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Two people. Ten chances. One unforgettable love story.

Laurie is pretty sure love at first sight doesn't exist anywhere but the movies. But then, through a misted-up bus window one snowy December day, she sees a man who she knows instantly is the one. Their eyes meet, there's a moment of pure magic... and then her bus drives away.

Certain they're fated to find each other again, Laurie spends a year scanning every bus stop and cafe in London for him. But she doesn't find him, not when it matters anyway. Instead they "reunite" at a Christmas party, when her best friend Sarah giddily introduces her new boyfriend to Laurie. It's Jack, the man from the bus. It would be.

What follows for Laurie, Sarah and Jack is ten years of friendship, heartbreak, missed opportunities, roads not taken, and destinies reconsidered. *One Day in December* is a joyous, heartwarming and immensely moving love story to escape into and a reminder that fate takes inexplicable turns along the route to happiness.

One Day in December Details

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Debra says

Laurie sees a man outside of her bus window one day. There are no words, no actions, only intense eye contact but that is enough to make her fall head over heels in love with a stranger. She yearns for him, she can't stop thinking about him, she dreams of the time they will meet again. Then one day her best friend and roommate, Sarah, introduces her new boyfriend, Jack, to Laurie. Sarah is anxious for Jack and Laurie to meet. She hopes they will hit it off - if only she knew that her boyfriend is the man from the bus. The man that Laurie has been dreaming about.... and he is dating her roommate. UGH!

Bring on the angst, the heartbreak, the not wanting to hurt anyone, the wanting to be happy and the quest for the happily ever after. This book follows Laurie, Sarah and Jack through ten years of their friendship. Through their love for each other, their friendship(s), their lovers, their unrequited feelings. This is not a typical love story. It's a slice out of three people's lives. The story is told through Laurie and Jack's perspectives. The reader is privy to their secret thoughts and feelings. This book has heart. I like that these people cared deeply for each other and as a reader, I cared about them.

I found this book to be addictive. I had to keep reading to find out what was going to happen to these characters. This is a great book to curl up with a blanket with. My only complaint with this book is that I wanted an epilogue. When the book ended, I thought "Come On!". I wanted just a little bit more time with these characters. I found this book to be engaging, fun and a very enjoyable read. It has a little bit of everything: friendship, loss, grief, new beginnings, forgiveness, heartache, and love.

Thank you to Crown Publishing and NetGalley who provided me with a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. All the thoughts and opinions are my own.

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(Bern) Mom to 2 Posh Lil Divas says

Can a fated glance across a misty bus window = TRUE LOVE?

One Day in December is the kind of book that will touch your heart and make you believe in love. The kind of heartwarming love that is meant to be against all odds. The kind of love that leaves you smiling just reading about it. I opened the book and found myself immersed in Laurie and Jack's story. It was exactly what I needed. **An addictive, unputdownable, angsty love story that filled my heart with a solid dose of romance.**

The story is told from both Jack and Laurie's perspectives, starting from the snowy December day they find themselves on opposite sides of a misty bus window, inexplicably drawn to each other. The moment is brief but the bond it forms within them is strong and leaves them both marked. **Can they find each other again or was this doomed to be a missed, fleeting moment in both their lives?**

This is not a typical love story. It unfolds over the course of ten, angst filled years! In the decade following the moment they first laid eyes on each other we follow Laurie and Jack's ups and downs, their heartaches and relationships, misunderstandings and of course their friendship and undeniable connection. They may have the world's worst timing and a seemingly impossible road to love and happiness together but you can't help but root for them while wondering - will they ever actually get to be together?

Do you believe in destiny? That we all have that one perfect match - the person we are meant to be with!

One Day in December was charming, complex and romantic. Laurie and Jack are perfectly flawed and the kind of well written characters that feel like friends you want to shake and yell at for not being honest about their feelings. **Every romantic at heart needs this book in their life!**

Paromjit says

Josie Silver writes a romantic comedy that is absolutely going to be a big hit, with characters that tug at your heartstrings and packed with laugh out loud humour. It is perfect escapist fare that begins and ends in the festive season. It's December, Laurie doesn't believe in soul mates, but with her hair covered in tinsel, she is at a bus stop in London on a crowded bus heading to her parents home in Birmingham for Christmas. Through the misted window, she sees him outside and deep inside her she just knows he is the one. When he glances up and spots her, his reaction is mirroring her. However, Laurie doesn't get off the bus and he doesn't get on, and that chance for the two of them is missed. However, Laurie can't forget him, and spends the following year desperately hoping to come across him.

Laurie's best friend Sarah is as close as a sister to her, they laugh, have fun and support each other unconditionally. Sarah is head over heels in love with her new boyfriend, certain he is the man she will marry, and she is desperate for Laurie's approval. To Laurie's horror, Sarah's new man is Jack O'Mara, her bus stop man, the one. Laurie buries her feelings, her friendship with Sarah is too precious as she tries hard to rein in her feelings and not show her heartbreak. Through the following decade we follow Laurie, her new year resolutions, the kicks and bruises that life hands out that leave her broken, being a pink lady, her never tell a goldfish moments and meeting Oscar in Thailand. Will she and Jack ever get together?

If you are feeling under the weather, or if life is too much or is getting you down, this is a great book for giving you a lift. Josie Silver has written a gripping contemporary romantic fairytale with verve, wit and panache. A beautifully told story of love, of tears, of loss, of friendship, and regrets, with characters you cannot help but care for. Highly recommended! Many thanks to Penguin UK for an ARC.

KAS says

5 Mesmerizing & Memorable!! Stars

? ...I need to get off this bus. I'm gripped by the overwhelming urge to go outside, to get to him. ... I've just fallen hopelessly in love with a stranger at a bus stop.

Well folks, it just gets juicier and more captivating with each passing chapter ;)

Of course, I went in blind! Of course, it was the best way to go! Of course, I recommend you doing the same! Of course, I am convinced you will love it as much as I did!!

I would describe this story as sophisticated chick-lit. It is full of sass, sensuality and surprises.

I so loved this was told in dual narrative. I truly enjoyed getting into the heads of the characters. And these characters, the whole lot of them are a jovial, witty bunch. A bunch I desired to find true happiness.

Thank you dearest friend, Jennifer, for gifting me this incredible book!!

Don't let "December" in the title lead you to think this is just a holiday read. Honestly it can be read anytime of the year.

Christina - Traveling Sister says

4, ? do you believe in love ? stars!!!

Full review featured on my blog Recipe & a Read!

It all begins one day in December (I know, shocker, you had no idea). We start our story with Laurie, she doesn't believe in love at first sight, she's having a normal run of the mill day, then BOOM she sees a man outside her bus window. As their eyes meet, she feels an instant connection. Laurie's brain shorts out and she does nothing as the bus pulls away, she then runs through endless possibilities of what she could have done, what she should have done in that moment.

From now on, if anyone asks me if I've ever fallen in love at first sight, I shall say yes, for one glorious minute on 21 December 2008.

Even though it was just one fleeting moment between Laurie and Jack (AKA "Bus Boy") she spends the next year looking for him everywhere she goes. She sees him in bars, at bus stops, in shops because she can't even begin to fathom that it wasn't destiny passing her by. Of course, fate had far bigger things planned for Laurie and Jack and they do reconnect. Only this time, it's on the arm of her best friend Sarah.

This is told from alternating POVs between Jack and Sarah. As we receive Jack's point of view, it turns out he actually did recognize Laurie - and he remembers the many times he thought about her after their chance encounter at the bus stop as well. However, nothing in life is ever easy and he genuinely does care for Sarah, so he attempts a friendship with Laurie, despite it's difficulty.

You tread lightly through life, but you leave deep footprints that are hard for other people to fill.

There was an immediate cinematic quality to this and I will be truly shocked if it doesn't get made into a movie in the near future. This story follows 10 years between Laurie, Jack and Sarah and their ever changing relationships with one another, along with people they meet along the way. While it's a fairly traditional romance there was something effortlessly engaging here that keeps the reader attached to not just the story, but the characters as well.

Who was St Valentine anyway and what made him such an expert on romance? I'm willing to bet his

full name is St Smugbastard-three's-crowd Valentine, and he probably lives on a candle-lit island where everything comes in pairs, even bouts of thrush.

What's great is that Silver doesn't just rely on angst here, while it's there in spades there's also a levity and humor that carries throughout the story. This isn't just about the dreaded love triangle, betrayal or friendships and relationships lost and found. No, it's about life, about its triumphs and failures, about success and loss, about growth and learning who we are. While this ultimately fell just a bit short for me because it was quite predictable, I absolutely loved the story Silver wove and it's a quick, incredibly fun read that I had a really fun time with. I'd suggest this for fans of romance or anyone looking for a quick, fun and cozy winter read!

Thank you to the ever amazing Traveling Sisters for facilitating this group read and providing us with physical ARCs!!!

Nick says

ARC provided by the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

You can buy the book [here!](#)

“You tread lightly through life, but you leave deep footprints that are hard for other people to fill.”

5 stars

One Day in December is an epic story centered around three people Laurie, Sarah and Jack.

It all start on a *December day*.

Laurie doesn't believe in first sight love.

She sees a man through the bus window.

She believes now.

She searches for him, every now and then.

She ~~thinks~~ is sure he is the one for her.

She finally finds him.

In a wrong place.

And their story begins now.

This is what I call an addictive book. You just can't put it down for a second. The story is so engaging and it satisfies you but also leaves you wanting more. And here comes my only problem with the book. In the end I was left wanting more.

The characters are amazing and quirky but I wanted to connect more with them. The books focuses more on situations that the characters create, way more than in the characters themselves.

Overall, as you can see from my rating, I loved the book. It is such a winter read, where you can take a blanket, a hot cup of tea or coffee and read the hell out of this book.

Was it worth reading? - Absolutely.

Will I read it again? - Yes of course.

Would I recommend it? - Yes yes yes. Save it for Christmas.

Chelsea (chelseadolling reads) says

3.5 stars. There were things I really loved about this, but also things I really hated and I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FEEL. I thoroughly enjoyed this one but it definitely made me feel a little icky and I don't know what to do with that information lmao. I was rooting for the protagonists but I felt like I shouldn't have been. Also the love interest was kind of a shit for most of this? IDK MAN IDK. It was fun but I FEEL WEIRD OKAY BYE

Norma * Traveling Sister says

Smashing, engrossing & devouring!

Wow! I absolutely LOVED this book! Laurie, Sarah & Jack were great characters!

Random amusing line:

“I squint, trying to duck my head to see what he’s reading”

Oh my, I think all of us book lovers can relate to that sentence. I know that I have done that very same thing so many times!

ONE DAY IN DECEMBER by JOSIE SILVER is a fabulous, brilliant, heartwarming and delightful story that completely stole my heart and consumed my thoughts. It took me less than 24 hours to read this book because once I started reading it I absolutely could not put it down. It had me totally absorbed, entertained, and interested in the storyline right from the very first page.

The way that this story was told and presented was actually much more than your typical love story. It was such a powerful and moving story that had so much heart and warmth flowing through the pages of this book that I absolutely could not get enough of. I’m actually kind of a little disappointed that the story was over. It definitely left me yearning for more but in a good way though.

JOSIE SILVER delivers an engaging, intriguing and beautifully written tale of love, friendship, hope, longing, loss and regret that flowed so perfectly. I was wholly impressed with Josie Silver’s writing style and how perfectly she interweaves the passage of time and storyline with the perspectives of Laurie and Jack. I was totally invested in these characters lives and was definitely hoping for a happily ever after for them.

It was one of those books that was definitely an all consuming read for me and the perfect winter escape.

*Thank you so much to Emily from Goodreads for making this spectacular Traveling Sisters group read

possible!*

Norma's Stats:

Cover: I love everything about this cover from that beautiful design to the embossed snowflakes!

Title: Appealing, intriguing, and such a meaningful and fitting representation to storyline.

Writing/Prose: Well-written, beautiful, impressive, engaging, captivating, and fluid.

Plot: Warming, sweet, comical, thought-provoking, engrossing, perfectly-paced, enjoyable and extremely entertaining. I adored this storyline!

Ending: A touching and emotional ending that I was extremely satisfied with that left me with that warm fuzzy afterglow feeling. If a book produces that feeling from me then it is a splendid read indeed!

Overall: This book was beyond wonderful! Loved, loved, loved it! This book has made my top five books of the year! Would highly recommend!

Thank you so much to Emily from Goodreads, Crown Publishing and Josie Silver for gifting us the Perfect Night In book club kit. It was my absolute pleasure reading this incredible book!

Review can also be found on our Two Sisters Lost in a Coulee Reading book blog:

<https://twosisterslostinacoulee.com/>

Meredith says

Heartwarming!

One Day in December is a sweet story about friendship, romance, and true love.

The plot centers around a romance that could have been but was not. Instead, wrong matches are made, friendships are put to the test, and the notion of true love is tested. This is the story of Laurie, Sarah, and Jack.

Told through Laurie and Jack's alternating POV's, the reader learns over the course of time of what was not but what should have been. Will true love prevail or will one be left heartbroken?

What I liked about *One Day in December* is that all of the characters are likable. Even when they are with the wrong romantic matches, the "wrong" partner is never villainized, rather things don't work out because the wrong match was made. The plot isn't wholly original and it is a little predictable, but the depth of characters and Laurie's compelling narrative makeup for these issues. I appreciated that the characters had depth and evolve over the course of the story.

Prior to reading this, I was in a bit of a reading slump. Nothing fit or felt quite right until I read *One Day in December*. This turned out to be the perfect holiday read as it took away my reading frustrations and brought me into the holiday cheer!

Berit??? says

LOOOVED IT!!! Every page, every sentence, every word, every letter!!!

In case you cannot tell I have fallen head over heels in love with this book! It has earned a place on my fave shelf and is absolutely one of my top five reads of 2018... such a beautiful story, so full of love and heart.... this is an epic love story spanning an entire decade... a story with all the feels, you will laugh, you will cry, you will smile, you will shake your head, you will fall in love... this book will break your heart over and over again and then fill it back up with love just as many times! Simply put it was MAGICAL!

Laurie doesn't believe in love at first sight until she glimpses a boy at the bus stop...Laurie was such a wonderful character so well developed, I felt as though I would know her if she were walking down the street... adored her friendship with Sarah, one of my absolute favorite parts of this book... such a positive realistic portrayal of what a female friendships should be.... of course they have their ups and downs, but at the end of the day they were always there for one another.... all three of the main characters in this book Laurie, Sarah, and Jack were well drawn likable characters that you definitely could relate to...

Told from alternating points of view... we got the insights and perceptions of both Laurie and Jack throughout the decade... The book was structured brilliantly you never were confused as to who was narrating and what year it was... in fact the entire book is told linearly, there was no jumping around kind of nice for a change....

I absolutely recommend this stunning story to everyone with a heart! A wonderful Christmas read!

This was a group read with my Book Besties... Jennifer was approached by Goodreads and the publisher with this book and just as a true friend does she included all of us! How appropriate for a group of friends to read a story with such a tremendous focus on friendship... we had a wonderful discussion, we were all captivated by this story! We also thought it would make a fantastic movie, we even casted it... I thought I'd share our choices with you all!

Laurie we thought should be played by Shailene Woodley, Sarah played by Jennifer Lawrence, and Jack by either Liam Hemsworth or Zac Efron... have you read this? What do you think?

*** huge thanks to Goodreads, Crown Publishing, and Jennifer for my copy of this book ***

Susanne Strong says

5 Heartfelt, Love-Sick Stars!

What happens when see him? It's love at first sight, and then your best friend meets him in person and she gets the guy?

For Laurie, there is a moment. Just one. Perhaps it is Kismet or maybe it's Destiny. She sees him at the bus stop. Laurie is inside, he is waiting outside, he looks up at the exact moment she does, their eyes meet and hold and she knows. He is the one.

For a year, she looks for him everywhere, but never finds him. Her crush goes unrequited. Her best friend

and roommate Sarah, jokes about him constantly. Yet Laurie knows, her feelings for him are true.

Laurie and Sarah met while at Uni. They are two peas in a pod, besties till the end of the world. One night, they have a party and Sarah brings her new boyfriend, Jack O'Mara. Laurie meets his eyes and she is gutted. Jack is the guy, her crush, yet she says nothing.

Jack recognizes Laurie instantly. He too, has thought about her. How could he not? And yet... he is with Sarah now.

Told in both Laurie and Jack's alternating viewpoints and spanning the course of several years, there are missed chances, choices and loads of heartache and tears. As the years passed by, I felt that tightness in my chest that made my throat close up and my heart pound. The pain was palpable, the feelings of jealousy and heartbreak were as real as any I've ever felt personally.

“One Day in December” by Josie Silver is a novel that broke my heart time and again. My eyes filled and yes, I had to grab a tissue or two because I couldn’t stop myself from crying. Ultimately, this is a story that will make you feel... whether you are unabashedly romantic or not, your heart will soften and you will not be able to stop yourself from wondering, from having hope that it is out there and from showing everyone you love how much you care.

If you get the chance to read “One Day in December” please take it! This heartwarming read will be on my best of list for 2018 and I sincerely hope it will be on yours too!

This was another weekend buddy read with Kaceey!

Thank you to Emily at Goodreads, Eliana at Crown Publishing and to Josie Silver for a complimentary copy of this novel in exchange for an honest review.

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Excerpt posted on Instagram.

Jennifer ~ TarHeelReader says

Five stars to this treasure of a book and five stars to the unforgettable experience of reading it! ? ? ? ? ?

I'm honored and humbled that Goodreads selected me to receive a book club kit and set of copies of One Day in December, graciously provided by the publisher, Broadway Books and Crown Publishing. I was fortunate to have local friends and online friends join me for this heartwarming read, the perfect story to enjoy this time of year, and quite uplifting in the end.

It's close to the holidays, December 21 to be exact, when Laurie is bewildered and exhausted riding the bus home from work. She just so happens to make eye contact with a guy at the bus stop, and she has an instant connection, something she never believed in before. He tries to get on the bus, but it's too late. The doors close, and off Laurie goes. She makes it her New Year's Resolution to find the bus stop guy.

For a year, she searches for him at every bus stop and bar in London (amazing setting, by the way!). Never finding him, she attends a Christmas party where she is introduced to HIM as her best friend Sarah's new

boyfriend!

Ten years go by between these friends, and they experience their share of kindness, heartbreak, disconnects, and could there possibly be second chances?

I loved this story from start to finish. The formatting and timeline added interest and even more investment on my part. I found this a cozy, charming read, the characterization was warmhearted, and overall, it was a delicious escape, one where happiness is the ultimate goal. *One Day in December* is much more than the typical romance read, and that's why it's receiving universal love from readers across genres.

I hope I can speak for the group in saying that many found this book one of the their favorites of the year, if not their top favorite. We are all avid readers, so that's saying something.

Thank you again to Broadway Books, Crown Publishing, and Goodreads for this special opportunity and for the free books. All opinions are my own.

My reviews can also be found on my blog: www.jennifertarheelreader.com

Kaceey says

Do you believe in love at first sight?

A chance encounter at a bus stop. Laurie, day-dreaming, gazes out the bus window and suddenly locks eyes with the boy sitting on a bench. One quick glance is all it takes. Young love is off and running! Is it magic? Is it kismet?

But the bus has a schedule to keep, and before either one can do anything, it pulls away.

Laurie, unable to let go of that single moment, spends the next year searching for her *bus-boy*. So... you just have to believe it's more than coincidence when he walks into her Christmas party on the arm of her best friend Sarah!

You're swept away on a journey of three amazing friends through their lives as they navigate life and love. Trying to answer familiar, age-old questions along their way:

Do you get over your one true love?

What do they say about the one that got away?

Josie Silver writes a wonderfully enchanting love story that will tug hard on your heartstrings, making even the most hardened soul believe in love once again.

A most heartwarming story that left tears rolling down my cheeks and the biggest smile on my face. I cannot recommend this book enough! One of my new favorites for 2018. Just in time!

A buddy read with Susanne that left both of us reaching for the Kleenex??

Thank you to Emily at Goodreads, Eliana Seochand at Crown Publishing and Josie Silver for a copy of this

book to read and review.

emma says

me reading that this is a love story about missed opportunities:

me reading the words "best friend's boyfriend":

me for the rest of the book:

basically this was a Meh read for me. it was very long, and very slow, and there was a lot of drama in a kind of suburban-gossip there's-nothing-else-to-talk-about way that did not at all translate to an interesting-book way.

i think for stories like these, you gotta like the characters or it's going to be a 400-page trip to Boring City, USA. and unfortunately, i took that mundane vacation.

(view spoiler)

bottom line: caps-filled spoilery rant aside, i just didn't feel much for this book.

pre-review

name a better way to fully get out of a slump than binge-reading fluffy romance. you can't. it doesn't exist.

Kendall says

2018 has been an amazing year of talent for new releases and I can proudly say that this little beauty sits proudly on that shelf!

Oh my goodness Josie Silver you have my heart with how beautifully your words and talent is expressed across these pages of One Day in December.

This book was NOTHING that I expected. What a beautiful and powerful tale of love, loss, friendship, and how love can span across a lifetime.

One beautiful wintery day Laurie is on the bus and she happens to look out her window to see heart stopper Jack. They both have an instant connection but Jack never got on the bus. A year goes by and Laurie has done nothing but look high and low for this mysterious bus lover.

Until one day.. Laurie goes to a Christmas party with her best friend Sarah... who can't stop talking about this

new boyfriend she has that she wants to marry. Well..... ladies and gents Laurie has found her bus boy Jack.. who is her best friends new boyfriend. YIKES.

Let me tell you this is NOT a typical love triangle. Oh my gosh is this novel so much more then just a love story. I became so invested in these characters and gobbled this book up like a turkey dinner!

Josie flawlessly interweaves the path and storyline of the three characters perfectly.

"You tread lightly through life, but you leave deep footprints that are hard for other people to fill."

You need this book in your life... pre order this one because it deserves a raw and rare spot on your bookshelf!!!

5 for perfection!!!

Huge thank you to Crown Publishing and Netgalley for the opportunity to read this arc in exchange for my honest review.

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