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At the age of thirty, with two failed marriages and a tanking writing career, Samantha Moore deals with the world with the only tool she had left: anger. And she's tired of it. When her grandmother's near-death sends her rushing back home to Vermont, she hopes for the chance to overcome the rage ruling her life. Once she's home, Lance Cummings becomes a constant source of indigestion. Lance is a single father who learned first-hand the devastating effects of a damaging relationship. He sees through Samantha's nasty temper-straight to her cry for help. He wants to help her, but he also wants to know why Samantha ran from him-and their future-twelve years before. Taking care of her Grams, dealing with an alcoholic brother, and getting Lance to remove his annoyingly attractive nose from her business is draining on Samantha. And she's only got three weeks to finish her stagnated novel or her publisher will drop her. No pressure. To top it off, pretending to hate the man she actually loves makes each day in Vermont harder than the last. Especially when Lance turns up the heat.

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Lindsey says

All-American Girl is a story of young love gone wrong. Samantha Moore and Lance Cummings fell in love and spent one beautiful night together before they were separated by heartbreak, and Samantha ran, reeling from betrayal. Twelve years and two divorces later, Samantha runs into her first love when she returns to care for her sick grandmother. Can she set aside the bitterness and anger that her life has become and find love again?

I loved this story. All-American Girl is very well-written and filled with characters that were very easy for me to care about. As I was reading, I couldn't help but root for the hero and heroine and hope that they could finally talk about what happened when they were younger and work towards building a life together. It was very sweet to read when they did.

All-American Girl is definitely a story that I will read again!

Dawn Kau at Up All Night Book Blog says

Internal Conflict. Love. Guilt. Love. Sadness. Love. Pain. Love. Fear. Love.

This was a story of Samantha and her belief in herself and her ability to allow herself to feel love once again - for others and for herself. I wanted her to have her happily ever after with Lance from the very beginning. But really, there was so much that she had to face and learn about herself in order for that to even be a possibility. Lance was a storybook hero who also came with a few chinks in his armor. I was constantly rooting for Lance and Samantha to find their way back to each other. I have to say I was a little surprised but not disappointed about how quickly a couple of threads wrapped up in the story. There is definitely room for the stories in Burlington to continue and I'll add them to my reading list if so.

*Provided a copy of this book for an honest review.

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Traci says

Reading the manuscript of this. So great to read a seriously flawed main character. Samantha has some deep seated rage issues, but she's working on them...not always successfully. Love reading a character who's not just an empty skirt.

And everyone needs a Lance. Goodness he's hot. And he's a Hot Dad, which seriously adds to his overall hotness rating. There is a lot of push/pull in the storyline, a lot of will they/won't they that still seems natural.

Justine is a great writer, her style warm and flows so naturally. What stands out most to me about this book was that all the characters were fleshed out; they are real and relateable in a way that a lot of romance characters are not.

Roberta says

WOW...I can truly relate to this book. Once I started I was like entrapped in what was happening next. Took only day and half to read. Enjoyed it very much. True love story, but unsure how it would all end, you never know. It did keep my attention, which is hard to do. This author knows how to keep your attention and make you think what could possibly be next. GREAT BOOK!

Crystal Schroth says

Loved the story line & loved the characters I would recommend this book

Scandal (Scandalicious Book Reviews) says

Excellent book guys...Samantha is not easy to love but she sure needs it and Lance is the ultimate hero, bless his heart!

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Abby McCarthy says

Talk about relate-able! I love it when I can crack open a story and I can see myself in the main characters shoes. This was perfectly written so that you feel Samantha's pain. She is a bitch at first, but you understand why. Justine did a great job at creating a rude New Yorker without making you hate her. You felt for her. She is damaged from two failed marriages, a traumatic family loss, and the loss of losing a step daughter. She feels so guarded.

This book is about self discovery, forgiveness and love.

Lets talk about the love. This book gets a little juicy. It is never overdone. Always perfectly descriptive. You know when you read , and the author describes a look, that a guy gives a girl and you get chills from that description, this is that book

Reading in Black & White says

All-American Girl by Justine Dell gives us a character in Samantha that is more like us than we might care to admit. She has some serious anger issues that date back to her teenage years. And, to be quite blunt, she is a HOT MESS! Enter Lance. He is the reason for Samantha's issues or so she thinks so. He has no idea why

Samantha is so full of anger but he is determined to rediscover the girl that intrigued him so many years ago. I absolutely loved this book but I was not a fan of the cover.

Karen says

All-American Girl is a story about a woman, Samantha Moore, who is going through life with some serious anger issues and baggage. She feels defeated by life and has gone from prom queen to a bitter, twice divorced woman, who has been knocked down in life. This is not to say her anger issues aren't justified. She's had to deal with some crap. Samantha is forced to return to the home she has not seen for years to deal with her grandmother's health issues. The trip home rips off the scab that has been covering her wounded heart and Samantha's walls start coming down. Samantha is also forced to deal with her past, which includes her first love, Lance who she felt betrayed her and who was the reason she ran away from her past ten years ago. The dream life she thought she was making for herself has turned her into someone far from the All-American Girl she used to be.

I really liked the writing of this story and the characters. Justine Dell did a great job building and developing the characters in this story which made them realistic. The story progressed naturally, was well told and had a great pace. I liked that it wasn't rushed and felt it really progressed through the pages. In reality, life can be harsh and this story brings that reality to the forefront.

Each chapter of this book had a quote introducing the chapter which fit perfectly and encapsulated much of what was transpiring in the chapter. I liked the view that these quotes brought to the book. It added a nice element to the story telling.

All-American Girl is a down to earth, simple love story that is relevant on so many levels. It is not too complex, but was appealing enough to capture my attention throughout the entire novel. This story was not overly filled with angst or with sex filling every page (not there is anything wrong with that). Overall this book was well written, charming, an easy and relatable, endearing story. Give it a try!

Literati Literature Lovers says

You can never go home again, but the truth is you can never leave home, so it's all right. ~Maya Angelou

Young love. It's so pure. So real. So magical. Samantha Moore has known Lance Cummings ever since she was a little girl, and she knew without a shadow of a doubt that she was in love with him. Finally, her dreams came true, and Samantha spent a perfect, unforgettable night with Lance and gave him her most perfect and treasured gift—her virginity. But the very next day, everything changed. Betrayal has entered the picture, hearts were broken, and Samantha's perfect dream was shattered. After receiving notification of acceptance into writing school, she eagerly runs off to New York leaving her life, her grandmother, and brother behind, as well as the boy who broke her heart.

Samantha vows that she will learn from the experience and will write beautiful novels full of men who didn't "use her" and full of fun, something should could never have in Vermont. She is determined to take Lance's betrayal, build and grow from it. She will not return to Vermont until she is "whole" again.

After her grandmother has a life-threatening stroke, Samantha returns to her hometown of Burlington,

Vermont. It is at the hospital that she sees Lance for the first time in twelve years. This is where things start to get interesting. Samantha is NOT the same girl she was when she left Vermont. The girl who was valedictorian and prom queen, played sports, was in numerous clubs, and voted most likely to succeed feels like a failure. She has a temper, is bitter and very angry, especially towards Lance. Little does Lance know that Samantha's writing career has taken a nose dive, nor that she's had two disastrous marriages, a step-child taken from her, and has been in counseling. But Lance recognizes Samantha's "cry for help" and is bound and determined to give her all the time and space she needs but needs to know why she threw away their future and just left him twelve years earlier without any explanation."

"Well, thanks for the tip. I'm pretty good at taking care of myself, you know. I've been on my own for quite some time and I don't need someone else butting in my affairs. And as far as you're concerned, the attitude problem was well-earned."

I have to admit that after seeing the cover of All-American Girl, I really wasn't sure what to expect. I am a visual person and many times I am drawn into a book based on the cover. However, once I read the first excerpt and saw the inspiration for Lance, I knew I wanted to read this book. Lance Cummings is hard working, a little stubborn, persistent, sweet, strong, and has the ability to sweep you off your feet with his words and charm.

"I can't take back those years of rejection you felt. All the pain you went through. I would if I could. Know that you weren't alone in your suffering. I want to make it right."

Author Justine Dell does a fantastic job at writing All-American Girl in third person. The quotes at the beginning of each chapter are a nice added touch as well. There is so much more to this story, but you have to read it, go through it, and understand it to fully appreciate the central themes: friendships, family & love.

4.5 STARS

Jennifer Wolfel says

There are some books that just grab you, take hold and don't let you go till the words THE END. Well I can assure you that All-American Girl was one of those books.

From the very start of this book we have the grouchy Samantha who has departed from her life twelve years ago and hasn't looked back since. When her grandmother takes a sudden turn for the worse she is quickly reminded of the life that she left behind and the loved ones that are still there. After two miserable marriages Samantha is broken down, she hates life in general and her career as a writer is being affected by her personal struggles. She returns to Vermont to find that a lot of things have changed and life went on with or without her presences but there are a few people that were left behind that aren't so happy with her. The one person that she doesn't want to have to deal with because of what happened between them twelve years ago makes his presences constant. Being already full of rage at her out of control life Samantha is quick to snap and quicker to dismiss the people from her past.

I quickly added Lance to my book boyfriend list. He is just an absolute dream of a man... Lance is no stranger to heartache. The last few years have been no picnic for him. He's a single dad running his own company but he didn't get there without a struggle. When Samantha rolls back into town with her constant anger directed towards Lance he makes it his mission to find out what has happened to the girl he once knew and loved. Lance is swoon worthy and for me it wasn't because he was gorgeous. Being a parent myself,

reading his story made him one hell of a guy in my opinion! Not many men would do the things that he has done. Goodness I adore this man...

I always know that I have a good book in my hands when I wish I could just reach into it and slap a person around for being such a jerk... Her ex-husband number two is a real winner, just wait till you meet him OY this man takes being a crappy ex and human being in general to a whole new level. Samantha's brother and even Lance at times will make you want to jump into the story and say what are you thinking!

When I read a book I want the characters and the story to be believable and I want to feel their emotions. Everything about this book was believable, at times that is a scary thing but in all honestly I could identify with the characters. They made me want to keep reading their story to see what was going to happen next. The flow of the book is simply perfect. The love story is tender, touching and heartbreaking. I laughed and cried and got frustrated but in the end I was left with a great emotional roller coaster ride!

Justine's writing is smooth and her characters are endearing. I highly recommend this book and hope that you will enjoy it as much as I did.

I give All-American Girl 4.5 STARS!

Romance Book Club says

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Radiant says

Samantha thought her life was perfect when her night with Lance, her BFF's brother went great. But it all shattered in one night... or at least she thinks so.

Now twelve years later, two miserable marriages, she's angry at whole world and back in the town to take care of her gram and a alcoholic brother, only to encounter with Lance again. Her heart still loves him, but there are secrets, lies and betrayals what need to be resolved before she can start her relationship with him.

Will HEA will be in her life this time around?

Rating - 3.5!

Sleepless in Chicago says

Let me just start off by saying that I really liked this story. One of the reasons was because I liked Samantha. I could totally relate to her. The story starts off with young Samantha, the prom queen, the perfect girl who is getting ready to find her dreams. She is off to her dream school to pursue a writing career. Things are looking up for our dear Samantha.

Then reality hits. She's been divorced twice, her writing career is failing and to make matters worse, she gets news that her grandmother has fallen ill. She leaves New York and rushes back home to Vermont to take care of the woman who has taken care of her.

While back in Vermont, she runs into Lance Cummings, someone from her past. That boy who she dreamed of being with when she was younger. Now the sight of him repulses her. And no matter where she turns, he is always there. She tries to hold onto her hatred, but then it becomes a struggle the more time she spends around him.

One of the reasons I loved Samantha is because she reminded me of me! I remember being young and naive and having that attitude like you're going to take over the world. Then you realize the universe has other plans. She becomes angry and bitter because of what the world has thrown at her. I mean, isn't that someone most of us can relate to? So many stories have these young naive girls who haven't had any exposure to how unfair the world can be and this story places it center stage. Samantha struggles with relationships, even the ones with her friends and family. She can't find the courage to trust anyone, so she puts up walls to keep everyone at bay. A part of me became protective of her as I read the story. Every time someone tried to talk to her, I wanted to climb into the book and give them the third degree because I didn't want her to get hurt anymore!

Then in walks Lance. Helllooooo Lance.

Lance knew Samantha when they were younger. He remembers what she was like before she went off to school. So when she returns after 12 years and he sees how much she has changed, he wants to help. He knows that she wants and needs help, but is too stubborn to accept it. He and Samantha were once so close but she left without saying goodbye and now wants nothing to do with him. Lance is confused and hurt by her coldness towards him. All he wants is to help her and find out what has hurt her enough that turned her into a completely different person.

Justine Dell writes a very simple story about love, relationships and life. I could not put it down. Well, actually, I had to force myself to put it down, because it was 3:30am and I had to be up early in the morning. But other than that, I was hooked.

Justine also adds quotes from various sources before each chapter to give you a little synopsis as to what is about to transpire. And if you know me...I'm a big quotes person. I love highlighting them, writing them in my journals and pondering which one I will finally have tattooed on me, but that's another subject. Every quote was perfectly chosen for each chapter. I applaud her for that effort. These little details made me love the book even more.

Overall, I give the book 4 out of 5 stars. I know a lot of my friends are afraid to read the books I really like because I tend to be drawn to the ones that frustrate the hell out of you. This one is a very sweet story. If you're like me and you read a ton of angry/frustrating books, this one is a perfect change of pace.

Aixa says

Have you ever had a crush on someone thinking that there was no way they would reciprocate? What if that crush, out of the blue decided to take you out on a date and give you the most wonderful night of your life only for that night to be crushed by the one person you thought had your back at all times. That is that what happened to Samantha Moore in All-American Girl by Justine Dell.

After the night of her dreams with the man that she had been crushing/loving for afar since she can remember everything comes crashing down the day after. Not understanding why, she runs away to continue with the rest of her dreams of being a writer, without finding out the reason for her heart being shattered.

Twelve years later she comes back after two failed marriages and a career that is close to being finished to take care of her grandmother only to run into the first man to brake her heart Lance Cummins. She sees him everywhere and lashes out at him every time she encounters him. Samantha (Sam) doesn't understand why he is so involved in her grandmother's life or why does he keep trying to talk to her and hash out the past when all she wants to do is forget she ever met him.

Through out the story we see how broken and hurt Samantha is, and how she really wants to be better and trying get out of the hole she created for herself with the help of her friend Jenny and her therapist. We can also see the struggle to mend the broken bridges she has created by not being home and the guilt she feels for the way she has mistreated those that have always been there for her and helped her out when needed.

All-American Girl is a story about broken hearts, love, passion and plenty of angst. Samantha is stubborn to a fault and Lance is the hottie she left behind without a word that hunts her dreams and steals her writing muse. It's a love story that most of us can relate to and not all that fictional, and it's a good read.
