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Remember falling in love for the first time? Remember thinking, This is The One? Remember life getting in the way? From adolescent snogging to apartment shares, relationships, career crises, and children, *Vince & Joy* is the unforgettable story of two lives lived separately but forever entwined.

Back in the 1980s, teenagers Vince and Joy met, fell desperately in love, and never quite said good-bye. Now nearly twenty years later they've both begun to ask themselves if that long-ago romance was the enduring love that they've been searching for.

Vince and Joy Details

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Jenny says

I picked up this book for selfish reasons. One of my own failed projects had a similar premise. I'd enjoyed one of the author's other books, so I was interested to see how she handled this plot. There are so many places you could go with this plot: boy and girl met, have a brief intense encounter before they are separated, and live out the rest of their lives wondering about the one that got away. However, you have to really like the characters to invest so much time in them, and Jewell's two main characters are so, well, they're not unlikeable, they're just very bland, and very boring. Like one of the characters in the book says, they're "passengers on the bus of life", letting the driver dictate where and when they're going. I understand what Jewell was trying to do, show that these two people would never be happy unless they were with one another, but I really didn't care enough about them to want them to be happy. I was more interested in some of the secondary characters, like the May-December parents and the cross dressing roommate. They seemed more human than the two wet mop star crossed lovers.

Dominika says

Az elmúlt hónapokban olvastam pár romantikus könyvet, de ez messze viszi a pálmát! Nem túl sok, nem túl kevés..pont jó. Vince és Joy története igazán érdekes, az író a karaktereket nagyon jól megválasztotta és elsősorban megírta.

Tényleg igaz, amit a leírásban olvastam a könyvről; életszerű. Valahogy úgy éreztem, hogy ilyen biztos már előfordult a világban nem is egyszer. Persze voltak benne olyan dolgok, amik valószínűleg nem így történnek, de ez fikció. Nem tudok kivétlenül találni a karakterek leírásában, mert mindegyik valamiért egyedi, nem klisés. Kedvenc karakterem George volt azt hiszem, mert tökéletesen érezte velem az író, ahogy egyre jobban megváltozik a hangulata majd az egész jelleme. Joy, aki vad tinédzserből érett nő lett, aki keresi helyét, és csak boldogulni akar az életben; nagyon tetszett. Vince hála nem az a tipikus karakter lett, mint amire az olvasó számíthatna. Én is hálát adtam, hogy nem az a "macsó" beállítású pasas lett. Cass...a közepén megijedtem, hogy csak úgy hirtelen eltűnt, ahogy Vince kiköltözött a házból, de szerencsére a legvégén visszajött egy pár oldalnyi szereplésre! Szerintem bájos teremtés volt, persze ne feledjük el a macskát, ami azért az egész történet felelőse volt valamilyen szinten :)

Gill Brown says

Fantastic book, grabbed me from the first few pages, could not put down.

Kim says

I really enjoyed this one which has been sitting on my bookshelf for a long while! It follows Vince and Roy who meet as teenagers when they stay in neighbouring caravans on family holidays. They'd both had a troubled time growing up and young love arrived for them both and after a short time could imagine their whole lives spreading before them. One morning Vince wakes to discover that Joy and her family

disappeared overnight. The note she left had washed away in the rain leaving only a few readable words. He thinks she regrets them meeting and they both have to put their first love behind them.

Neither has a great dating history and Joy meets and marries a man who changes as soon as they start to live together. Vince is still searching for a soul mate- he has found a couple of girls who might have been 'the one'.

At a dinner party when everyone is discussing their first love- he remembers Joy and then their stories follow. They meet by chance on occasion and their paths almost cross due to shared friends. Will fate bring them together- are they destined to fall in love?

I loved the will they, won't they aspect of the story.

Andrea Samar says

No sabía que esperar de este libro.

Lo compré porque me costó 4 libras, lo cual es muy barato.

No lo había empezado a leer hasta como 6 meses después.

Y entonces empezó todo. El libro esta dividido en tres partes. Vince y Joy de adolescentes, a los veintitantos aun confusos y a los 30.

El inicio es y siempre será mi parte favorita. Vince y Joy se conocen en unas vacaciones, se enamoran y son una trágica y hermosa pareja.

Peor entonces sucede, por cosas que pasan, ambos se separan y no vuelven a verse sino hasta los veintitantos. Y de ahí no digo más que sin duda se pone interesante y genial.

Es un libro gordito en el que los personajes van madurando, creciendo. Al tiempo en el que tu les gritas "¿Que no ven que son el uno para el otro?!" Y te enojas.

Me encanta, porque es diferente a los libros de amor actuales, o de antes. Este evoluciona, cambia, nos cuenta una historia creíble que en este momento le puede estar pasando a cualquiera. Nos narra una historia de amor en una vida tan cruda y real como la nuestra.

Me encantó. Es un libro largo, que te deja despierto, intrigado y llorando todo el tiempo porque los personajes... porque la vida no quiere que nadie sea feliz. Y te desesperas, te desesperas porque sabes que eso pasa todos los días y no hay nada que puedas hacer para evitarlo.

Así que si, yo amé esta historia. Y la recomiendo, si eres de los que aman el drama y el amor, o si no también, porque te deja mucho aprendizaje y cosas buenas.

Te deja una reflexión y es un libro que te lo comes enterito en poco tiempo solo por querer saber como será el final de esta trágica pareja.

Además, esta portada es perfecta. Me encanta, porque te dice de todo sin decir nada.

Yo amé a Vince, sin duda es mi personaje favorito. Aunque a veces cometía estupideces. Al igual que Joy, que amaba y odiaba al mismo tiempo.

Pero sin duda es un libro muy bueno que tienen que leer al menos una vez en su vida.

Exina says

I hated *Vince & Joy* because I hated both Vince and Joy.

Both of them are weak, indecisive, easily influenceable personalities who just drift with the tide.

It was a pure suffering to read this book. And after suffering through 500 pages with these two idiots, you don't even get a proper happy end!

♥?♥?Sofia♥?♥? says

I can understand why certain reviewers claimed a dislike for both Vince and Joy. Neither of them are particularly likeable characters and in a competition of who is the biggest loser Joy emerges the winner by a hair's breath. But I think this is the point of this story, its a about 'little' people living ordinary lives, on the back of a once extraordinary connection, or what supposedly was meant to be an extraordinary connection; because Jewell rather down beat writing style didn't really convey even that with any particular excitement. But Jewell is a competent writer with a good imagination and an un-clichéd writing style that engages and keeps you interested. Though I'm not sure if I'm up for reading any more of her works as, if anything, Vince and Joy left me rather depressed...

Sarah says

Vince and Joy is very much a story of your first love. In a way it reminded me of the film *Sliding Doors*, apart from unfortunately for Vince and Joy there is no parallel life.

From their first meeting, Vince and Joy look set to having a promising relationship. Unfortunately something happens and Joy disappears in the middle of the night. Joy leaves a note for Vince but due to the rain, Vince can't make out what it says. From this point in, Vince and Joy seem to make thoughtless decisions when it comes to future relationships. They seem to just settle for second best and it is obvious that it is going to end in disaster.

I really loved both Vince and Joy. They are not perfect, they are human. They make mistakes but they pick themselves up and dust themselves down. I didn't know if fate was being unkind to them having them bump into each other only for them to go off on their own way again. I felt very much like Bella in the story and wanted to knock their heads together so they would wake up from the stupor they seemed to be in.

Reading about how both of them met and the whole array of feelings they had for each other brings so many feelings and memories back for the reader of their first love. I mean do we ever truly forget our first love? Every now and again don't we think of them and wonder what they are doing, if they have met someone else and are they happy? A first love can have such an impact on our lives and the author has created a heart warming story with lovely characters that gives readers hope that if true love is meant to be, regardless of time and distance, if two people are meant to be together then at some point in their lives it will happen.

Mayu says

Joder, con esta novela lloré mucho. Esta no es una historia de amor, más bien es la historia de como dos personas que estaban destinados a estar juntos, jamás pueden estarlo porque dejan que todo quede en manos del azar y la suerte. Una novela MUY triste.

Denise says

My favourite Lisa Jewell book which I read when it was released in 2005. Being a believer in fate, this was right up my street and I couldn't put it down. Brilliantly written both Vince and Joy were totally believable characters, anyone who grew up as a teenager in the 1980's will identify with this book. Highly recommended!

Caroline Baker says

Chick-lit is not really my thing but I read this for a book club. It wasn't bad. I thought the characterisation and the portrayal of disintegrating marriages - and the controlling behaviour that characterised one of the marriages - particularly well done. But chick lit is too formulaic for my liking and I get tired of the endless scenarios in which the protagonists almost but don't quite get together.

Gail says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book and couldn't put it down. I was, however, a little put off with the huge amount of typographical errors and words joined together (which I presume had occurred when transferring to an ebook); Kindle books are not cheap and this is unforgiveable really. However this isn't Lisa Jewell's fault and therefore shouldn't detract from the fabulous story of Vince and Joy.

I loved Joy from the outset and grew to love the delightful Vince. I couldn't wait to find out what would happen, and particularly liked how we knew what was happening to them both as the story progressed. I detested George from the outset but loved Vince's parents, Cass, Julia and Bella; all wonderful characters.

Fantastic again Lisa, I just loved this book. Thank you.

Amy Formanski Duffy says

Lisa Jewell is my favorite chick-lit author. She's a London girl and her characters are a bit more eccentric and interesting than most are in this genre. In this one Vince and Joy meet as teenagers on summer holiday at a resort with their parents. They're both awkward goth-y teens but they fall madly in love. Then they grow apart, but fate keeps trying to bring them back together as adults in London. I know it sounds really cheesy,

but the characters are awesome and there's even a cat that tries to intervene in the story. The cat is smarter than the people. Now isn't that true to life? And yes, as you may suspect, they end up living happily ever after, but only after life has dealt them some very realistic hard knocks. I am a romantic fool at heart and I loved this book.

Helena Wildsmith says

What an absorbing book - led me to finish the whole thing in little over a day! Reading about Vince and Joy's lives running parallel to each other was fascinating and I don't think I've ever wanted two people to get together more in my life! It was difficult trying to race to the end at the same time as never finish it.

Jess Carrington says

This was such a cute book!
That really is the best way to describe it.

I broke away from it with the feeling that I'd actually learnt a handful of life lessons about love, relationships and family values!

The only reason it lacks a 5th star is the simple reason that I couldn't help but want to scream through the pages of the book at Vince and Joy.

On more than several occasions they separately made some of the most ridiculously poor life decisions- the same feeling I get when the attractive blonde with the big tits doesn't lock the door when the murderer is outside the house in the teen slasher movies. It was starting to get a bit eye-rolly.

Also, I know it was just a light hearted love story but the amount of coincidences in this book was a bit of a joke.

Other than that..great, easy read.
