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From Reader Review Three Days of Rain for online ebook

Sharon says

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Three Days of Rain is a book that will stay with me for a long time, the story of Jacob Morgan is one of happiness, craziness, love, and loss that plays with your emotions in a way that you don't see coming. The story starts with Jacob wrestling with his past, trying to live with ghosts that haunt him on a daily basis, then Lily Burns walks into his life changing it forever. Just as Lily and Jacob are starting to realise they are meant to be together and just may have a life together, Jacobs ex walks back into his life and things take a turn that will leave you breathless.

I can not praise this book highly enough, there are so many things that I loved about this touching story, it is beautifully written with characters that will stay with me for a long time to come, they have truly touched my heart. The magic that Christine Hughes weaves in this tale of love, loss, and redemption is so wonderful, she brings to life such wonderful characters, you can not help but fall in love with them, even the ones you hate, bring forth so many emotions. One thing that I must really thank the author for is presenting a story such as this from a male's perspective, there are so many books out there that tell it from a female perspective, it was a refreshing change. It is wonderful to see things through the eyes of a man who has loved and lost and has the chance to love again. For me, the flashback aspect of the story flowed beautifully adding more emotion and depth to Jacob and the struggles and heartache that he has been through.

If you love wonderful heart warming, and at times heart breaking stories, then I would highly recommend this book. I would recommend also that you have plenty of tissues.

Wanda Hartzenberg says

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This is a story of love, of loss, of acceptance and most of all of hope.

When Maddie walks away Jake cannot carry on as he used to. His temper is tempered down and so also his pleasure in playing the guitar. Maddie walked away though from more than only this one man and with this Jake needs to come to terms with. As he meets a new love, he is reserved in giving her his heart and trust even though she eventually come to understand what it is all about. She gives him her life, her love and heart and from it he heals. Then tragedy strikes and Maddie reenters their lives, with it she brings it her past, his past and a revelation that will rock all of their worlds. As two vehicles collide so does two lives collide in an accident of tragedy, hope and understanding.

A great read.

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Tina Nelson says

First of all, this book was given to me by the author in return for a honest review, from the FA of the month event at WaAr (on Facebook).

Of course, as always I will not summarize the book, since I feel this is giving away the story. All I can say though is this, if you LOVE a story from the heart, then I will recommend this to you.

What an incredible, awesome book. I must honestly say, this is something I haven't read before.

I'll be honest, and I did read one or two reviews before I read the book (which usually I don't do) and I was telling myself, while reading the book "What's wrong with these people? Why did they cry?" I shrugged it off as just not being too much of an emotional person.

Yeah, needless to say that changed. Well, thanks Christine, for making me cry the last two pages.

I really wanted to dislike the author, for what she did, (once again I won't give nothing away READ IT) and then I really wanted to hate Maddie, (and I did, until the end) but the way story developed, with all the heartache and pain was so beautiful.

I totally love that this is a blue collar, small town. The people (ALL OF THEM) were believable and likable. A whole town that is devastated by ones selfish actions, and sticks together to get over her... seriously that alone warmed my heart.

I am sure I could go on and on and praise this story, but I won't.

Beautifully written, excellent book, thank you Christine Hughes.

Julia says

We've all seen it. The couples that spend more time fighting than anything - but swear they are happy.

Everyone can see they shouldn't be in the same county much less the same bed; everybody except them, that is. Well, this is the story of just such a couple, told in a retrospective. I applaud Christine Hughes. This style of writing is difficult to pull off without leaving some readers confused and wondering where in time they are, but she managed to perform seamless transitions and I was never flipping back and forth.

These characters are real. I could almost reach out and touch them. The male bonding scene brought tears to my eyes. I was sure if I went out to my back deck I'd find them out there.

Madison was such a self-centered child (and I think we all know a few of those too) I wanted to reach through my device and slap her. She was a category 5 to this small town. Jake was so lost I wanted to hold his hand. And Lily was so sweet; I wanted to do something nice for her.

I love it when an author makes the characters come off the page and into your heart (love them or hate them) and Ms. Hughes has that ability. AND I like surprises. I read so much that the story development is often too predictable, yet again Christine has the ability to surprise.

I am very much looking forward to what she comes up with next. I highly recommend Three Days of Rain.

Lynn Worton says

Review 6*****

This is a fantastic NA Romance story! I absolutely LOVED it!

Jacob Morgan is a fantastic character. He is a caring, loving man, but he has been hurt very badly by a relationship that was rather toxic. He is struggling to slowly pull his life together, but it's not until he meets Lily Burns that he feels hope for the future. I really liked this character a lot.

Lily Burns is also a fantastic character. She is warm, fun loving and carefree. I liked her very much. I would

love to meet and befriend her, but as she is a fictional character, that would be rather difficult!

I had previously read a YA romance by this author, so I knew what her writing style was like. However, I was totally unprepared for the emotional roller coaster I would be in for. I had read some of the other reviews, but I thought I would be able to "tough it out". Nope, I was a total emotional wreck! The story starts off slowly, but as more of Jake's past is revealed in a series of flashbacks, I fell in love with Jake myself! I cannot understand what Jake saw in Maddie, as she was totally selfish and self serving. Jake is not perfect himself, but he didn't deserve to be treated in that way. However, I was glad for him when he met Lily; he deserved some happiness. The story is told mostly from both Jake's and Lily's points of view, which gives the reader the opportunity to get to know their thoughts and feelings, but some of the other characters have a say too; they all came alive on the page. The author states that this book is a work of fiction, but it felt like a true story. The events in the tale have a very lifelike quality to them. It is a good thing I keep a supply of tissues handy for my hayfever, because I needed to use more than a couple! There are some very touching scenes that had me in tears more than once and, although I didn't want to put the book down, I had to stop to mop them up! There are also a few twists that surprised me, but there is a big one near the end that nearly gave me a heart attack and left me reeling in shock! This book is an amazing and heartbreakingly tale of love and tragedy that tugged on my heartstrings, and will stay with me for some time to come.

Christine Hughes has written a fantastic story that has touched me deeply! I love her ability to bring the characters to life on the page. I think this could be a great TV movie, given the opportunity. I eagerly look forward to reading more books by this author in the future.

Although there are scenes of a sensual nature, they are not explicit. I highly recommend this book if you love contemporary romance. - Lynn Worton

Amy says

Given a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review

Review From Amy Conley For The Nerd Girl Page

Just when he thought his life was turning around...

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My Review:

I fell in love with it! It has all the qualities one looks for when choosing a book that makes it absolutely fantastic! The story has a total WOW factor that will blow you away and you'll see things that are totally unexpected therefore leaving you in absolute shock, it never lost its timing or dragged on, and everything about it is absolutely flawless!

The relationship between the character's is one of intensity and at times heart shattering but also they have these moments where they show their more vulnerable and caring sides that is so beautiful and touching.

Every emotion they share is so raw and pure.

You can't help but feel connected to the story and get attached to the characters. It's definitely an emotional book and one that will have a huge impact on your heart!

Review has been written in conjunction with Nerd Girl Official

Sarah says

Wow!! If you want an emotional rollercoaster of a read then I highly suggest this one!!

This had me hooked in from the start. Jake has had his fair share of bad luck and has gone through some really emotional things. Madison, his then girlfriend/wife was not particularly good for him giving them a very rocky relationship! She left 2 years ago with no contact at all and Jake and the whole of the town have had to suffer and deal with the fall out she left behind!

That is until Lily turns up and helps by befriending him until they progress to more. Her turning up really started to save Jake and got him to come to terms with things in his past. She was definitely a welcome addition to the whole town with her free spirit!

I can't say too much because I don't want to spoil it but let's just say I haven't read anything this emotional for a long time, it had me sobbing at the end so much that I couldn't actually see my kindle and even my hubby made a comment that he 'couldn't believe i was crying at a book!' lol

The ending really was unexpected but was written so well!! The entire book was fantastic, took you through all the emotions and all i can say is if you read it, make sure you have tissues!!!

Janie says

Three days of Rain by Christine Hughes is your average romance novel. What begins with a promising premise, a romance told from the male point of view, quickly spirals into a cliche ridden, predictable, bad lifetime movie.

Jake, the perfect sad puppy, has spent two years getting over a girl. (She's blonde so you know she's evil) And he's a real nice guy because everyone in town says he is. Their relationship, so powerfully apparently, it tears the town apart and everyone in it. (One small town for sure.)

She leaves and jake gives up guitar. And the only bar in town loses the only guitar player in town.

No worries, every predictable character is here. The perfect brunette Lily, who will literally "heal" jake with a kiss. His brother Danny, who has a perfect life with wife and kids. His father who comes around with beer in hand. (Lilly also comes by with beer.) In fact, everyone comes around with beer for sad jake.

The author telegraphs every character trait so you'll never have to judge a character for yourself. Maddie is evil, because she just is. Lily is perfect, the author will tell you this many times. Characters go into

flashbacks, and inside the very same flashback we switch character point of view. How did this make it past an editor?

When characters aren't going into flashback in mid-action, they're acting exactly as you expect. The only surprise is the ending, which is laughably bad. Many instances the author repeats the obvious and allows no room for subtlety. Adverbs at every corner and in the book's best moment Jake's dad literally has a twinkle in his eye. I'm not kidding, a twinkle in his eye.

The book's most well-written moments come when the author describes the building of a deck. (Musta had one recently put in herself?) Even for romance this is too shlocky. The characters are two-dimensional. The story is predictable and laughable.

Skip three days of rain.

Tina says

Jake has been hurt by his ex, he has been unable to move on with his life. Along comes Lily who Jake tries to keep out of his life. Once Lily breaks through to Jake he starts to deal with the pain from his past. This story broke my heart!!! Have your tissues handy

*****Cheryl*** says**

These were my first thoughts after finishing the book-

"wow I don't know how one book can have so much heartache. Very emotional read."

Now a few days later I think I'm ready to write my review.

It's going to be really hard to write this review without giving away any of the plot. Jacob (Jake) Morgan has had a bit of a rough life so far. Three years he came out of a turbulent relationship with Maddie. However when Lily comes into his life things begin to take a turn for the better. With Lily in his life Jake begins to heal and move on from his past haunting him, however this takes a turn when a face from Jake's past reappears.

This book isn't just a romance read but is also a very tragic and emotional story. The story is very beautifully written and flows really well. There are lots of twists and turns in the book and if I'm really honest it totally blew me away with the amount of emotion I felt throughout the story. Just when I thought everything was running smoothly something would happen that turns every 180 degrees. By the end of the book I was an emotional wreck. The author writes the book in a brilliant way that you can really connect to each character and you really feel their emotions. The story is mainly told through Jake's and Lily's POV but also some of the other characters' POV and intertwined into the story. I thought it was also very clever how the flashbacks were used throughout the story. Once I had finished the story it was in my mind for hours afterwards.

Overall a brilliantly heart-breaking, emotional read which I would highly recommend everyone to read. I will most definitely be reading any future books by Christine Hughes. When you read this one just make sure that

you have a box of tissues at the ready!!

K.R. Wilburn says

So, lets start off like this. let me give you a visual of what this book did to me.

The freaking feels have devastated me. Normally when I finish a book I feel resolution and am ready to move on to another.

Not this time. This time I want to crawl into bed with a gallon of ice cream, a bottle of wine and a box of kleenex to mourn the overload of feels that this book gave me.

I'm not saying this book is bad. it's not. That's the problem. It's really really really good. It makes you emotionally invest in the characters. You like them, you root for them. They're complex, dynamic characters that you can't help but fall in love with, even when they aren't being exactly lovable.

This is the story of Jake and ~~Madison~~ Lily. The story of how a broken soul can heal with the right medicine, and how shitty things happen to good people. This isn't a story to read if you like your stories wrapped up in a tight neat little package. This is a story to read if you want to FEEL. If you want to be touched by a book and carry it with you and remember all those things that make it so wonderful to be human.

That missing star? Don't worry about that little guy. He's not really important. He's off in search of some misplaced quotation marks but once he fixes that, he'll be right back.

You know what is important? The date I started this book and the date I finished it. Because it's the same day. I could not put this book down until I finished it. Now, if you will excuse me, I have a bowl of ice cream and a box of tissues calling my name.

Sara says

This was a complete cluster fuck of how many bad things can happen to one guy. I mean at the end I was shocked he didn't shoot himself because he sure as hell didn't get a HEA. Please proceed at your own risk. Complete spoiler if you keep

reading*****

Jake was a cool guy. After he lost his mom, he lost his way. He was content living in his small town working. One night a bar fight brings Jake and Maddie together, in a whirlwind of ups and downs.

Shit, where to begin?? So much happened to Jake. The book takes you from past to present. Giving you the details of why Jake has been moping over Maddie leaving town for the last two years. Maddie was the girl

that didn't give a shit, but did give it up. She finally caught Jakes eye and she dug those claws in deep. Their relationship progressed fast and hard. Lots of arguing, her hitting him, accusations, cheating, emotional highs and lows. Maddie seemed to have a mental disorder, or she was just a big fucking bitch. Either way, I don't care. She was the girl you couldn't break up with, because she went psycho nuts. S

Jake meets Lily who is in town working at the same damn bar Maddie worked at, and she's only there for the summer. Cue the insta love. Shit then just went downhill. Heres all the shit that was Jakes life.

Maddie was crazy, on drugs, cheated, got pregnant by him, delivered and left the baby. The baby ended up dying.

He mopes for two years until his insta love with Lily. Lily gets pregnant but doesn't want to tell him until she goes to the doctor, cliché like a mother fucker.

As she contemplates when the best time to tell Jake, Maddie blows into town! She has some news of her own, and shocks Lily by announcing she and Jake are still legally married! Oops, did that little tid bit get left out? Maddie has a brain tumor that is going to kill her. Cue the violins.

Lily starts bleeding, Jake rushes her to the hospital.

Meanwhile, Maddie collapses and is rushed to the hospital via ambulance.

Jake crashes into a ambulance while driving. You think its Maddie's but its not. She loses the baby (she's only 6 weeks)ahd Lily also dies.

Maddie makes it to the hospital and apologizes for all her stunts. Then she dies.

That the story of his life. The end

There was one horrible thing after another happening in this book. It was depressing, and unbelievable. Total train wreck for me.

Paul Triegaardt says

This book is too tragic for words. I was devastated reading this book.

Christoph Fischer says

"Three Days of Rain" by Christine Hughes is an tragic story and an emotional reading experience but one that is worth your while.

Jake has an almost co-dependent and raw relationship with substance using Maddie and - as the clique goes - it is rather complicated. Just as it seems that Jake has given up on love he meets Lily, who has her hands full to get him to open up and trust her.

I was recommended this book by a friend and expected a straight forward romance novel, maybe that helped to deepen the impact this book had on me. I was stunned by the raw emotions, the deep insight into the tormented characters and the intensity of it all. It is not an easy read but one that draws you in and won't let you out until it is over. I found the reading experience very compulsive and need to emphasise also that it was not all gloom and misery but where it is, it is well justified and purposeful. The author has amazing talent and a promising future. I will keep an eye on her next works.

James Hughes says

Three Days of Rain was a great book, in my opinion. It isn't a romance, because if it were, I would not have read it probably. Instead it was something, I don't know, different. Jake was obviously lost and in need of a

push. His past continued to haunt him and it wasn't until Lily was able to show him that he could move on and honor the past without drowning in it. In my opinion, it was well written. I could connect with the characters in the book. It was refreshing to not have the book end with a typical happily ever after. Life isn't a fairytale. I really liked this book and I would recommend it.
