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Music, boy bands, first love and heartbreak in the explosive finale to the Songs About A Girl trilogy - a modern love story for anyone who has ever dreamed of being 'with the band'. From a Zoella Book Club friend.

Just as Charlie allows herself to succumb to Gabe's charms, the explosive revelation about her mother's death threatens to pull them apart.

Meanwhile, a media circus has exploded around the future of Fire&Lights - when they announce a US tour to show the world that they are stronger than ever, Charlie gets the opportunity to accompany them. New York City, here she comes! But it's not all fun and games. Charlie is still feeling all kinds of awkward around Gabe and knowing that her mother's last days were in America touring with her band, Charlie uses the opportunity to uncover some more truths about her mother's death.

As Fire&Lights try to win over the world again, and as Charlie and Gabriel uncover the true story that links their pasts, will Charlie finally be able to follow her heart?

'Sweet, sensitive and a joy to read ...' Non Pratt, author of *Remix* and *Unboxed*

## **Songs About A Boy Details**

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### Eve beinguniquebooks says

In the finale of the trilogy, Gabe and Charlie set about discovering just what happened to Harry, the link between them and what went wrong, why the one connected person to them committed suicide it so seems.

Gabe and Charlie along with the rest of the band and entourage travel on your once again facing backlash about the band's current form especially during a visit at a theme park. The media go crazy for their now line up and will relationships form between the characters or not as old characters show themselves once again...

There's crazy deranged fans, shocking reunions and musical mayhem as alike the industry seems to always have in real life. I found this one likable but not as enjoyable as the previous but it did conclude the series mystery even if it was a lesser shocking reveal at first, just wait and hold out, you'll see what I mean...

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### Kate (GirlReading) says

I've said it before and I'll say it again, this series is the One Direction fanfic of my sixteen year old selfs dreams. It's possibly one of the most cliche, dramatic, angsty, predictable and far fetched books I've ever read and I loved ever second of it. I had the most fun I've had in a long time flying through this trilogy. It made me incredibly nostalgic and happy. I think I've officially found my ultimate guilty pleasure read but I can't even bring myself to feel guilty about it, it was just too much fun.

TW: homophobic slur.

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### Kate says

\*\*\* I received a free copy of this book from Netgalley to share my honest review \*\*\*

I really enjoyed this series even though it was super cheesy at times. I feel like almost everyone has gone through some kind of a fangirl stage, and oh my god this took me back to that. I couldn't put it down.

I loved all 3 books however did feel at times that I wanted more development from certain scenes. I felt like a lot of the timeline was rushed & some parts were unnecessary, but hey, it made me smile and I was addicted from the first chapter, so I can't complain!

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### Brittany Smith says

OMG!!! Just when I think Chris Russell can't beat the last book he releases another amazing read!

We are reunited with Charlie and the boys for the third and, very sadly, last time. We are taken on a worldwide ride across the pond to New York as the boys work feverishly to save their band and their reputations!

Olly is out of the band and it's a mad scramble to replace him in time. Trouble is brewing and Gabe has slipped into a morose state due to his own personal demons. Aiden has his own inner turmoils going and Yuki is, well, Yuki! Charlie is with her best friend Melissa on the trip of a lifetime but it can't last surely?

With ups and downs and surprises galore 'Songs About a Boy' delivers an emotional punch that will leave you reeling.

Chris Russell has created a great series that will be loved and re-read many times! He is definitely an author to watch and I look forward to his future as it looks very bright!!

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### **Yolanda Sfetsos says**

Okay. I put it off for as long as I could... and **NOW** was the right time to read the final book in this super fun trilogy.

Charlie is facing the most important exams of her school life, but the many distractions weighing on her mind are making it hard to focus. The secrets of her mother's and Gabriel's father intertwined musical careers and tragedy have ripped Gabriel and her apart.

And now that one of the members of Fire&Lights has quit to start his own career, the other boys are going on a big US tour. And because so much of the answers Charlie and Gabriel seek are in America, she ends up going with them.

Well, she goes with her best friend's family. And what they find there will change everything, while possibly tearing everyone apart...

I said this after the second book and I have to say it with this one: he did it again! Chris Russell **REALLY** delivered. Wow.

Charlie's voice has been one of my favourite things about this trilogy. I say one because there's so much to love about these books. And in this installment, she once again swept me away in her adventure. I was totally invested in her problems. In her heartbreak. In her grief. In her excitement. In how hard it was to discover the truth about her mother, only to have everything turned upside down.

Yep. There are several twists and turns, unexpected revelations, and some very cool surprises.

I especially liked how her father finally got a chance to share the spotlight. Although I understood the necessity of her lies, I felt bad for him. Being left out of her adventure was really playing havoc on their relationship, which made me sad.

OMG, and we got plenty of Melissa. She's such a sweetheart and gets what she deserves and more in this

book. Yay.

Now, the boys. Sigh. Yuki was his usual jokey self, even while going through some family drama. Aiden was his usual shy and adorable self, even while dealing with personal issues. Gabriel was *still* the complicated, troubled guy. Olly was still the nice guy we all know and love. And we meet another interesting musician, but I don't want to spoil anything so I won't say too much about him.

Yeah, I'm totally fangirling about this book. About these characters. About this trilogy. SO awesome!

*Songs About a Boy* is the perfect way of ending this amazing and emotional story. THIS is how you end a super fun, high-energy, awesome trilogy filled with drama and music! Not only did the storyline continue perfectly, but new obstacles and problems were introduced. All the answers I chased through the other books were revealed here. And most importantly, like the other two books: I was hooked.

This story is what teenage dreams are made of. The boys, music, vibes and excitement of actually meeting your favourite band... ALL of it is enough to take you back to being an obsessed teenager.

I LOVED this.

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### **Chloe? says**

I'm emotional. I can't form words. OH and I love Gabriel West thank you goodbye

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### **Jenni says**

This was such a satisfactory conclusion to this brilliant trilogy. I picked it up only intending to read the first chapter or two but found myself sitting there until I had read the whole thing – I was so desperate to find out what had happened. I have loved seeing these characters develop over the course of the trilogy and particularly loved the fact that even the slightly lesser characters got really good arcs and development. I'm sad to be saying goodbye to these characters but at the same time I'm excited to see what comes next from the author.

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### **KatForsyth says**

Not quite as good as the first two, but they did set the bar pretty high. Still, a sweet ending to this trilogy I really loved.

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### **Janay Brazier says**

I'm actually tearing up right now! I've just finished this book and I honestly adore this trilogy. The characters, the storyline, the twists and turns, the mystery, the music, the setting, the relationships... I just love it all so much! This is honestly one of my favourite YA trilogies of all time and I'm so sad that this is all

over. Every character is fantastic and has their own focus, their own problems and their own star qualities. I could've written this review by just putting 'I love it. I love it. I love it' over and over again. Highly recommend (if that wasn't already obvious!)

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### **Kirsty says**

enjoyed this as much as I hoped. A fab end to a brilliant series.

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### **Priyasha says**

I honestly cannot praise this book enough, it's such a phenomenal series that I have recommended to so many friends and fellow bloggers/BookTubers. Simply brilliant, and I cannot wait to see what Chris writes next!

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### **Olivia Noack says**

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### **Lily says**

This series has been such a joy to read. There's something about it that makes me feel warm and cosy, each book something to sink into like a nice cosy blanket. It's dramatic and emotional, but it's still like an old friend that you can feel comfortable reading about. I love books like that. It makes reading them a real pleasure.

I don't know much about One Direction, but I've seen some people calling this One Direction fanfiction. There's nothing wrong with fanfiction at all, but I do feel that calling is really overlooking Charlie, because yes it's a story about Fire and Lights, but more than that, it's Charlie's story. Everything is centred around her and the mystery of her mum. Charlie is such a beautiful character, driven, talented and a really great person. I love how much the band adores her and make her feel like she's a really integral part of the team.

The band is beautiful. Yuki is wonderful and Aiden too, I really liked. The dynamic of Ollie and Gabriel was a dramatic conflict, but Yuki and Aiden were a really amazing part of the band.

I love these characters so much and the story was a wild ride of dramatic twists and turns. Chris Russell's habit of ending each book on a sudden twist was frustrating in the best possible way, but I can forgive him for that.

I can't wait to see what he does next.

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## **Beth Jones says**

I can't believe the thought ever even crossed my mind to dismiss these books as cheesy, trashy fanfic. They are so much more than that. I picked this 400+ page book up on Sunday night, and I had finished it by Tuesday. For me, that's absolutely insane. And I've not exactly been at home all that time - I've been looking after the flat, going out and going to uni. But this book just absolutely flew by for me, and whenever I had a spare minute I would pick it up and dive right in.

That being said, I can't totally dismiss the cheese or the trash. Because honestly, it does have those elements. It's a bit like looking back on High School Musical. You can't believe how cheesy it is, but you would watch it with your girlfriends any day of the week. It's unrealistic, dramatic and far fetched. But goshdarnit, it is good.

This is for sure a complete guilty-pleasure read, but I can't deny that it's very well written. Every single character in this book holds their place and has a lot of depth, and that's just so hard to do! To be able to build such individuality into so many people - especially the band, the management team and even Melissa's family - is so impressive.

Being 19, I'm definitely way out of the target audience for this series. But the 13 year old inside me couldn't put this down, and made me reminiscent of the simpler way I used to read. It's perfect nostalgia for those years, of loving the sweet teenage relationships and band obsessions.

Unfortunately, I can't put enough emphasis on the far-fetched concept of this book. Charlie is a 16 year old girl flying around the world photographing a band, with little to no equipment or professional photography training. As I'm studying photography at uni, this was a little hard to get out of my mind. No one around me would even dare to dream of having an opportunity like this, and most of those people are already starting their professional careers.

Overall, I would definitely say go for these books! Just make sure you clear your mind beforehand, and understand that this is going to be a drama-filled, unrealistic but wonderful rollercoaster. Sit back and enjoy the ride!

★★★★

4 stars

-Beth

May your shelves forever overflow with books! ?

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## **Ashleigh says**

Somehow, I've managed to read and absolutely love all three books in the Songs About A Girl trilogy without publishing a review of any of them, so after finishing the final instalment this morning I thought I'd do things a little differently and review the whole trilogy at once.

I've read a fair few books about girls like you and me finding themselves falling in love with celebrities, and

so many of them are among my favourites. You can't beat that crazy idea that one of the most famous men on the planet could choose you over everyone else, right? So I knew the Songs About A Girl trilogy would be right up my street when I first heard about it a few years back.

I read the first book in St Lucia and it was the absolute perfect holiday read. The best kind of guilty pleasure about a girl that finds herself hanging out with the hottest boyband around. But there was more to it than that, which is one of the things that captivated me most and made these books stand out from the crowd. There's a mystery running through Charlie's story that adds depth, and it quickly becomes clear that all four of the boys in the band have lives that are far from perfect.

Plus, it's not all smiles and money and jetsetting for Fire&Lights. There are some serious ups and downs, which paints a realistic picture of what it's really like to be famous and what needs to be sacrificed as a result.

Chris Russell's storytelling is so captivating and full of drama and suspense that I am not exaggerating one bit when I say I struggled to put all three of them down once I'd started reading them. By the third book I felt so sad knowing that it was coming to an end and that I wasn't going to be spending any more time with these awesome characters.

I love every one of them. All of the boyband members are fantastic in their own ways, as is Charlie, Charlie's dad and especially Melissa. In fact, I think the friendship between Charlie and Melissa is one of my favourite fictional friendships ever.

The conclusion in Songs About A Boy was bitter sweet. I didn't want this trilogy to be over but it felt like a satisfying ending to an epic adventure. There were moments that seemed a little too easy or convenient, and there were probably a little less swoon-worthy moments in book three than I'd have liked, but there's no doubt this is one of my favourite contemporary YA trilogies around and I wouldn't hesitate to recommend it.

I can't wait to see what Chris Russell comes up with next!

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