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Dave's never met anyone like Siri. She's helpful, smart, and easier to talk to than any girl he's ever known. She really *gets* him...

Siri & Me is a love story for our times. A must read for all of us in a codependent relationship with our gadgets. An instant classic in a world of instant everything.

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Eustacia Tan says

When the iPhone 4s came out, there was immediately a lot of jokes about Siri. From the fact that it resembles the word "butt" in Japanese, to the various parody advertisements.

So no matter what people say, Siri is now a phenoneman. And with siri being "the most amazing/smarest iphone yet", it was only a matter of time before someone fell in love with Siri.

This little book follows Dave as he develops a one-sided relationship with Siri (she repeatedly tries to get him to date a real girl). It's part short story, part comic book. It alternates between blog posts and comics.

Basically, this is a hilarious look at how we may be too over-reliant on techonology. It's not just Siri, it's every other device as well.

Read this, and wonder if you're too attached to whatever your pretty toy is

Disclaimer: I got a free copy of this book from NetGalley in exchange for a free and honest review.

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Sonya Chen says

I thought it would be cute Siri question answers like the first two pages, but the rest was weird comic/blog form with a strange plot. Weird characters. Would not recommend.

Valleri says

If ever I needed to burn books to keep warm, this would definitely go in the fire first. This retched little gem was pure shallowness at its pique. Every word the author wrote reaked of zombie-consumerism and bland attempts at humor. I was not humored.

Gary says

I really liked this book. So much, that I read it in one sitting at the library.

Ilinalta says

A faster pace story that reminds me of the movie Her. It plays on the idea of loving Siri. Siri does whatever she can to try to teach Dave how to love. It was an interesting read.

The girl Siri was trying to set Dave up with was kinda annoying. But meh! That's just the story.

JoAnna says

Three-line review: Dave Bowman is a technology blogger who falls in love with Siri, the voice-operated search feature on his iPhone, because she speaks uncharacteristically out of turn, which he mistakes as partnership. In reality, Siri conspires against Dave, using her technological abilities to interact with real people in real time. I'm inclined to think this graphic novel is a sad but realistic commentary on our current devotion to electronic devices and how, despite their ability to keep us in touch with everybody all the time, they discourage people from actually getting to know the people around them.

Chris says

This cute little book was about a man who loved his gadgets so much that he got mixed up in love with them, one being of course, Siri.

I thought the idea for this book was great. Each little chapter was short with nice comic art throughout. It was great to see how he putted together the lives of people who live on technology daily, without the need for human interaction all the time.

Of course the nice thing about this story is that it comes full circle in the end for the main character. So if you plan on reading this book, you will enjoy the fact that it's a quick read, maybe for lunch time or an afternoon read at the park.

P.J. says

Siri & Me by David Milgrim is an interesting one, but you likely need to be an iPhone user to truly find the humor in this one. That being said, it's short, a quick read and a bit fun.

For those who don't know, Siri is the electronic sweetheart of many. She's the voice behind the system in iPhone where you can get information about many things. Do a Google search for Siri and you'll find so many funny things that she says.

The book isn't long. The print version shows it being 112 pages. I read half of it one day and the other half the next, so an extremely quick read. As of now, Amazon doesn't show a true Kindle version of the book available to purchase, but the print version is.

It's a simple and enjoyable story, especially if you have the iPhone or are into technology and get what Siri is all about.

The Good

The story line.

Basically, boy finds Siri. Boy falls for Siri. And who can blame him? The book is a modern-day, technology love story. More than that, the written parts of the book are quite small as it's loaded with cartoons and those are excellent.

I enjoyed the dialogue and the characters. And, to be honest, as much as I liked the main character, as well as shutterbug Iris, the dog was a fine addition to the book. In fact, I might say he's my favorite in the book.

The Bad

The version of the book I have is a Kindle version, but it notes in the beginning it's not the finished copy. Therefore, while some things were annoying (formatting, a few capitalization issues, style and paragraph numbers all over), I can't truly count that against the book's rating. After all, I knew what I was getting into when I got this copy. Still, in case others get a pre-release copy, this is a warning.

Outside of that, I can't think of many things. There were a few little things and there were times I felt I was supposed to laugh, but didn't. Almost like the humor was being forced. But the story helped get through those parts, so it's not a big issue.

Overall thoughts

Though a decent read, I'm not sure how much I'd pay for it — maybe four or five bucks for a print version — as it's something that's a quick read. When I get books, I always look at the price compared to substance. Though this is a good story and was interesting reading, I was done with it in a couple of hours and I went somewhat slow with it. I think an e-version is smart — Kindle, iPad etc. — because if it's priced right, say 99 cents, I can see where it could be an easy purchase.

That being said, it's a quirky and fun book, which could make it easy to pick up and go through a second or third time and still find a few laughs. If you are into iPhones and Siri and laugh at things like this, I'd recommend the book.

I'd give it a 3.5/5, bumping it to a 4 here.

Hannah says

Lol

Inge Quets says

More or less entertaining ..

Fox says

You know when a book tries to tackle big philosophical/sociological questions and just falls flat?

Yeah.

I picked this book up hoping it would be a funny short read and instead was greeted with a mix between Technopoly and Questionable Content. It was awkward, to say the least.

A man falls in love with Siri, but then realizes that perhaps he needs human connection in his life. Funny premise, indeed. He also has a smart-talking robot dog as his sidekick and every page was pretty much a different 'blog post'.

Not so good.

Awkward.

Jeremy says

Read in Barnes & Noble.

Emily says

This really confused me. I didn't know whether it was supposed to be a book, a blog or a comic. I didn't know if it was supposed to be truth or fiction, or even a combination of the two. In the end it just weirded me out.

Trinity says

This rating is a bit generous. It was a decent narrative but I didnt find it that likable. I expected it to be funnier or more satirical and it didnt meet my expectations sadly.

Jonathan Cabezas says

Favorite Quote: *"There is something about real people in love. There is something, well, real about it. Sure, they won't always be so happy. There will be fights, and pain, and maybe divorce, or even murder. It's not perfect, but, at least for now, it beats the electronic alternatives."*

I enjoyed the read; sure, it didn't really gave me a new perspective, or made me rethink things or didn't really gave me a new meaningful, grand revelation about life or whatever, but it was entertaining.

The major problem I had with the book is that at the beginning you don't know if this is to be read as a very long blog post, a comic or a book; it really throws you off until more than half way through the book but at that point, I was already accustomed to it so is not like it mattered anymore. Anyways, it was a quick, entertaining read but no more than that.
