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A breathtaking love story about passion, devotion, desperation, and hope.

Victoria Carlisle, a 32 year old business woman, who has endured the horrors of an abusive marriage, lives what on the outside looks like the American dream. But even with a mansion, luxury car, and every material possession one could imagine, her emotional voids are simply too large to fill.

Victoria's mundane daily routine is derailed one night when she finds herself battling an intense physical connection that she feels after a private encounter she shares with her sister's boyfriend. They try to avoid each other, but their attraction is undeniable.

Living a double life of paranoia and fear, Victoria must make a life altering decision: Remain in a passionless marriage where she has financial stability or risk everything and follow her heart.

Moonstone Dreams Details

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Dena says

Love the way this story progressed. Interesting characters and how everything is always changing in the story. Its a must to read #2

Tiffany says

Reviewed on Behalf of Give Me Books

Moonstone Dreams was a good book. The story was interesting. Victoria, a young naïve girl, gets pregnant at the age of 14 by bad boy Frank. He stands by her and they marry young. They have a few more kids and deal with a lot of struggles, especially money. Victoria didn't have much of a family growing up and she was determined to keep hers together. She even stays with Frank once he becomes abusive. She goes through years and years of a loveless marriage until she meets Collin. Collin shows Victoria the meaning of true love.

While Moonstone Dreams was a good book, I think it had the potential to be great. There were a lot of grammatical errors that really bothered me and at times made it hard to read. I also had a hard time liking Victoria at certain parts. She wanted to be strong, but was so weak and just couldn't make up her mind. (3 stars)

Liz says

I had never heard of the author or this book before, but I am so glad I did now! This book includes a very difficult and emotional subject, spousal abuse(not a spoiler, as it is in the blurb), but S.C. Miotto handles it very well.

This book is like a very emotional, heart-wrenching roller coaster ride. We meet Victoria at a very young age, making choices no one her age should ever make. We see her struggle and we see what actions lead her into a life of pain and suffering she feels she has no escape from.

One day she finds herself facing what she never thought she deserved or could experience. We hear Victoria recount the last year of her life. How she found Collin and how her insecurities and fears keep her away from something she so desperately wants. Afraid for herself and her future, she spirals so out of control, she sees no clear way out of the nightmare that is her life.

This book does contain many grammatical errors, however, the story is so gripping, you will find yourself drawn into it regardless and is worth the read.

I would definitely recommend this book and have already purchased the second book in the series!

Happy reading!

Lori Garside says

This is not your average love story. It is the story of a woman who was married, very young, to a man who became her warden more than her husband. Frank is a serial abuser. Worse, their youngest son treats his mother with the same disdain as his father. The older children are ignorant of their mother's trials, as Frank's abuse becomes more violent with each passing year.

While wealthy, their money comes from criminal industries - drugs, girls, etc. - and Victoria knows that Frank has men who will be just as willing to hurt her as he is. She is virtually trapped in the relationship from hell -- and then she meets Collin.

Younger and vibrant, Collin is the balm to Victoria's soul; and she is drawn to him like a moth to a flame. This saga is a gripping, gritty, sensual, and sexy read that you won't put down!

Judith says

This is the story of a young woman's struggle through an abusive marriage.

This is a captivating story of a young girl, Victoria Carlisle, who at the age of 14 gets pregnant and trapped into a marriage to her husband Frank and a life of abuse, drugs and alcohol. This is the story of her struggle to free herself from those demons and find true love. Along the way she meets Collin Turner and sparks ignite. There's a lot of angst along the way and while I have thoroughly enjoyed this story it is, in places, over explanatory in its content. That being said, I am hooked on this emotional story and can't wait for more.

Sam Spencer says

This story about love, loss, despair, turmoil, devastation and domestic violence broke my heart. The story was incredibly touching. I truly felt for the main character and all that she had been through. However the timeline was... confusing to follow to say the least. The number of years the main character claimed to have been married CONSTANTLY changed which I personally found a little sloppy. They were married before their ELDEST was born however she seemed to think they were married for a period ranging from the age of the YOUNGEST to the age of their second born. Also the youngest child's age as stated doesn't correspond with when he was supposedly born in the story which I personally found confusing as all get out.

Stating that. Apart from the numerical issue the book is completely absorbing. the love story is poignant and I was truly shell-shocked at some points. All signs of a great author

Stacy Hahn says

Moonstone Dreams is definitely not your mothers romance novel. This book is raw, real and emotional. It shows the beautiful and ugly side of love. You will see that what appears perfect on the outside can be far from that. This story is told in the present with Victoria in the hospital after being pulled out of a burning house and then in flashback and back to the present at the end. Victoria lives in a huge house, drives an expensive car and has 3 children. She is a long way from the poor 14 year old child who was pregnant and married. Frank was initially a loving husband but soon the lifestyle of selling drugs and fast money changed him. He became cold, abusive and detached from Victoria, treating her like a dog. She found herself lonely and unhappy. She wasn't looking to have an affair but she found herself attracted to a younger man who treated her like a woman should be treated. After months of friendship their relationship became more. Collin made her feel safe and loved, yet she couldn't let herself fully commit to him. He can't stand to see her beaten and broken and wants her to go away with him. She feels there is no escape for her and she does her best to push Collin away. You must read this book to find out what happened that day of the fire and if she will ever be free.

Sassy Southern says

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I was given a copy of this book for an honest review...

First off let me start by saying that abuse is a very real thing, and it is not only physical but can also be emotional abuse. That being said this book was very well written.

Victoria is a women who has had it hard. She lost both of her parents at a young age. At 14 she met Frank. They were both young and thought they loved each other. At 14 Victoria became pregnant and then a year later was pregnant again. And by 19 she was married to Frank with 3 kids and raising her younger sister Brooke.

How do you go from thinking your husband is the man of your dreams to the one that your are afraid of? The first time she is hit by Frank she sees it as it is just the stress the second time it is, he must be worried about money. The 3rd and 4th time, the same thing. It becomes habit to makes excuses for the abuse. And before she knows it she has been with him for 18 plus years.

But when does the abuse become to much? When do you realize that you deserve more. Victoria meets Collin, and he shows her what it feels like to have someone want you. Someone who will love you not a abuse you. Someone who wants to protect you.

But is she strong enough to leave the abuse, or has Frank done so much damage to Victoria that she sees her self as this weak shell of the women she use to be?

Great read and yes I would recommend this to someone else.

Devlynn says

****Arc received for honest review. Review given on behalf of Give Me Books**

4 Stars

(spoiler alert!) I have never read a book quite like this one. Victoria is a woman who is married to a man since 14 when she finds out she is pregnant. 3 kids and about 19 years later the story picks back up and you learn that her life is not where she wanted it to be. Her husband is abusive and a drug dealer, she has lost her identity as a person, and she has no real friends anymore. In walks her sister's boyfriend, Collin. They end up falling for each other and have an affair after he breaks things off with her sister.

The story is a journey through abuse, love, jealousy, betrayal, lies, and a hurricane of emotions. Victoria is a character that I could relate to. She battles with her own demons and she tries to start a new relationship, while married to a monster. I didn't always agree with her decisions, but I could understand why she does what she does. She reacts to situations and problems how most of us would, impulsively. React first, and regret later. This helps keep her real in my opinion.

Because they are having an affair, Victoria and Collin must steal time for themselves when and where they can. When they get discovered by her husband's drug dealing boss, Collin's past rears its ugly head to keep his love safe. She overreacts to the situation and accuses him of being like her husband. Later in the book she meets one of Collin's ex's and it seems she is turning into someone she hates, her husband. After a physical fight between the 2 women, she breaks things off with Collin because that is what she believes is best. She quickly spirals downward and ends up a total wreck.

The last few chapters throw in a twist I did NOT see coming, and makes you look back at her other actions and see just how broken she really was. This is a book that will stay with me for quite a while and I can see myself rereading quite a few times.

That being said, there are some editing errors that are hard to miss and makes some parts of the book not flow as smoothly as they should.

Adriana Fuentes says

Poorly edited, but I didn't find it hard to read.

It really blew my mind! Victoria, did kind of frustrate me. But that didn't stop me from loving this book.

Victoria is just like any other woman living in an abusive relationship or I might say household. She finally finds in a younger man what she always wanted from a partner. But of course after so many years leaving an abusive relationship it's hard to trust and to just let go. Who wouldn't???

You are in for a ride. I honestly really enjoyed it because it reminded me of one of my best friends and how everything really made sense. Every reaction, every discussion..... it feels so true even if it's fiction.

Already started reading book 2 and enjoying every bit of it.

Megan says

5 stars for me on this one!! What an amazing read!

New to me author S. Miotto has done an outstanding job of telling a story of bad circumstance, violence, desperation, love, loss, and strength in Moonstone Dreams. Clear and well-written this is one I would recommend for sure!

Victoria, a young orphan living with her grandmother finds herself pregnant at 14. Convinced to keep the baby by her older boyfriend Frank he sticks by her and they are married. For a while all is good but as their family grows and they struggle financially Frank gets involved in shady things and changes. Trapped in a life for many years that from the outside seems perfect with the fancy house and beautiful things Victoria struggles emotionally until she by accident shares a moment and a connection with Collin that neither can deny. Does she stay in a loveless, abusive relationship or risk everything including hers and Collin's safety to take a leap for love?

This book sucked me in and had me up and down the entire time I was reading...which was in one sitting because I could not put it down. I both loved and hated Victoria and REALLY wanted to slap her several times. In the beginning I liked Frank...then he became an arse and I hated him but absolutely loathed him by the end of the book. Collin...*swoon*...loved him from the beginning totally and completely. There are so many twists and turns and outside influences in this love story...not to mention the internal struggles of the characters. If you are in the market for a good emotional read this is one to pick up! This book is definitely not for anyone under 18 years of age and definitely has triggers for anyone sensitive to physical and sexual abuse (one scene that is not terribly graphic but the implication and trigger is there).

Tiffany Landers says

Moonstone Dreams is the first book I have had the pleasure of reading by Author S.C. Miotto. I must admit that I am fascinated. Moonstone Dreams is a captivating story. I love the way that S.C. Miotto was able to so completely describe events in the story in such a way that I literally sent her an email, empathizing with her life story, only to discover that it was not her actual story. I am impressed! I could not imagine that a writer could actually write about such things unless she (or he) had actually lived and experienced the many events and emotions that Victoria does in this book. I was wrong! S.C. Miotto does a fantastic job of writing in a realistic and creative manner.

Moonstone Dreams took me on a journey of love, laughter-pain and lots of tears. This is not a story that is lighthearted, nor easy. You will cry. You will hurt. You will also laugh and long for her next incredible story that follows this one, Diamond Love.

Kudos to S.C. Miotto for an outstanding job of writing Moonstone Dreams. I highly recommend this book to all who are looking for something more .. something out of the "norm" (which is what I prefer). A definite 5 star read!!!

Di Covey says

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1-Click Addict Support Group says

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Vickie says

This is the story of Victoria, Collin and Frank.

Victoria was a young teenager when she married Frank. Her dream was to have a happy family and be a good wife. What she didn't count on was her husband becoming a physically and mentally abusive. Frank not only becomes abusive, he also not longer takes his marriage vows seriously.

Victoria had heard rumors that her husband cheated on her with a bunch of different women but by then it was more like they were living their lives together for the sake of the children, not because they still loved each other. Victoria wasn't sure whether she still loved, or ever loved, Frank.

Victoria's sister, Brooke, works for her. Brooke falls for a delivery boy by the name of Collin. Victoria had no use for Collin. That was until a blackout at her business one night while she was working late. Collin and Brooke had finished a date and she dropped Collin back off at his car at Victoria's business. Collin saw the lights on and went into to check on Victoria. After the power outage they were forced to get to know each other a little better and Victoria realized Collin wasn't the jerk she thought he was.

Victoria ends up starting an affair with Collin, who is much younger than her. Victoria has a hard time with trusting men. Her husband was a cheater and her dad tried something sick with her sister Brooke, leading to her mother ending up in prison. You'll have to read it to see what that's all about.

Collin receives a job offer in California that would be something he would have a hard time turning down

but it would mean having to leave Victoria behind. He asked Victoria to go with him. She's torn between staying with the man she married and made vows in front of God for or go with the man she loved. What does he decide to do? You have to read it and find out.

There is a lot of domestic violence and cheating involved in this book and it does end in a cliffhanger. You will feel every range of emotions known to man in this one. I even cried and I don't do that often with books. If you are against any of this then this book is probably not for you. There are a few typos and some formatting problems but to me they were not enough to make me give up on this book. The storyline and characters were too strong for that to bother me. This was my first book by this author and it was also her first published novel but I think I just found a new author to stalk, it was that good to me.
