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The brand new dramatic novel about the power of a father's love, a little boy's journey, and the desperate search for a place to call home, from Number 1 best-selling author Josephine Cox.

Eight-year-old Casey's mother Ruth is a cruel woman, with a weakness for other women's husbands.

Casey's father is gentle and hard-working and, though Tom Denton has long suspected his wife of having sordid affairs, he has chosen to turn a blind eye to keep the peace. But then, out of the blue, Tom's world is cruelly shattered when he receives two bits of devastating news. Because of this, Tom realises that from now on their lives must change, forever.

A broken man, Tom is made to fight for his son, determined to keep him safe. But, when fate takes a hand, life can be unbearably cruel, and Casey is made to remember his father's prophetic words...

"It's done. The dice is thrown, and nobody wins."

But, unbeknown to Casey, there are three letters penned by his father, that may just change his destiny forever.

Three Letters Details

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Tara says

The story was engaging, but as many other readers said, wrapped up too neatly. Also there were bits that didn't agree from near the beginning to near the end. E.g. Steve says he regrets leaving the girl near the beginning. But it turns out it was only a one nighter, and he was told she had moved on. Also at the end, we don't get an explanation of how Steve knows the whole story of Casey & Tom & Ruth when he's speaking to Ruth. Unfortunately, not inspired to read any more Josephine Cox.

Elaine says

Well, that's a good few hours of my life I won't get back. I was very disappointed by this book, finding the story completely far-fetched and the dialogue unrealistic.

Gillian says

I usually love this author but i have to say i was really disappointed with this book. It has the potential for a great story. It is about a family ripped apart by betrayal and suicide. It was all too nice though and everything fell into place even some far fetched areas of the stories and it just seemed to ramble a lot of the time. Probabaly one of the worst ooks i have read in a while :(

Roxie Gallinger says

Josephine always writes a great book but, this one was very repetitive like she didn't know what more to write about, very disappointed

Audrey says

On browsing the book section of a local store, I came across Three Letters. The blurb made it sound a good read, so I bought it. The read started well. I could visualize characters and felt drawn into their lives....seeing, feeling and being emotionally involved as the story unfolded.. I was so looking forward to seeing how events developed. However, as the story progressed, I felt it changed from an intriguing read into a fairy tale. From a promising beginning, which left me wondering what would happen next, I felt the last few chapters became predictable and the conclusion rushed, - too neatly resolved and rosy to be credible. I appreciate reading fiction is escapism, but I felt the ending was an insult to an intelligent reader. In conclusion, what started out as a great read ended up a more like a penny romance. Josephine Cox has great skill in weaving words together in such a way you feel you are actually involved in her story, so it was sad the book delivered less than the blurb promised.

Mandy Joubert says

From the beginning of the book I felt sad for Tom and Cassey. I hated the way Ruth treated them both. And my heart broke when Tom did the awful thing he did.

The story had a good beginning but towards the middle it became sappy and fairy tale like at the end. I did not like the way the book ended I felt like Tom was just forgotten and Ruth just got her happy ending when she really did not deserve it.

Sue says

Not sure why I really bought this, it's not my sort of book. A junk shop was selling four books for three quid and I grabbed this as an afterthought to make up the four.

I'm currently struggling to read two other books so I took this off my bookcase a couple of days ago and plunged in. It's unnecessarily long, though with simple enough prose and grammatically ok and I suppose I refused to be defeated by it, despite the over repetitive emoting and too many irritatingly improbable coincidences. Back stories are ladled on for every character, even irrelevant ones. Despite the 424 pages I was able to finish it in a couple of days because I skimmed a lot of pages, without missing anything important. It needs very firmly editing to tighten it up and the final co-incidence in the graveyard stretched my credulity to breaking point.

I won't make any spoilers, I know that plenty of people do enjoy this kind of book and I'm happy for them. I'll know not to read any more by this author. I say all this knowing she is a successful writer, so who am I to criticise!

Laurie says

I found this story so repetitive! It has the potential to be a good read but was so tedious with all the repetition. I almost didn't finish reading it and when I got to the end it was so unrealistic and wrapped up so quickly. I have read other Josephine Cox's books that I have enjoyed but not this one.

Zeeya says

the most slowest book ever... i didnt even bother completing it.. the story's too dull and frankly i really didnt care about the characters that mush to see where they ended with whatever they were going through..

ruth was a weird character to start with... i understood her story (whatever i read of it) but please come on it was a little exaggerated.. i mean who wouldnt like Casey.. hes a small 8-9 year old boy.. hes adorable.. no body can be that cold of heart..

whatever though.. this book was a real drag.. definitely recommending it to no one!!

Sharon says

Ruth and Tom are in a loveless marriage and have been for quite some time. Tom has had his suspicions that his wife has been having affairs behind his back, but Tom has chosen to turn a blind eye to it entirely. Tom is a hard working man who provides for his family. Their eight year old son, Casey means the world to Tom and there isn't anything he wouldn't do for him. Ruth on the other hand couldn't care less for Casey and is unloving, uncaring and very cruel towards Casey on a daily basis.

Tom decides things must change, but just when he's about to make changes for him and Casey he is hit with a bombshell that will shatter his world into a million pieces.

This was an enjoyable read, but unfortunately for me, I felt the story dragged out a bit too much and there were a few predictable moments throughout this story. Well worth reading if you're a fan of this author.

Caroline G'wattage says

The story of Casey, a young boy left devastated when his father takes his own life and his mother cruelly turns her back on him.

Casey a talented young musician goes to live with his Grand Bob.

Without giving anymore of this story away, I will end by saying Josephine Cox is a master storyteller who brings her characters to life.

A brilliant read a tearjerker and tragic misunderstandings, forgiveness and betrayal and the way the way each character comes through.

A ten out of ten an easy read and very touching.

Patti Mullen says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book . Will definitely read more from this author !!

Richelle says

This is the first time I have ever picked up a Josephine Cox book to read. I use to work in a book shop and her books flew off the shelves everytime they entered the store, but I never took the time to look beyond the covers and see what people liked about her writing.

When I was given this book I dove right in and experienced my first Josephine Cox drama. It was better than any drama I have watched on the TV. I got to imagine what Ruth was like, and I really didn't like her. From the beginning she wasn't my type of person. Even when she told her story I couldn't understand why

she treated her family the way she did. Some people may have sympathy for her, but I struggled. I see no right in taking your past and punishing others around you for it.

As for Cassey and the Grandfather, I fell in love with them. They journeyed the pages of this novel together with such grace and beauty. I just wanted to join their little nook and bake for them to make it all better. That is where Dolly comes in. She is such a dream and her wisdom is a joy.

The other characters I was able to give or take. I enjoyed every bit of this book. I will have to take a look into another one of Josephine's novels now... I think I'm hooked.

Annette says

I found this book to have very long chapters, so was constantly having to put it down mid flow. I fell in love with Bob, Casey, Tom and dolly and found i wanted to be apart of there lives and it was all quite emotional. Ruth was definitely the bad guy which I had no sympathy for. I enjoyed the book but found the last few chapters became to fairy tale, happy ever after for Ruth, which I struggled to believe. I thought the whole story was wrapped up far to quick.

Rosemarie Brennan says

weak ending
