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Rebecca Lowe's in love. The only problem is she's never even met the guy. Or has she? After weeks of exchanging love letters across the Internet, Rebecca's finally going to have a face-to-face date with her cybercrush at the homecoming dance. But when--ugh--Jordan West is waiting in their secret meeting spot, a dumbfounded Rebecca doesn't know what to do. Nothing bothers Rebecca more than Jordan's save-the-world attitude, yet no one seems to understand her like he does. Will this Mr. Wrong turn out to be oh-so-right?

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From Reader Review It Had to Be You for online ebook

Elena says

3.5 stars.

Kayla says

Re-review:

It Had to Be You follows our main character Rebecca Lowe, a jazz playing teen who's looking for a date at the school's homecoming dance. The school has just started to use email, allowing the students to interact with each other online and post messages on the school's noticeboard.

This gives Rebecca's BFF, Leslie, an idea. She posts a description of the two of them on the noticeboard in a plan to get them both a date.

After a few oddballs, Rebecca meets a guy who is pretty much perfect as perfect can be.

She's fallen for him through his poetic emails, his romantic persona, and a beautiful imaginary date online.

This mysterious boy seems to understand her in every way and she just knows who it must be.

After all, she knows what those in her class are like, who could be more like her online lover than the new Spanish exchange student, Antonio?

But boy is she wrong- way wrong!

When she finds out that the guy she's fallen for is actually the guy she loathes in every way possible, she's disappointed and confused and angry.

She thinks he's playing a prank on her, having a little fun.

Until she finds out he's not- and he actually feels the same way.

This story is cheesy and sweet and frustrating at times but it's the first romance I ever read and it will stay as my all time favourite romantic book. The amount of times I've read it is crazy. I love it so much as simplistic and fluffy it is.

The characters all are great in their own way, however Leslie annoyed me with her naivety at dating online and her little crush. The fact that she was willing to give up everything for a guy she'd never met before was ridiculous but I can understand why she would do that. Back then the internet was new and exciting, no one knew about the dangers yet, they just enjoyed meeting people from other places. Rebecca also annoyed me at times when she would treat Jordan like absolute crap but Jordan did annoy me too with his smugness. Still, Rebecca shouldn't have jumped to conclusions so often, she should have controlled her temper as best as she could.

Also, Antonio was a pain in the butt. He was a creep and a narcissistic player. But he was meant to be like that.

I think the characters were meant to give you these kinds of reactions so I'm rating them;
4/5.

As for the reading time, I know it takes me no time at all to get through it so I rate it;
5/5.

My enjoyment in this book has stayed the same since the first time I read it, it's my go to feel good book so I

give it;

5/5.

The writing style is simplistic and easy but it's meant to be that way, aiming for younger readers probably about 12-15 years old. I give it;

4/5.

And for the plot, which is simple but intriguing enough to keep you on your toes, there were no parts I found boring or repetitive. It was just like a romantic comedy. I give it;

5/5.

Totalling 23/25.

And 4.6 stars. Good enough for me to rate it five stars here.

Lauren says

Es el típico " ni contigo ni sin ti" que trae a mal traer a dos adolescentes. Ella, Rebecca, se encarga de un grupo de jazz y conoce a Jordan porque ingresa en la banda como nuevo tecnico de sonido.

Una vez que se conocen todo lo que Rebecca ve en él es un rival para ganarse la confianza de su banda y dejarla a ella de lado. Pero las cosas no son tan enrevesadas como ella quiere verlas. A la vez, Rebecca comenzará a cartearse por email con un chico del instituto del que desconoce su identidad. Los emails se harán cada vez más frecuentes y llegará a enamorarse de su admirador secreto, vinculándose con el nuevo compañero de intercambio recién llegado, que también es muy agradable y guapo.

Al final Rebecca tendrá que abrir los ojos a la realidad y ver que Jordan no es tan malo como parece ni Antonio, el compañero de intercambio, tan ángelito como se da en demostrar. ¿Con quién de los dos se quedará?

La historia me ha gustado pero le he encontrado bastantes fallos. Encuentro que las protagonistas se toman demasiadas libertades tratándose de dos alumnas de secundaria como querer irse de viaje al extranjero. Si son menores, ¿no resultaría un tanto raro que viajaran solas? También aparecen algunas conversaciones en las que tratarse de dos chicas de 16 ó 17 años, estuvieramos oyendo hablar a dos mujeres adultas. Esto me ha confundido a lo largo del libro.

La historia es buena pero no se sale del típico argumento en los libros adolescentes. Podría haber dado más de sí.

amber says

Yes kids, when I was a girl teenagers didn't know how to e-mail, and you had to wait for photos to develop.

Katharina says

This is a hilarious read in the 21st century, because the story is set in the 90's, when the internet hadn't made it into every household yet, and emailing was still exciting and new.

The story itself is kinda cute, but very very predictable. The Jordan character is pretty cool, but Rebecca, the narrator, is a priss and thus annoying. I've read worse but it's not really recommendable. Maybe it'll have a bigger appeal on younger audiences.

Annie Domínguez says

Este libro estuvo bien, pero no soportaba estar en la mente de Rebecca, era algo (o demasiado) insegura y como que se había dispuesto a odiar a Jordan y amar a Antonio sobre cualquier otra cosa, sin importar siquiera las señales que estos dos les enviaban.

Me pareció curiosos el hecho de leer un mundo donde el internet es algo nuevo y los e-mails lo más moderno los chats cosa del otro mundo. Me divertí mucho e ese aspecto.

Es fácil de leer, entretenido y con un final feliz.

Pop Korn says

This book is interesting because is about love

Abigael Cheryll Toftner says

I have read this book lots of times. I kinda fell in love with Jordan myself, while reading the book. I was a teenager myself when I first read the book. I was a little like Rebecca.

Bookabulary says

Proper review coming soon!

This book is slated for a re-read as part of **Shelf Love**, my way of going back to my old shelf and re-reading books that I haven't done a proper review yet.

Thank you!

Mayu says

Definitivamente esta novela no es para mí. La protagonista es una imbécil, y la historia mas que interesarme,

solo me aburre. Así que, adiós novela, hasta aquí hemos llegado, te abandono ¬¬.

Karschtl says

Tatort: Highschool.

Rebecca hat keinen Freund, ist aber schwer verliebt in den spanischen Austauschschüler. Als an der Schule Internet eingeführt wird, versucht sie sich im E-Mail schreiben. Dabei tauscht sie romantische Mails mit einem gewissen "Carlos" aus. Sie ist sich sicher: das kann nur der Austauschschüler sein. Beim Schulball soll dann ihr erstes richtiges Date stattfinden...

Im Stil der alten "Bravo Herzklopfen"-Romane geschrieben, ganz nett für einen Teenie-Liebesroman.

Ina says

Can you believe in real love?

Rebecca is a leader of a school band. She dreams about playing at cool places with her band to promote them and get noticed. But how are they gonna do it? Even though her best friend, Leslie, isn't a member of the band they hang out almost all the time. They are both curious about the Internet and mail thing 'cause this book takes place when that stuff was kind of new. They only have access to Internet at school but they finally get to use the Internet for real when Leslie's mom gets a computer with Internet access. Now they can chat and stuff with people from all over the world.

But before using the computer that belongs to Leslie's mom. Rebecca and Leslie has been playing with the Internet at school. There they have posted anonymous stuff that only people at their school can see. For fun, they both have anonymously been posting each others "seeking for love" notes. Will anyone answer them back with mail and if they do, who would that be?

Rebecca receives a mail from Carlos sometime later. Who is he and is he only playing a game with her? Or is he interested in her for real and why?

After writing mail to each other they talk about meeting at the prom to reveal each other. Somehow Rebecca is pretty sure that it's the new student from Spain, Antonio, who hides behind the name, Carlos, but can she be really sure? She has to wait and find it out at the prom.

This book has been standing on my shelf in many years. I got it through a book club I was joining when I was younger but I never read it 'cause I didn't like these sorts of books when I was younger. I was more of a horror and crime novel fan (which I still am). But lately through the years I've been better with trying to read from different genres.

I'm not a fan of "feel-good" books but it's okay to read them sometimes. This was actually a fun and warm read. I loved almost all the characters and I loved Rebecca's sarcastic humour. Her best friend, Leslie is warm and a bit too naive. Jordan is charming. I like the dialog between him and Rebecca. Esp when they are

disagree with each other when it comes to the band. More person's are worth to mention but then I will never get done so I chose not to mention them.

It had to be you had many highlights. I got to know the characters a lot and I liked the way they developed. The story is fun and exciting. And there were many lines that made me smile and giggle. It was an easy and nice read. A cozy book. And it was fun and interesting to read a book that took place when Internet, mail and chatting was very new. A lot has changed since then.

The only thing that makes me wonder is the Norwegian cover. It doesn't feel right for the story. First of all the main characters in the book doesn't look like that and that since it doesn't have anything to do with the book at all. The image is too corny and doesn't say anything about the book at all. I can spoil by saying that scene isn't even in the story.

Highlights: Sarcastic lines between Rebecca and Jordan

Downhill: The cover. It's embarrassing and like I said, it doesn't have anything to do with the book at all.

Makii says

"¡Estoy viviendo una amor on-line! Me enamoré de su mente, su alma y su corazón. Nunca lo he visto, pero me imagino que tendrá una sonrisa maravillosa"

Rebecca Lowe está enamorada. El único problema es que nunca ha visto al chico que ama. ¿O no es así? Después de varias semanas de intercambiar mensajes por computadora, Rebecca tendrá por fin una cita cara a cara con su amor cibernético. Pero cuando ve a Jordan West, su compañero de colegio, esperando en el lugar secreto de encuentro, es tal su sorpresa que no sabe qué hacer. No hay nadie que moleste tanto a Rebecca como Jordan, con su actitud de salvador del mundo. Sin embargo nadie parece entenderla como él cuando están on-line.

Yo realmente estaba obsesionada con estas novelas cuando era mas jóven!! Y encontrarlas ahora de nuevo, me trae recuerdos tan lindos!

Eva Suarez says

A ver no quiero ser injusta con la autora pero me dió la sensación que predecía todo.

Nada me sorprendió.

Puede ser, que cuando lo leí ya era una "adulta" y no una adolescente.

Den una oportunidad al libro, por ahí se sorprenden.

Isadora says

3.5

Se supone que debería estar de cabeza estudiando Física y Matemáticas, pero como buena humanista, evado

eso hasta que mi conciencia no me lo permite más. ¿Qué mejor que un libro liviano y juvenil para distraerme?

El libro en sí me gustó, pero la protagonista nunca me convenció. Terca (en un mal modo), demasiado desconfiada... bueno, no sé. Nunca he entendido como hay más de un chico lindo interesado en la misma niña que carece de chispa. La mayoría de mi rating es por Jordan, es simplemente asjdlksjlkfjlskfs ¿dónde puedo conseguir uno, Miss Doyon?
