with her plain-Jane best friend. Never mind that *she* was cheating, too. Never mind that *she* was planning on breaking it off with him, as well. Never mind that *she* was pregnant by one of the groomsmen. Darcy had always secretly competed with Rachael, but this was the first time she ever lost. And because of her subsequent behavior, she loses everything else.

This is a story about someone who has to take a hard look at themselves, and ends up discovering who they really are. More importantly though, who they really want to be.

I think almost everyone can relate to this story. No, not *everything*, obviously, but I think most of us have been like Darcy at one point in our lives. We all think that we're the *good guy* in our story, until something happens that knocks us down a peg (or two). And once you take a good hard look at what happened to land you in that position, you tend to discover that, well...maybe you *weren't* such a great person, after all.

So, maybe that's why I thought Darcy seemed real. I can relate to *that*.

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### **Marianne says**

I enjoyed this book much better than *Something Borrowed*. Maybe because I knew of Darcy from Rachel's point of view and was anxious to see what she was really like. The story flowed much better than the previous book and there was never a dull moment in this one and the ending was just perfect.

A quick easy read. I was able to read this book in two sittings.

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### **Love Fool says**

Emily Giffin did it again! She made me love a character I thought I was going to hate (I actually didn't like Darcy in *Something Borrowed* but in this book loved her). And, I love how she grew as a decent human being and fell in love (with someone I did not expect... at all). Take my advice, instead of watching a TV show marathon or getting stupid drunk this weekend read these two books (*Something Borrowed* and *Something Blue*). You will want to send me flowers as a thank you for my advice (I prefer some colorful flowers, thanks).

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### **valee says**

After some very funny moments on book one:

some huge changes due to meaningful love triangles:

And the lost of a very important friendship:

we get to Darcy's and Ethan's book and let me just say: OMG I LOVED THIS BOOK! I had already fallen in love with the characters in it after watching the movie based on *Something Borrowed*, but now I can certainly say that Darcy and Ethan were the real deal. While Rachel and Dex were great, Darcy & Ethan just gave me so much more than what I was looking for.

At the beginning of the book we get a totally immature heroine, just a brat who is used to get everything she has ever wanted and just the way she wants it, not having a care for what happens to others while she achieves what she wants. Of course this kind of behavior brought her some problems eventually. She ended up pregnant with an ex-fiance who left her for her ex-best friend, and a boyfriend who she cheated the ex-fiance with who also leaves her eventually. Not even her parents gave her any support once they found out she was pregnant. Once this happens, she realizes the world she built for herself was totally superficial, shallow and vain and she just doesn't know how to really make things better. Seriously, she has no clue as she doesn't actually comprehend what's wrong on the first place.

The only way she found to make things a bit brighter was running away to England to her childhood and

only remaining friend, Ethan. Now here is where things start to get interesting. Sigh, I just have no words to describe the amazing relationship they build together. They were just perfect for each other, total opposites but the type that makes you become a better person. I just loved how both changed for the better by living together. Seriously, it was just so good to see their friendship growing and to see how both make important changes in their lives with the advises the other gave. While both of them were romantically involved with others we can see how the affection and feelings between them are always present. This is a book which analyzes feelings, realities of life and life itself. I just LOVED it so much. I guess we needed to see how Darcy was at the beginning to fully comprehend everything it took her to change and become the woman she was always meant to be. Although more than anything I just adored to see how important the support of a real friend can be.

I do admit the first half of it was a bit slow. It took me some time to warm with Darcy. I kinda hated her at the beginning. Although that feeling was what made me love her so much at the end, as seeing her being such an ungrateful and spoiled person made possible for me to really appreciate the changes she went through.

**Really this book was just so sweet and both characters went through so much together, I loved how they were always there for each other.**

I'm someone who doesn't like chick-lit much and who hates cheesy and corny more than anything but this book is so much better than that, It's realistic and gives us so much to learn. I definitely recommend it.

**Warning: I do believe necessary to watch the movie (or reading book 1) before reading this book,** I know it wouldn't have been the same if I hadn't. watching the movie helped me so much to imagine how the characters would look like while saying and expressing certain things making it much more compelling to me.

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## Amy says

Okay, so I hated that this book focused on Darcy and not Rachel. I left Something Borrowed really hating that character. 254 pages in, and I still thought she sucked. The plot was fairly predictable--you knew she was seeking redemption in the novel as well as with the reader, and the ending was equally predictable.

I loved the focus on Ethan as he was one of my favorite characters from Something Borrowed.

I was completely resistant to the movement as I knew where this was going, and I simply did not want it to go there. Griffin achieves her goal by making the reader, resistantly, start to at least like Darcy a little more. And, I will willfully admit, I was tearing up during the Epilogue.

I'd still like to see a novel that returned the focus to Rachel, but I know why the author went the route she did. It was simply too easy. By making Darcy the very hated but ultimate hero of the second book...Griffin takes a resistant reader and makes her unwilling to put the book down.

I finished these two novels in 1.5 days...again, worth a good day at the beach/pool/on the couch.

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