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It's 1980, in a small town nestled in the Midwest. The only protection from the rest of the world for those who call Herrington home is the belief that innocence is ageless. For Amy, who wants nothing more than to help a friend, she soon discovers that fate or something more sinister has another plan. The evening begins like most, but quickly takes on a life of its own. Journey back to a time not so long ago, before cell phones, text messages and social media made themselves available as lifelines to those stumbling upon uncertainty and struggling with fear. One night, one decision, and the life of a high school senior can take a path not expected. Can the strength of a friendship survive the test of a lifetime?

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I received a copy of this book from Booklikes.

I decided to entry this giveaway because I thought that the plot was very interesting. After reading the short description of the book, I realized that 'Last Minute Decision' is a story about the importance of a friendship. In fact, the story speaks about Amy, a young and normal girl who lives in a small town, and her friend Jenny. Well, Amy thought that Jenny was her friend but when they decide to go out after a long time, they realize that everything is changed: different opinion and different attitudes. Is it possible to save their friendship?

I really appreciated the background and the characters: Amy, the protagonist, is a young woman who suddenly figures out that everything could happen and nothing can be surely under control. It is interesting also the growth of the character of Jenny. It's like she wanted to know more about her "dark side". There are unfortunately some aspects that, in my opinion, are negative point. For example, I hoped to know more about the secondary characters like Stacy and Jesse and I would have been happy to know what happened before.

I'm sorry if this review is written in a terrible English. I have to learn a lot about the grammar :)

Melissa Burke says

This was an interesting short read, both in good and not so good ways.

I found it was easy to relate in a way to the main character because I went through something similar to her. Her reactions to it were exactly how I reacted when it happened to me. I found it was a very good description of the fear, the anger and the confusion that occurs shortly after a sexual assault.

What I would have liked to see, though, is how it all played out after the dance. Did she tell her parents? If so, how did they react? Did she go to the authorities or decide against it due to the fear that they wouldn't believe her? How did her relationship with Jenny end up? (I know it took a good turn at the end of the book but did it stay that way?) I just feel like I was left with a lot of unanswered questions. Also I'd like to find out more about Dean, and Amy's relationship with him as well as more of an introduction to Amy's life in general before the plot of this story even started.

The characters all seemed to have the same personalities. Or rather, none of them seemed to have personalities at all. Even Amy, the main character, seemed a little dull and we go through the story from her perspective, with all her thoughts and feelings. There were brief glimpses of what kinds of people all the characters were but it never went deep enough to really get to know any of them.

There was a lot of dialogue. I personally use a lot of dialogue in my stories so I'm not saying that in itself is a bad thing. The problem is that at times there was too much dialogue in relation to the amount of description there was. I noticed that a lot of the time I was left trying to imagine how the scenes were playing out because many things weren't being described in enough detail.

It's not that I wouldn't recommend this, and I definitely didn't hate it. I'm just saying the story needed... more. Of what exactly, I'm not entirely sure, but I wasn't left with the satisfying feeling I like to have when I finish a book.

Holly says

I enjoyed this book very much :)

Susan Damm says

This is a glimpse back to a simpler, kinder time. Anderson has written a page turner that teen readers, boys and girls alike, should find fascinating and intriguing. It is a cautionary tale. All teens want to test their wings and make decisions for themselves. Mom and Dad don't always know best, or do they? Anderson shows through her narrative that one bad decision can change someone's life forever. A great read! I recommend that parents get a copy to so they can read and discuss this book with their teen. It should spark some very lively discussion!

Brenna says

Lisa Anderson's Last Minute Decision is a great short read. She takes a senior in high school through several weeks of the school year and places her in positions where she is making quick decisions. One night of these small decisions takes an unexpected turn.

The 60+ pages of this novel is fast paced, easy to read, but covers a lot of ground. There are a few characters that are not very well defined, but again, the book was only 60+ pages. I was left with a few questions, wanting to know more about the main character, Amy, both some background and what happens next with her and her BFF Jenny.

This would be a good read for teens and adults alike.

I look forward to the sequel of Last Minute Decision.

****this book was received from the author through a Booklikes Member Giveaway.****

Kelly Willcoxbrackeen says

What a great story! I only wished we got to read what happened afterwards. This story outlines the consequences of just agreeing to what peers ask a person to do. It also shows the consequences of drinking and drug use quite realistically. The author created a great character that I bonded with, flaws and all. It was a very emotional experience for me. Victims of rape, beware that this book contains not a description, blow-by-blow, but the suggestion of, then talk about rape. A wonderful book for everyone but very young children to read. Parents should read first though. Very educational...

Pick it up! You won't regret it!

Allegra Artis says

I will be receiving this book from a giveaway! Can't wait to begin reading. I will update as soon as I finish reading the book! :)

Beccapalmer says

I love this book and recommend it to readers of all kind. although it's a short book, I found it very interesting and exciting.

quizqueen says

Sent book to review. Sorry didn't finish it as it was so unappealing and boring. It went straight to the charity shop

Trevor Pearson says

Received a copy of Last Minute Decision by Lisa Anderson through the BookLikes giveaway program in exchange for an honest review

This is a sensitive subject that transcends time and can speak to many people across the globe. Anyone that has gone through the transition from elementary/primary school to high school/secondary school understands that the search for one's self can lead to a person going down a different social path. At first it hurts, and as time goes on you understand it, at first you don't like it, and as more time goes by you appreciate the fact that it was probably best for everyone involved. Differences are often attributed to the onset of hate, but differences also lead to cliques and the harmless alignment of like-minded individuals. In my case growing up I was quite heavy, and by heavy I mean big, and by big I mean fat, so how in the world am I going to relate to a guy that can do a 3 foot Ollie onto a handrail or kick-flip over a 7 foot ledge. Sure I can appreciate it, but I think it would be best if they found some guys/girls that speak the same language. What I found was that when your younger you take friends for granted, everyone is very much the same, and as you get older and become more of a thinker, you realize things that really only undermine the relationships that you have in the end. Appreciate the similarities, however small they may be, you may just gain a friend, or learn a few things along the way.

When I read a short story collection or a novella for that matter, I go in with the understanding that it merits the methodology behind it and really packs a punch. The author executed the emotions of the characters, especially Amy very well and the tone was consistent from beginning to end. Unfortunately, in the end I felt this story failed to live up to my expectations. I hate being hard on this story due to the sensitive subject matter, but in a lot of ways many people have lived these circumstances personally or vicariously and there just wasn't a whole lot more to it. It would be a perfect study for early teenagers to prepare for potential troubling situations that may come their way even if the story happens to be close to thirty five years of age.

The ending presented a lot of questions and many people may be put off by the open-ended nature. I am all about endings that leave the responsibilities to the readers subjectivity but this story didn't deserve it. This was too monotonous, flat and one-note. I was going crazy with anticipation, waiting for the twist, patiently expecting the turn, hoping for it to delve deeper, but in the end all hope was lost. I would have liked to see the aftershock of what happened to Amy and Jenny, or even some kind of one year later, five years later perspective of how the characters evolved and how the course of events changed their lives. If there is a follow-up in store there are many avenues to go down and interest will be raised but I am not anticipating much different with respect to levels of engagement.

Definitely recommended for younger adults, especially ladies as they get ready for the adventure that is the "best" times of their lives and for men looking to learn how not to behave.

Jean says

Great story, easy to read, interesting. An excellent insight to teens & how strong their friendships are / what their friends can talk them into doing. Shows faithfulness & strength of teens.

Rebecca says

This book was a very good read. I would highly recommend it to any teenager girl I know. So many are caught up in doing what their "friends" want them to do. Great story.
