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THIS IS A SNEAK PEEK, Available on NetGalley!

Peyton, Sydney's charismatic older brother, has always been the star of the family, receiving the lion's share of their parents' attention and—lately—concern. When Peyton's increasingly reckless behavior culminates in an accident, a drunk driving conviction, and a jail sentence, Sydney is cast adrift, searching for her place in the family and the world. When everyone else is so worried about Peyton, is she the only one concerned about the victim of the accident?

Enter the Chathams, a warm, chaotic family who run a pizza parlor, play bluegrass on weekends, and pitch in to care for their mother, who has multiple sclerosis. Here Sydney experiences unquestioning acceptance. And here she meets Mac, gentle, watchful, and protective, who makes Sydney feel seen, really seen, for the first time.

The uber-popular Sarah Dessen explores her signature themes of family, self-discovery, and change in her twelfth novel, sure to delight her legions of fans.

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Christina says

I received this sneak peek ARC digital copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

I am not someone who reads Sarah Dessen books. But after reading the synopsis and the sneak peek I will definitely read this book. I guess I expected just a very girly romantic story and what I found was a intriguing beginning to a book about family and how it can either define you or you can define yourself. The sneak peek started off with Sydney's older brother Peyton being sentenced to jail time after a drunk driving incident that killed a young boy on a bike. From there we are introduced to the transformation of Peyton the prodigy to the downhill destruction. And it seems that Sydney has the chance to redefine herself without the shadow of the downhill spiral of her brother. If more of her books are like this I won't hesitate to check them out. I may have found a new author to add to my growing repertoire of authors!

Susan says

Saint Anything is about a girl who has been living in the shadow of her brother. As they were growing up they were best friends. They did everything together and confided in each other until her brother, Peyton goes to high school. Sydney feels she has lost her best friend. After Peyton goes to prison, Sydney is on her own trying to find away to not feel so lonely.

The excerpt of the novel is written beautifully. I enjoyed reading it. I would had like to have a chance to finish the story. Whoever reads this novel will feel the hurt of being disillusion, Sydney must deal with when she realizes her brother is not perfect.

Disclaimer: I received an arc of this book free from the author/publisher from Netgalley. I was not obliged to write a favorable review, or even any review at all. The opinions expressed are strictly my own.

Rose says

Note: this is a reflection on the excerpt I've read as provided to me from NetGalley. If I get a full galley of the book or if I pre-order the book and end up reading it, I'll add the full review to my reflections. Although I would give the excerpt 3.5 stars for my experience of it, I'm leaving this unrated for the time being.

I think this is the first review/reflection I've written on a book by Sarah Dessen. I know some people who swear by her books. While I'm familiar with them, I'm probably seeing this work through something of novice eyes, so I can't say I have the same familiarity as others may have. This excerpt contained the first three chapters of "Saint Anything" - painting a picture of the troubles that Sydney's family endures as her brother turns into someone that the family doesn't recognize - a boy who gets into trouble with the law despite multiple chances to improve. Sydney's narration depicts the grief shared by her parents at her brother's transformation, as well as her adjustment as she moves to high school and meets a group of people

at a pizza place shortly after her first day at a new high school. Dessen's characterization is vivid and I gain an understanding of Sydney's mindset and circumstances from the first page, though there are certain details that are at a distance that I don't quite understand yet, but I imagine they'll be provided as we get to know Sydney through the narrative.

Moonshine says

Que dire sur ce livre ? En premier, la couverture est sublime et elle prend tout son sens lorsque on lit le livre. En second, Sarah Dessen est un auteur de romans Jeunes Adultes qui cartonne dans plein de pays. Et je suis super heureuse que les éditions Lumen la publie en France. En troisième, cette histoire m'a remuée les tripes. Elle est torturée et passionnante. Elle donne à réfléchir et à nous interroger sur le sens de la vie. J'ai dévoré ce roman en quelques heures mais je ne vous cacherais pas que je reste frustrée par cette fin. Bien entendu, je ne vous la dévoilerai pas, à vous de venir m'écrire ce que vous en avez pensé !

Sydney vit dans l'ombre de son frère. Peyton attire tous les regards. Il est charismatique, beau et j'en passe. Mais voilà, la vie ne lui sourit pas. Après s'être fait renvoyé de plusieurs établissements scolaires, d'avoir été arrêté un nombre incalculable de fois pour détention et consommation de drogues, il se retrouve jugé pour avoir conduit en état d'ivresse et renversé un cycliste. Cet accident a brisé la vie du cycliste qui se retrouve paraplégique et Peyton est condamné et doit être incarcéré dans un pénitencier pour quelques mois. Sydney décide de changer d'établissement scolaire pour un intégrer un autre où elle ne serait pas connue pour les faits de son frère. Elle pense ainsi pouvoir devenir invisible et se fondre dans la masse. Elle quitte donc ses meilleures amies et commence un nouveau semestre. Dans son nouveau établissement, elle y fait la connaissance de Layla et de son frère Mac ainsi que de nouveaux amis. (suite sur le blog)

<http://lune-et-plume.fr/never-again-d...>

Andrea (mrsaubergine) says

I've never read anything by Sarah Dessen before but she comes highly recommended by some friends whose opinions I value, so I was very keen to read this sneak peek into her latest effort. I was immediately drawn into Sydney's story as she begins to recover from the shock of her brother's conviction for running over a boy. Pretty much forced to changing schools by the incident, she decides to try out the new neighbourhood's pizza parlour, and has an interesting encounter with the jovial family owners. This sneak peek ended too soon, but I am already invested in finding out more about kind-hearted Mac and his quirky sister. I'm definitely pre-ordering this one and May 5 can't come quickly enough. Highly recommended.

***Disclaimer: This sneak peek e-ARC was provided to me by the publisher via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. Huge thanks to them. ***

Gabrielle says

ahhh loved this preview!! so good now i can preorder this with confidence something about her writing style changed i can't put my finger on it either way loved the preview!!

Madi (TheBookNerdDiaries) says

I received this book free from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

This review is also posted on blog! -> <https://wordpress.com/stats/post/70/b...>

I was intrigued in the beginning as to why her brother was in court but after I started to read why, the story became boring. I am not really a fan of super descriptive writing and this book had a lot of it. I hadn't read Sarah Dessen before but I was intrigued by this story but in the end it let me down.

Love at last word? No. I ended up not finishing the sneak peek because it failed to hold my interest.

-BookNerd

Jackie says

Once again, Sarah Dessen has written a book that is absolutely beautiful! While I haven't read the whole book, this sneak peek definitely gave me all the feels! I was able to connect with all of the characters and felt so much for Sydney and what she was going through. I feel so bad that she's basically being ignored by her family. Within the first chapter, I fell in love with the vivid descriptions and imagery Dessen uses in the novel. The imagery allowed me to connect with Sydney so much more than just plain words would have allowed. Furthermore, I think this is one of Dessen's most dark novels that I've read so far. While I have personally never gone through what Sydney has, I felt what she felt and it was so refreshing to have a book make me feel the same as the characters.

I can't wait to read the book when it comes out!

Carinne Chase says

Personal Response:

This was a great book because you could really relate to the characters problems and you could actually understand most of the book, you could feel the tension, the hatred, the love & how much ever one cared for each other.

Plot:

Saint anything is about a girl named Sydney, who has an older brother that everyone "praises" or looks up to. Until he get in trouble for doing drugs, and drinking under age. Then he finally gets his life back together by senior year.....but one night, celebrating him graduating, he goes out for a little drive, drinking alcohol..and hits a 15 year old boy, named David. He goes to jail and Sydney's parents are devastated. They never really paid attention to her...until she moves to a new school and meets new friends while making new memories and having blast.

Recommendations:

I totally recommend this book to teenage girls. It was very sappy.

Rachel (aka Ms4Tune) says

My review can also be found on our blog Paein and Ms4Tune

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'The more Peyton got into trouble, the more my mom seemed desperate to blame anyone and everyone.'

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NOTE: This is a review of the first few chapters. NOT the full book.

This may surprise some of you but this is my first taste of Sarah Dessen's work, I know! Shocking right?! But I am more than happy to announce that I am well on my way to being a member of the Sarah Dessen fan club. This excerpt, small as it may be, has worked its magic and I am truly hooked!

This story has me so intrigued. It promises family issues, self discovery and the need for change. I dislike Peyton already and can already feel a strong emotional connection to Sydney which is weird because this was literally only 3 chapters!

I have just ordered myself a copy of Saint Anything because I can honestly say I don't think I can NOT read this!

Melody Brown says

It's been a little while since I read a book by Sarah Dessen and Saint Anything reminded me of why she is one of my favorite authors! I had been trying to get my hands on a copy of Saint Anything for a while and had only come across the hard copy (which was a little pricier than I wanted to pay). However, I could only hold out so long before I had to read it . . . and I did in approximately 24 hours. I could not put it down. There is something so intoxicating about Dessen's storyline and characters. The feeling of pining for more is really a testament to the author's talent. She writes great stories about people you actually care about. I found myself transfixed by Sydney and Mac's budding relationship and absolutely reveling in the downfall of Ames (who I call "The Creep"). I could go on, but simply put it was a very good book.

Abigail the Fangirl says

Wow! I can already tell that this book is going to be fantastic. I can relate to Sydney a lot and I love the storyline that Dessen has created for us. I have been impatiently waiting for Saint Anything to come out for quite a while now, and this sneak peek just made the wait even harder. Sarah Dessen is incredibly talented.

Sarah says

Sneak peek (Courtesy of PENGUIN GROUP Penguin Young Readers Group and NetGalley.)- This girl's brother is such a waster! Does he not care at all what impact his illegal activities are having on his family?! I liked what I read so far though ?

Marla Mei says

This is another gold by Sarah Dessen for sure!

713Pearl says

I really enjoyed this book, and that was not quite a surprise because I fell in love with the other books that I read by Sarah Dessen. One of the reasons that I really liked this book was because of the relationships, not only romantic but there were some very close friendships that took place also. The main character is also interesting to read about because there is a side story with her brother. The main character's brother who used to be a goody two shoes has recently changed and is now in prison for drugs and other crimes. This leads to family problems that the main character deals with. I loved how close the characters were with each other and the way the author chose to keep the main character distant from her family and life at home. Overall I really enjoyed this book and the only reason I would not rate it five stars would be because the book moved slowly towards the middle, I would recommend this book to teens interested in romance novels and who have read other books by Sarah Dessen.
