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I've imagined this in my head so many times. I've always thought about what I would say; What I would do and how it would all turn out to be. And every time I would remove some detail...

She's a flight attendant—young, bright and living her dream. He's a heartbroken singer on his way to becoming big.

She's an ardent fan of his. He can't imagine why and yet seems to find comfort in her words.

It's the first time they are together and in their hearts both are wishing, hoping and praying that the night would never end. That the time they are spending together lasts and lasts...

In the world of imperfection, there is always someone just right for you.

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Bhavya says

Umm... I don't know really. I mean I didn't like Avanti. Or Devrat, for that matter. You see, I have little sympathy for self obsessed or people who wallow in self pity.

Also their relationship was too gooey for their own good.

I don't know, maybe all of this was too dramatic for my taste.

But I didn't hate the novel. For one, there were two quite lines which you can quote and I am a sucker for good quotes. (Yes, even 2 lines can make me not hate a book!) Also, I know what exactly happened or how, but by the end I couldn't muster the energy to hate it, so, just because...

Anmol Rawat says

Detailed Review Here

Durjoy Datta does it again. I liked the book a lot although Till the Last Breath will still remain my favorite from him. Recommended to all people who love to read romance fictions. It makes you laugh, it makes you cry and it makes you fall in love all over again.

Abhilash Ruhela says

Durjoy Datta's 10th book gets released on 20th June, 2014. I pre-ordered it on Flipkart and they delivered it to me before noon on its release day. Impressive! Durjoy Datta has been one author who is quite famous among girls, specially. Youth looks forward to his books because he has kept giving them hope that they'll find themselves having sex with the hottest girl of their college. But from last 2-3 books, Durjoy have totally refrained himself from writing sex. And since then, I have started finding his writing more creative and wondrous. His latest book "When Only Love Remains" comes after a very long time since his 9th release with a very elegant and peaceful cover page. Expectations has been rising since then. And now when I have kept the book aside after completing it, I am quite disappointed.

You must have heard books getting adapted into movies but this time, it's the other way around. "When Only Love Remains" is nothing but the scripted version of "Aashiqui 2". Yes. Believe me. Indian authors start their career from writing cheesy love stories to sexual flavors and then some sensible stories based on characterization of every protagonist. Durjoy Datta seems to be walking the road from the other end. He started with stories based on sex, then moved towards characterization and now, he is writing books that are "Aashiqui 2" of literature.

Book starts off well showing us the extreme passion Avanti has towards this singer who is a bit famous on Facebook and Youtube- Devrat. In the alternative chapters, author discusses Devrat's life which is how we portray singers and writers usually- depressive, lonely, drug-addicts and aggressive. Like Aashiqui-2, the singer Devrat also has a friend-cum-secretary, Sumit, who tries to bring him back to life while Devrat is not

serious about his singing assignments. First half keeps discussing how Avanti dreams to meet him one day and go mad but finally, when it happens, it is so underwhelming that you are disappointed at the moment itself. Still you continue with the hope that there would be a great love story ahead. But alas!

The whole second half is based in hospital and there's not much after this. It's all about hopes, cries, prayers, wishes etc. Author tries hard to add excitement and life even in the second half by introducing characters but he couldn't do much with the plot that has no scope to entertain its readers. Similar stories have been published not once but infinite times. It's okay that author tries to display emotions of both the characters with each sentence that he writes but unfortunately, that does not increase the pace of the story. This plot is good for short story of 4000-5000 words but for a novel of 278 pages... A BIG NO!

Last few pages are what I was expecting from the whole book but that was the least I could have complained after getting what I needed throughout. That letter by Devrat is something that will make you cry. The scene when Devrat's thumb moves is another scene that will excite you. Because this is the only twist in the whole book. Also the scene when Avanti injects Devrat is an epic paragraph. The last 5-6 pages finally proves why this book is a copy of Aashiqui 2. But the only best thing about this book is that it ends up making its reader smile against the way it kept trying right from second half to make them weep yet again and again. I will give this book 2/5. Because it is the same old story repeated again, this time by the author who we wait for.

Thanks.

ABHILASH RUHELA - VEERU!!!

Avinash says

i am really skeptical about how i feel about this book
first to say actually i was very much into durjoy books and then i bought this book.my pure feelings and suggestion about the book about the book :

firstly i would go to the cons part:

1. need lot of patience to read. (really lot of patience)
2. not very engaging and grasping page turner.
3. not much of the situations feels like you revolve around the lead roles.

now the pros:

1. very much pure at heart,no sex or nasty talk. everything is clean.
2. a deep inside feelings of a true lover.
3. an entirely different and brave attempt by the author.

verdict: The book is awesome in terms of real love and the purity in it. i myself being a reader who wants some funny moments and some sad moments and a good ending. this book lacks all those but stays with tragedy most part.so what i wanted to tell is i am not happy with this book personally but i shouldn't blame the author who made a very brave and purest attempt o all his books. if you dont want to stay weak and low heartened after reading a book DONT buy this book else its a very much good read if you are able to come out o that trance quickly .

Aakanksha Raghav says

WARNING: THIS BOOK WILL MAKE YOU FALL IN LOVE.

Why didn't they add that warning on the cover?

My feelings...

i can't tell you guys.

I CAN'T.

Intriguing!

It makes you cry n sob.

It makes you fall in love.

SPOILER ALERT: You'll fall in love with the writer.

PS I wrote this with swollen eyes and running nose and i'm still in a flummoxed state.

Pratikshya Mishra says

I liked Avanti's father- the conversationally challenged shy mathematician who's trying so hard to reconnect with his daughter. Though he has very few dialogues and scene presence, he's one of my favorite characters in the book. The way he lies to spent some more time with Avanti, tries so hard not to stammer or be awkward while conversing with her- it's cute and touching. He's a deep person.

Devrat's character for the first 100 pages of the book was like Jang Geun Suk's character of the depressed, damaged musician; a Korean rock band's lead singer, in the Korean Drama 'Mary Stayed out all Night'. I found a bit of similarity with the movie Ashiqui2's lead character too. Avanti herself was bubbly, cute, passionate person- a lovable character.

I found certain events, certain follow ups of scenes quite illogical. But yes, as it was written in a bollywood filmy style, those were perhaps justified. The climax seemed forced and too sudden. And the rest of the story could be well guessed. For a moment I thought it would be dealing with Euthanasia but no. I liked hospital drama better in 'Till the last breath'. So, though I liked the character sketches, the plot was not that good. So it has more minus points than plus points. Hope DurjoyD would plan better for the plots next time.

Vikas says

What would you do if you love someone but have never met them? What would happen if you finally get to meet them? What would you do if you find them better than you imagined them? What would you do when you get to know them?

All this and more is told and explained in Durjoy's book 'When Only Love Remains' which tells us the story

of Avanti & Devrat. Avanti is an Air Hostess and Devrat is a singer. And when they finally meet sparks fly. The book is lovely and you live the moments of dread, hope, love and sadness. Durjoy is well on the way of becoming Nicholas Sparks what with killing main characters every time but this is still the book to go for. After the last book 'Till the last breath' this is again a sixer out of the stadium.

Durjoy is definitely one of my favorite Indian authors and I have bought all his books and he keeps on giving reasons to buy more of his books.

Gordon Mathias says

My 1st Durjoy Datta book and most probably my last.

Romance stories have a charm in them. A well written romance with an interesting plot with lovable characters can be a joy to read. This story sadly lacked everything. Plot, characters and writing.

The story starts with first person narratives from two people in alternating chapters. The boy is a small time struggling singer with a rather miserable life. The girl (having demons of her own) is this singer's biggest fan having discovered him accidentally. The girl is literally madly in love with this guy whom she hasn't still met yet. The guy on the other hand doesn't even know she exists. Now one fine day they do meet and the love story just escalates exponentially within a matter of 24 hours. There is a twist about 3 quarters into the book which supposedly sets up the whole impactful climax.

Now as far as the plot is concerned, it was just weak. The plot appears to be divided into 3 parts: before they meet, during their time together, after the twist. I was intrigued during the 1st part of the book but the 2nd and 3rd part went downhill. I had a hard time imagining the things depicted to be actually happening in real life.

The plot appeared more and more fake and unbelievable as the story progressed. Coupled with that storyline are these characters that are poorly crafted by Datta. This girl, in the beginning is a scared being unable to even stand up for herself; she is suddenly this bold female who reeks with confidence in the second half; the 3rd half, she is some sort of perfect human being acting savior to many in need. The boy I did like almost throughout the book even after his drastic decision close to the ending.

Finally, amateur writing. Just pure amateur writing. I can't believe that this guy has written 9 books before this and all have been bestsellers. The narration felt like I was watching a TV-Serial rather than reading a book. There is a difference between how we speak and how we write. Dutta just mixed that up. He transforms into a full philosophical mode right at the end which I felt was well written but that doesn't make up for the disastrous writing throughout.

Plot: 0.75/2

Characters: 0.25/1

Writing Style: 0.5/1

Climax: 0.25/1

My Rating: 1.75/5

Addhaya Anil says

Haahhh! The author must have worked really hard to write such a thick book that just bored me, it could have been much better. Though as always the writing style was good so as the narration. I loved the cover page a lot but not the title.

p.s.- The Author looks far better than his books :p

Heena Ahuja says

It's the first book I have read of Durjoy and I must say its wonderful. It's a wonderful plot which revolves around Avanti, a flight attendant and Devrat, a struggling singer who wants to make it big. The first time they meet they gel very well and wish that this night never ends. First half of the story is ordinary like other love stories but the second half is interesting and teaches a great deal of hanging up on to our loved ones and clinging to the slightest ray of hope.

To read the complete review click here: <http://literatimeraki.blogspot.in/201...>

Santosh Narva says

2.5/5 rating to be precise .

This is the first book to be finished by me which is written by a bestselling Indian author.

Let me divide the book into 3 parts.

1. First 40 odd pages
2. The last 20 odd pages
3. The middle part

I rate the middle part of the book as 1.5/5 and the extremes of the book as 4/5.

I don't really understand why the book is written so bulk with 280 odd pages.

As I told the Goodreads already that my review contains spoilers, I , hereby , freely pen down my thoughts during my reading the book(I hope I remember the most parts. I finished the book around 15 days prior to this revuey.)

The title of the book is apt. The cover page looks neat (I hate myself for discussion the cover page, as I am a firm believer in the proverb ' Don't judge a book by its cover'. I take it literally.)

This is a love story between two complex (or the author seems to make us think about them so) youth.

Avanti is a girl who grew up with her grand mother (and in a boarding school). She gets sexually harassed by hostel warden at an early (horrendously 'early') age of 5. (I still don't really get the connection between the

sexual harassment she faces during her childhood and the story. The author reminds us about that event once in the middle , after we almost forgot about it.)

She gets convinced by her doting grandmother to stay with her father while she does the training (and/or) the job as a flight attendant.

Her father was estranged by her mother because he was caught up with some mathematical problem which he drove him kind of crazy (this sounds a bit ridiculous to me.)

And unfortunately, she (the heroine's mother) dies in an accident just a month after he gets separated from her hubby (too soon eh?!))

Now, our Avanti has to stay with her father , whom she doesn't care much about(the writer makes us 'know' this point a lot of times.)

I almost forgot. There happens a 'painful' love story between Avanti and a guy (I don't remember his name, I only remember being referred to as ' the cousin of Hulk Hogan', by the hero) . And that ' love track ' gets finished by his punching the hero and the heroine slapping the puncher (I mean to say one who punched.).

Now coming to the hero - he is an engineering drop out (more common in Indian novels than in Indian streets) who boozes, boozes, boozes, smokes, smokes, smokes ,smokes, stinks , stinks , plays guitar and sings songs which are 'imperfect' and somehow LOVED/ ADORED/ WORSHIPPED ... by the heroine.

He is the panacea to her!!

He is the saving Grace to her !!

He is the light that annihilates the darkness that sorrounds her !!

He is the only hope that gets the heroine going in the chaotic world around her !!

And he gets dumped by a seemingly gold digging girl and his breath smells like a dead rat. (This is told by the writer, and I am not to be held responsible.)

One fine day, Avanti and Devrat (the hero) meet. And trust me , the build up before the meet just vaoprizes disappointingly considering how the meet is dealt by the writer. (May be it is the writer's style. I have read only this book of him so far.)

And they booze together, they walk hand in hand, they spent their days , nights together. Sometimes they bath together too.

(Oh sorry, I forgot that there is one best friend and an elder friend with benefits to the hero. And those parts don't seem to be related to the story, at least that is what my moronic mind perceives.)

And six months get passed,(that is what the writer says) and they ,as far as I remember, discuss about sexual encouters of them, which make the hero feel emasculated and another six months get passed .

Now one fine day(yeah,as It is the first love anniversary of them) , the hero meets with a terrible accident.

The next 70 odd pages are filled with the heroine talking to the coma-struck hero.

Btw, her relationship with her father gets very good in the due course.

Here, our Avanti changes mercurially from the person who tries to assault the doctors(seriously?? For trying

to treat your boyfriend??) To the lovable girl 'next-bed' in the hospital. She even gets offered a pay for the 'service' she renders to the hospital by the chief of that hospital. She even dates with the chief (not the usual dates, father - daughter kinda dates.)

And during these pages, I too felt pain like the heroine. But our reasons for respective agonies strictly differ. This part of the book has some seriously repetitive and supposedly very emotional monologues. And one fine day, the hero wakes up only to desire his death.

The next 40-50 pages is how that uncalled-for (I am not referring to his waking up) situation is dealt.

And I must say, the last 30 pages almost made me cry (in accordance with the story) . I do strongly suggest (even though , I assume, you don't take me seriously) you to read only those last 30 pages of the book instead of the whole.

The only prior information needed to you is that the hero and the heroine loves each other. (That's what they are supposed to do, isn't it?)

They are some editing mistakes here and there but the language used by the author is looked pretty decent (considering my very little proficiency in English) and I learnt many new words because of the novel. I thank the writer for it.

Thank you for bearing me _^_.

Santosh Panda says

'Durjoy Dutta', the name itself is enough to describe the awesomeness. I was eagerly waiting for the release of this book and the moment I saw it in Amazon, without any second thought I hit the buy button. I read it on the same day it got delivered.

This story, "When Only Love Remains" revolves around two characters;; Avanti, the female protagonist is a young girl who has big dreams but a simple way of living. No matter how much sad she is, only one voice is enough to bring back smile on her face. And that voice is of none but Devrat's youtube songs/videos. Devrat, a passionate guitarist left out engineering so that he could make a career in music world. A break-up in the past made him even more passionate toward his only love; Guitar. Now in every girl he tries to search his lost love; Arundhanti.

Avanti being one of the fans of Devrat was desperately waiting to meet him. She was very much attracted towards his music and towards the person too. Finally when destiny brings them closer and they fall in love with each other. And when everything was going perfect for them, fate changed the track.

To read my review in detail, click here: <http://sany-speaks4.blogspot.in/2014/...>

Subham Chanda says

Guys this book really awesome. juts finished it few days ago, i read other books of Durjoy Dutta but its different. Not so many sarcasm no many sex scenes, only thing he added is purely love. I just fall in love with two characters Avanti and Dev.

This is the story of two beautiful souls meeting and melding with each other.

what a beautiful moment he portrayed when they meet with each other in bar after devrat performance

but they went out from the bar, they spend a whole night with each other,

it beyond some words to describe the moments, i just want some moment what they had with each other.

After that story goes on.. and the tragedy happened when DEVRAT had an accident and went into comma for 8 month. the most hurtful situation. but ending was seriously very good.

I will definitely recommend this book to you guys, this love story contents some moments that make you happy sad and make you cry at the same time.

Adita ?The Slumbering Insomniac? says

For the first few chapters, I found it really harder to keep turning the pages. Everything revolved around how the insanely beautiful girl obsesses over the almost-broke singer and how she ridiculously falls in love with him, when she learns that he is nothing like what she imagined him to be and I wondered if I should really go with my instinct which told me that there should be an intriguing turn of events.

And know what, my instinct never goes wrong. The moment Avanti learnt that Devrat is almost dead, the book got me hooked to it and although I knew I am old enough to not pine for imaginary people, I did and I was sobbing, literally!

Aditi Shetty says

This "book" was gifted to me by someone near and very dear to me. Although the name Durjoy Datta did ring warning bells in my mind (the IIT/IIM graduate turned writers like Chetan Bhagat and the ilk usually have that effect on the reader in me), I braved ahead to read this pathetic attempt at romantic fiction. This boy-meets-girl story introduces guy (Devrat) as a drunk imbecile (who also happens to be a wannabe rockstar) and the girl (Avanti) as a cyber-stalking air hostess with severe daddy issues. Their backstories did not evoke any sympathetic feelings in me. After an unbearably long series of facebooking, youtube commenting, fan mailing, they finally meet and end up spending the night together (i kid you not!). He helps her with her daddy problems, she helps him with his err...well, problems. And then tragedy strikes where one of them ends up in a hospital. This is where the story got beyond ridiculous. I cannot even... Never mind. The long and short of it is that, this excuse for a book was one of the worst I have ever read. It is Aashiqui 2 on steroids. The writing is terrible. The book was full of spelling and grammatical errors. I'm surprised the

author is so popular. I am no book snob but novice readers really need to raise their standards and expectations in general book reading...if this can be called a book. Or maybe I am just past the age where I can enjoy utter nonsense like this.

P.S: Please do NOT gift this to a friend, boyfriend, girlfriend. Especially not to your newly wedded wife on your wedding day! Just saying.

Fin.
