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George Henry says

My third Lawrence Sanders book and I'm discovering what a versatile writer he was. The interwoven lives of a group of disparate Floridians, including the young, the middle-aged and the old, provide a rich hunting ground for Sanders to reveal their human needs and failings: love, sex, lust, violence, power and greed. This entertaining and thoughtful view of beach life in "paradise" kept me thoroughly involved with the characters right through to the "fool's paradise" denouement.

Shady Lady says

The Case of Lucy Bending is the story of an 8-year-old girl named Lucy. Lucy is not a normal little girl. She has an abnormal sexual obsession with older men. Her parents take her to a psychotherapist to see if he can help her.

This is also a story of sex, betrayal, lust and lies. The characters in this book are so messed up! I'm not sure if even one of them has a grip on reality. They are all too focused on their own lives to see the chaos that is happening around them.

This is a very interesting and entertaining novel. It kept me wondering what would happen next; Just when you think you know what's next, something else happens that leaves you speechless.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book – I loved the ending; it was truly unexpected. Lawrence Sanders did a wonderful job in writing this.

Karen says

Not my favorite Lawrence Sanders book.

Kara Klos says

This was my first Sanders novel. I liked his writing style and his character development was excellent. His vocabulary is extensive but he also had a lot of crude language and for some reason I felt the combination to be a bit ridiculous.

The Case of Lucy Bending was a pretty disturbing book. When I started reading it, I assumed it was a mystery of some sort. Well it is but not the sort of mystery that I was expecting. The setting is a wealthy neighborhood in south FL where sex, drinking, and drugs are the norm. Lucy Bending is an 8 year old girl who likes to give men pleasure. The whole book is dedicated to finding out why she does this. There are other side stories about the people in the neighborhood and their sexual escapades and constant drinking. I was really bored reading sex scene after sex scene. The worst part though is a theme throughout the book of adults being attracted to kids or kid-like features. Five of the seven adult main characters expressed such

attraction. To me, this was just not believable. Even the psychiatrist was attracted to his 8 year old patient's beauty to the point where it distracted him and he took an encounter with her too far. It made me wonder if the author had those fantasies himself. The ending was a big surprise and I felt like I should have been upset by it but I was just happy it was over.

John Graziade says

Well that was an uncomfortable story. Almost put it down a few times, but decided to "speed" through the last half. Sanders is a good writer and I've really enjoyed the McNally series, but this one - I don't know. Lucy Bending is an eight year old girl that is brought to a "shrink" because she is hyper-sexed and is coming on to older men. And if that wasn't weird enough, her older brother, twelve year old Wayne, has a crush on his older friend, sixteen year old Billy (not sure of the name). And one night of vodka and marijuana cigarettes Wayne decides to act on his feeling. And his friend figures alright. And a lot of under age innuendo that just isn't needed. I guess the author was trying for something that missed the mark with me.

Nick says

Very good!

Dharia Scarab says

Since I don't normally write reviews unless I have something specific to say, here's the break down of how I rate my books...

1 star... This book was bad, so bad I may have given up and skipped to the end. I will avoid this author like the plague in the future.

2 stars... This book was not very good, and I won't be reading any more from the author.

3 stars... This book was ok, but I won't go out of my way to read more, But if I find another book by the author for under a dollar I'd pick it up.

4 stars... I really enjoyed this book and will definitely be on the look out to pick up more from the series/author.

5 stars... I loved this book! It had earned a permanent home in my collection and I'll be picking up the rest of the series and other books from the author ASAP.

Luís says

Gostei bastante do livro e julgo que tudo aquilo poderia acontecer agora, excepto o negócio das cassetes. Tenho algumas dúvidas em relação à linguagem utilizada pela Lucy e o final pareceu-me um pouco apressado. Hoje, com a existência de uma nova "moral", seria difícil escrever um livro como este.

Elisa Vangelisti says

mentre frequentavo il quarto anno di un istituto tecnico, aspiravo a iscrivermi alla facoltà di psichiatria dell'università di Padova. Allora (parlo dei primi anni '80) era la più vicina a casa mia. Quando rileggo romanzi come questo (perché lo lessi la prima volta all'incirca in quel periodo) o come "Gente senza storia", insomma romanzi in cui uno strizzacervelli tenta di risolvere il rompicapo di una mente umana in difficoltà, mi torna sempre in mente la mia prima vera inclinazione. Alla fine, dopo il diploma, non ho proseguito gli studi perché ho avuto il mio primo figlio e avevo ben altro a cui pensare. E meno male, altrimenti non sarei qui! Perciò non ci si dovrebbe stupire di quanta psicologia abbia provato a inserire nei miei romanzi e quanta mi attragga in ogni lettura che mi passa davanti agli occhi. In effetti ho riletto con attenzione le sedute psichiatriche più che il dipanarsi della trama e il mio plauso va a Lawrence per la capacità di inchiodare il mio interesse allo scorrere delle righe. Nonostante sia un romanzo datato è ancora perfettamente moderno e lo stile scorrevolissimo. Bello, lo consiglio, mi è piaciuto.

Carlos says

I lost most of our Lawrence Sanders collection while moving homes. I can tell you that it is probably the most painful thing that could happen to a book collector.

If I remember correctly, this is the one about the nymphet who got killed by a neighbor. Lawrence Sanders fans out there please refresh my memory.

Liz Cee says

I decided to reread this book. As a young adult, Lawrence Sanders was one of my favorite authors. His descriptions were beautiful, but at the same time, his plots and characters were exciting.

I found this book has not lost a thing in my eyes. Although there is some un-PC wording, one needs to remember when this book was written some people did still speak like that. These phrases come from characters in the book and were not in the author's description.

Anyhow, this is a vivid portrayal of the upper middle class, middle aged, self-made, promiscuous, alcohol-drug-party addicted population in a south Florida beach community. Parties, cheating, wheeling and dealing are the order of the day. So is the observation of 'creamers': young (very young), beautiful, shapely young women on the beach.

I still love Mr. Sanders' books (I was saddened by his passing in 1998) and am currently searching for an ebook version of The Seduction of Peter S.. I have happily found that, for me, his stuff holds up almost forty years later!

Enjoy!

Joseph Donovan says

I gave this book two stars because while its an interesting mystery, as my memory serves me, at the end of the book, theres not anyone of the main characters who is not good or innocent in any way - just left me with a bad taste / bad view of humanity. I know thats not an objective reason for the rating - so sue me!

Julie Richter says

This book started out good, but thought it started dragging. Thought the ending was very abrupt.

Mary says

Lucy is eight years old. She is an incredibly sweet and beautiful little girl with a precocious streak. Her worried parents send her to a psychiatrist when she begins to show signs of odd behavior. The psychiatrist searches for the reasons behind young Lucy's seductive and murderous intentions which seem incredibly practiced for an eight year old.

I really enjoyed this book. It delved into the effect that a parent's behavior has on a child's development. I give this book an A+!

Ned says

Booze drugs and infidelity among the hip set in the beach homes of the 1980's in Florida. from the perspective of a psychologist called in to try and help one of the messed up kids from these relationships.

The author's point may have been to show that wealth and power are no protection from the evil men and women can do when they have no moral compass. I don't believe he did a good enough job of showing how redemption was rejected so the whole story remains pretty bleak.

I know of no reason why anyone else would need to read this book, so go enjoy something else.
