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In this sensational new novel, Judith Michael takes one of our most universal fantasies and spins it into glorious, spellbinding reality. Claire Goddard is thirty-four years old, of modest means and looks. She has raised her teenage daughter, Emma, by herself, working as a designer, but without the confidence or means to fully realize her talent. Her only indulgence, once a week, is buying a lottery ticket. Then, one week, she wins sixty million dollars. Overnight everything changes. She quits her job, indulges in the shopping spree of a lifetime - new house, new clothes, new car, new hairstyle and makeup - and then treats herself and Emma to a celebratory cruise in Alaska. There they meet Quentin and Brix Eiger. Handsome, glamorous, a wealthy entrepreneur, Quentin sweeps Claire into his fast-lane fashionable world, while his temperamental son, Brix, engages Emma in her first love affair. Suddenly Claire and Emma are living in the glittering, colorful world of wealth and power. But inside the rainbow, all is not what it seems - Brix persuades Emma to choose a modeling job over college, and has seduced her into his dangerous round of fashion, sex, and drugs. And as Claire discovers a shallowness and predatory drive in Quentin that has been disguised by his manipulative charm, she realizes that his world is in no way superior to hers and that in buying a new life she is losing touch with everything that has always meant the most to her - her daughter, her friends, her work, her sense of home. But Quentin will not let Claire go easily: he and Brix have their own plans for the Goddard women. And when another man, more open and idealistic, more real than Quentin, enters Claire's life, she discovers what she always possessed but never fully recognized - an ability to love deeply and to protect those she loves - strengths and inner resources more valuable than any pot of gold. Judith Michael creates a world as fabulous as a glossy dream, as exciting as a once-in-a-lif

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Megan says

This is an interesting story of how your life can change after winning the lottery. Single mother Claire hits the jackpot on the same day her daughter graduates from high school, and the book follows them through the next several months as they get used to the new found wealth and take a look at what is really important in life. At the beginning, I thought it was a bit stiff and predictable, but as the book went along and you got to see more of the relationships developing, it got more interesting. Finally, there was a twist with the daughter in the last 50 pages or so, and I couldn't put it down once I got into that part. A pretty interesting read if you're not looking for something too serious.

Laura says

I have previously read four other books by Judith Michael and loved each one of them, so I have been waiting to return to their books for a while.

Initially this book drove me mad, I found that I didn't like the main characters too much and their choices were predictable and annoying.

For quite a while after Claire wins the lottery all the book does is describe what she spends huge amounts of money on. This included entirely new wardrobes for herself and Emma, a new car each and a new house. Her lavish spending drove me mad. I can understand that they would want to spend some of it to improve their lives as they had very little money and lived in a dim little flat. However, you would think that coming from this background they would have more of an appreciation for money and not spend it so frivolously.

I was shocked when they (view spoiler)

I was waiting for Claire and Emma to meet the Eiger's. (view spoiler)

I liked Gina's character and the fact that Emma felt that she could confide in her when she couldn't talk to her Mum. I was not surprised that (view spoiler)

The different language used for Claire's relationship and her relationship with Alex made it immediately clear how different the two were and how they treated her differently. The ending was very satisfactory (view spoiler)

This book was brilliant but it loses one star due to its annoying start.

Lesa says

Makes you wonder what you would do if you won the lottery.

Candice says

Details at my blog

Claire's biggest problem isn't managing her lottery winnings, but dealing with rich parasites who want to prey on her and lure in her gorgeous, underage daughter with fame, fashion and drugs.

The protagonist is a 34-year-old introvert who isn't particularly stunning or take-charge, but deals with the dramatic changes in her life anyway. I liked that a lot. These days, books claiming to be about introverts almost always turn out to be about extroverts having a couple of quiet days.

Charmagne Mckinney says

Great book about a woman winning the lottery and her whole life changing. Sometimes it does become a bit too philosophical about gender roles but overall a good book, kept me interested the entire time.

Amanda Allen says

A little slow going and tedious on occasion but overall a good story. Towards the end the action picked up and finished on a strong note.

Jamie Casey says

Claire Goddard- a very poor single mother, wins the lottery of sixty million dollars. She quits her job and takes her daughter Emma on a shopping spree and an Alaskan cruise. On the cruise they meet Quentin and Brix Eiger, two worldly men whose lives are intermingled with sex, drugs and money. As Emma falls more in love with Brix, Claire realizes how she was being manipulated by Quentin, she gives the relationship up to try to save Emma. What Claire and Emma learn is there are some things in life that money just cannot buy. Love and Life.

Noteworthy moments and quotes:

"The point is, we do get over terrible times; we're built to do that. Most people learn again to laugh and love and respond to beauty and fight ugliness and clasp hands with friends, even though they've lost a kind of joy that they'll never get back. There's an unlit corner in their hearts and no light will ever penetrate to it. It will always be dark. That's why it's so important to be close to those we love, not to take them for granted, it can be to understand and be understood by another person. And that's why you should open up to people; not just ask questions like a journalist but share your feelings with them because that's what makes us close and loving and human. If you don't, you may wake up one day and find your chances for love and closeness gone, and that's another kind of death. Tragedy is no excuse you know. However long it takes, we do recover."

Bookread2day says

I am big fan of Judith Michael and loved reading this story about winning lots of money. The thing is if you win a lot of money many people that you don't know ask for cash to be given to them. I very highly recommend reading Pot Of Gold, with well developed characters.

Tara Prinsep says

I have read this book several times over and loved it. Definitely a read that you want to keep on your library shelf.

Caroline says

If you want a nice easy comfort book, read this one. Very fun and simple entertainment. Does having money, lots of money, make life better or worse? Does it complicate an ordinary life? How would you change?

Venkataraman Kumbakonam S. says

This is an interesting novel that begins with good news and ends in a happy note, though in the middle there are enough terrible and pleasant events. The effects of sudden inflow of money through lottery have been dealt with in a realistic manner.

Good pastime reading material.

Jamie says

Yeah, I know this book is beneath me. But hey ... it was in the house, I needed something to read. My grandmother read jillions of these paperback romances, and a bunch of them came home with me. I couldn't help myself.

Stacy says

Winning \$60 million in the lottery could be the ultimate American dream. And Claire spends it fast and furious like most lottery winners, which is fine except she never really seemed to grasp the absurdity of her decisions. One her first decisions was letting a homeless woman con her way into her home and life. And when given the option of going anywhere in the world, money is obviously not an issue, she chooses an Alaskan cruise. Nothing against Alaska, I'd like to take a cruise there someday myself, but given the extravagance of her monetary spending it was a very odd choice.

I found it a little boring. I must confess if I had accidentally left this on the plane with a few hundred pages left I wouldn't have been upset. I did not connect with any of the characters. Claire was nice enough, but lacked wit or a sharp intelligence. And the point of view changed often with no notice or obvious reason. I really wanted to like it more, but I didn't. But I wouldn't mind winning \$60 million in the lottery. Even though I've never purchased a lottery ticket.

Cheryl Brown says

An easy quick read, interesting and good ending.

Roma Del says

I really enjoyed this book. t really shows how your true friends are your true friends regardless of what happens to you. They do not look at you differently because you won alot of money. To them you still are their friend
