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Mouse is doing his best to stay out of trouble. Cat is doing her best to land herself in it. They've both had it pretty tough so when they meet by chance they thank their lucky stars. Weird and wonderful things happen when they're together - but how long can it last? Because everyone has their secrets - and there can be only one winner in a game of cat and mouse. Can't there?

## **Lucky Star Details**

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## From Reader Review Lucky Star for online ebook

### Megan-Elizabeth says

This is one of the few Cathy Cassidy books that I haven't ever actually read before. And I really felt as if I ought to, because my friends have all said it's good, and it sounded pretty interesting, and also, it's told from a boy's perspective (which is unusual in a Cathy Cassidy book), and also, that boy happens to be Mouse, who is my favourite character in my favourite Cathy Cassidy book (that book being 'Dizzy'). So I picked 'Lucky Star' up, and read it in two days, and I wasn't actually disappointed.

So, it's seven years after the events of 'Dizzy' took place, and Mouse is no longer the small, timid seven year old he once was, but is a slightly rebellious boy at the ripe old age of fourteen, living on the notorious Eden Estate with his mum, an ex-drug addict.

Mouse gets into trouble a lot (mostly because what he considers to be 'artwork', other people see as vandalism), his teachers hate him, and school is an utter bore. But Mouse's life is about to change. Cue Cat, the crazy, quirky, beautiful girl who has just come crashing into Mouse's world, dragging a whole lot of trouble behind her. What starts off as a fun friendship quickly becomes something more, and it is not long before Mouse finds himself living for the time he spends with Cat. Insane, wonderful things happen when they're together, but everyone has secrets, and soon Mouse realises that there can only be one winner in a game of cat and mouse.

I'd like to start off by saying that there was so much about this book that I liked.

Firstly, the age thing. Can we just appreciate that Mouse is fourteen, not twelve, the age that Cathy Cassidy is so fond of? And Cat- she's fourteen too! I relished that fact, until of course, I reached the end, where it was revealed that she was twelve after all. I'll admit, I almost threw my book across the room in frustration at that point, because of Cathy Cassidy's terrible age misjudgement making an unexpected cameo appearance. Well, I mean, fourteen is still a little young to be doing the sort of thing that Mouse does, but at least he has gotten past the whole 'tween' stage. Also, because he was pretty close in age to me, I felt like I identified with him a lot more.

In fact, I really did empathise with Mouse, which I wasn't expecting at all. You know, because he's a boy, which I'm not, and he has a messed up background, which I don't.

I really loved Mouse as a character- he's really developed since '-Dizzy', and has acquired a personality all of his own. The way he described certain situations put a whole new slant of the various issues that having a troubled past can bring, such as drugs, and how they hurt people, which was quite eye-opening.

And also, Cat. She just made the story, really. She was so crazy and cool, and I loved hearing about her insane escapades. She was atypical of a Cathy Cassidy love interest. Firstly, because she was a girl (most of Cathy's other books are told from the perspective of girls, therefore, the love interests are usually guys). Secondly, she had flaws. Although she was beautiful, and had that funny, sassy streak, she was far from perfect, which made her a lot more believable.

Now you're probably wondering: If I liked the book all that much, why did I give it such an average rating? Well, I'll tell you.

It was a brilliant book...by Cathy Cassidy's standards. In comparison to other books, not written by Cathy, well, it was average. See, I rate books based on my enjoyment of them, and how well written they were (intricate plotlines, with shock twists, complex language, etc.), and based on that scale, 'Lucky Star' didn't score very high. I mean, it was aimed at younger readers, younger than myself, and the writing and plot just



really really really really really really really really really really cute! for me anyway!

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### **Saniya says**

I loved this book. It was so cute and sweet and adventurous! My friend suggested me to read this book from the library and honestly I adored this book!

#### **Might contain spoilers!**

##### Characters:

I loved Mouse. He was a lonely-emo sort of character who was poor, his dad ditched him when he was seven, his mom involved in drugs, living in a bad community and thought he could never date a rich girl. On the other hand, Cat was rich and pretty but she lost her brother, no one pays attention to her, was left alone. they were very likable characters. I felt very angry at Cat in the end but I guess she was sort of confused and angry with her life. I mean when I was 12, all I could do is play games and study to get good grades. Last but not the least...Lucky is Lucky! lol xD

##### Plot:

The Mystery in the end was really good. I was so shocked when she was actually a 12 years old girl. Lmao! and she was Dave's daughter. I am fourteen I was like "Omg! If I dated a 12 year old boy, I would be doomed for life." but it was so sweet when he said that now he didn't care if she's twelve or fourteen and all that matters is she cares about him. I loved it how the author tries to tell us that we should care about each other, shouldn't judge people by how rich they are nor where they live, don't be scared of bad people, stand up for your rights and how to support each other...I loved the ending too...So sad but still a happy ending. =]

So I guess you can see how much I loved this book! Its so sweet and short, you could just read this book if you are in a hurry or you need to read some short cute story book if you have got a lot of time, *In my case, I read it because I had a Religion test the day after tomorrow and I needed a short book to read...* :D I will give this book 4.5/5 stars =D

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### **Bladelor says**

Retrouvailles plus que plaisantes avec Cathy Cassidy, encore un bien joli roman.

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### **Sarah says**

Considering how much I loved 'Dizzy', when I realised 'Lucky Star' focussed on a now grown up character from that novel, I was immediately going to love this book. Seeing Mouse in more depth, and as a confused teenager was absolutely wonderful - and when Dizzy and Finn returned I literally put the book down and began squealing. This was a beautiful book, and a breath of fresh air amongst sequels which so often flop. This one has the same spirit of 'Dizzy'. The characters feel the same. They just feel older.

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## India says

I received this book as present from my grandparents in 2008 and never read it. Whilst searching through my bookshelves, I rediscovered it and felt I should probably read it. I finished it in less than four hours and enjoyed it, however I know I would have appreciated it way more when I was younger rather than as a 20 year old.

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## Alsie says

Man, this is got to be one of the best Cathy Cassidy books. Its very well written, sweet, with a little hint of romance, and the characters were protraying perfectly.

Chapter 18 is so sad, I cried. (seriously, the first time ive cried over a book!) :D

Its filled with sadness, happy moments, excitement almost everything I like in a book.

Mouse, the main character seemed so realistic, like a real person. His emotions were described so well I could understand how he felt.

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## Meadbh says

Read this when I was younger and I loved it, great characters

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## Kathleen says

This is a really easy read, I'd read the book when I was a few years younger and found it in my bookshelves last week and felt the urge to re-read it as I'd loved it the first time.

The story is simple but at the same time beautiful. Mouse is a character you can't help but love despite his initial reckless behavior. His past is heartbreaking and yet he still manages to open up to someone after a bit of a confidence boost.

Cat is the real troublemaker in this book. She's playing the biggest game of all and in the ends gets caught up in her lies because of her own insane idea.

The writing is simple and sweet. We're reading from a 14 year old boy's perspective so the writing style is perfectly adapted.

It's a lovely story with what seems for the first time in Mouse's life to be a happy ending. I enjoyed re-reading this book and re-living a story I loved as a pre-teen.

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## **Hannah says**

I bought this from a year 5 pupil at a school where I was volunteering. I thought it was cute that they were doing a table top sale, it encourages them to handle money and manage their own finances, which I thought was a great initiative. Plus, she seemed like me when I was little, and had read all the same books!

This book is a late sequel to Dizzy, one of the first favourites of mine when I was a kid. I remember writing to Cathy Cassidy after reading Dizzy and getting a beautiful, hand written reply. I was enchanted with her and read her books religiously. This was a lovely link back into the books that started me off reading, and the ideas explored are great for a younger reader.

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## **Leyla says**

This book was one of the best that I have ever read of Cathy Cassidy's book. The relationship between a small girl who lies because of fear and a teenage boy who keeps things to himself is a magical story.

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## **Beth Monk says**

I loved this. I am now older than those who Cathy writes for, but her writing has a way of gripping you. I really enjoyed seeing characters from another book but later down the line. As ever she has written about important issues that need addressing such as drug use, lying and getting communities to work together. These stories are very good at showing children who may be faced with these situations that they aren't alone and enlightens others into the harsh reality of what some people have to go through.

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## **Sylvs (ThroneofShook) says**

Well won't you look at that? I had a great taste in books when I was little! I was actually surprised at this and honestly expected to cringe because being the age that I am now when you read things you used to like and fangirl about as a kid it can be extremely cringeworthy and embarrassing if you discover it's actually awful and deserves a 1 star on Goodreads.

But thankfully that did not happen with Lucky Star and honestly? I think that it was better than some of the YA that is put onto our shelves. This book is so underappreciated and I think it should get more love because it was super cute and adorable. I seriously recommend this book to everyone even young adult readers who just want to get away from the heavy romances that we see all the time in YA nowadays.

Basically, Mouse is a troubled kid. He lives with his mum in a bad neighbourhood while his dad is in India with a new girlfriend without a care in the world that his son paints graffiti on the streets and gets into a lot of trouble. After many warnings Mouse decides to stay out of trouble until he meets Cat a girl who always tries to land herself in it. But how much does Mouse know of his new friend really? And how much can he trust her?

It was super cute! The romance was light hearted instead of really heavy with them kissing without breathing like those really frantic ones in movies where you honestly can't help but roll your eyes. This book seemed

more real in that aspect and it was a believable story concept and I could believe that this actually happened in London in 2007 (the year of this book's publication) but I honestly don't have many criticisms except that I want to read more of her work. It gave readers a sense of hope and I think that that is a theme that should be broader in YA and middle-grade books because I think it is such a necessary theme that should be more approached in today's society.

All in all, I loved it I think I'm going with a rating of 4.3 stars.

ACTUAL RATING: 4.3 STARS

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### **Lotte says**

I really really really loved this book. My second favourite love story ever (behind Penny and Noah in Girl Online). I was gripped however I did get to a point in the book where I stopped reading for about a week because I felt like it was dragging. But when I realised I only had 30 pages left I read those pages in one day. I was not expecting it to end like it did (those who have read the book know what I mean) but I a going to read this again at some point. 5 out of 5 stars.

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### **Savannah Harriott says**

This confirms the truth of the saying 'don't judge a book by its cover'. i picked this book up expecting a girly story with not much substance but has much more reality than i first expected fun to read and fast paced.

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### **Sienna K says**

I really loved this book. It was just a cute, little book that I would probably never would have picked up if it weren't for my friend who suggested the author to me (thanks jo!!). I loved the characters- they were just so fun to read about, and the story was not at all boring.

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