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Where does an extreme introvert draw the line between being lonely and being left alone? One quirky college student is looking for the answer in the 4th floor lounge.

Her goals are simple: make one or two good friends and avoid talking to everyone else. Achieving those goals will not be easy for this gorgeous yet socially awkward heroine. She's constantly approached by guys who are not interested in friendship. And when she finally forms some solid bonds it's her own romantic feelings that get in the way.

The 4th Floor Lounge Details

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Laura's Book Addiction says

I want soooo bad

Rina says

A really fun college story about an extreme extrovert who painfully makes friends, loses friends and regains friends. A dash of romance but it's not the main plot line. Surprisingly clean - though there are some kisses and college kids will make insinuations.

Michelle says

I really liked this book for the most part as I watched Charlotte in her Sophomore and Junior year of college. Being an introvert myself, I could really relate with a lot that happened in this book. Making friends was tough. The whole time you wonder who she's going to end up with.

Roommates changed, friends changed, and her life evolved over the course of the book. But in the end was her one constant through it all...

But I was disappointed in the way the book ended. I thought the romance was wrapped up WAY TOO fast and very abruptly. I felt the story ended in the middle of a chapter. I was very, very disappointed.

Ryann Barker says

and theeeennnnn....nothing happened.

Helen says

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I loved this book because I related to Charlotte so much. it brought to mind all the first love insecurities I had when I first fell in love.

Issa says

It was kind of a cute story, but I find it hard to believe that anyone is as naïve as Charlotte.

Meg says

Received this book for free through Goodreads First Reads.

I would give this a 4.5 stars because I am always very tentative to give anything a 5. But I really enjoyed this book. First off, anyone who can see themselves in the character described in the blurb, I would recommend this as a definite to-read. There is so much relatable about the main character, especially to me, and I love her development throughout the book although I can't say that I could/would be as daring as some of her attempts to make friends.

I won't get too much into the plot as you can read the blurb to get that, but to say that I enjoyed the flow of the story. I loved the characters, especially the main character (whose name you don't get until page 19). I am often turned off by first person narratives because the voice is often so glaringly unique that it is annoying but this POV was not that way at all. This, I think, is the only (or one of very few) that I can actually say that I enjoyed and am glad that I was written from first person POV. There were even bits that I laughed/smiled about, and that is rare for me. I am not normally a laugh-out-loud reader but there were moments in the character's narrative/dialogue that made me.

The sentences were a bit jolting at first, but once you get into the flow of the story it doesn't impact the reading because you see that it is the pattern of thought. In fact, the structure of the sentences is effective in portraying the character. There were so many little things in the book that I loved because they really emphasized the character without using description to portray her. Examples: the first actual piece of dialogue is from someone else and not until the end of the second chapter, we don't learn the main character's name until even later, and as the character develops, more dialogue appears in the story, and that there are no grandiose descriptions of anything like in most books since the character does not see life that way.

I liked all the secondary characters. Although I never spent time in the dorms in college, I can see each of the characters and relationships when I think back to my classes. But the author did a good job of not creating overwhelming characters. They were everyday people that I think anyone would recognize.

The only thing that nagged at me was that it was a little outdated on phones, there is much more that people can do with them now and punctuation is much easier. But I can remember being like the main character and her friend Erin about actually spelling everything out and using punctuation back when it was simple phones and actually took the time to have to find the punctuation. I related to it, but it is a bit outdated for current college students. But I don't think it diminished from the book.

Overall, I would recommend.

Sarah Fitz says

This has to be one of the most confusing books I've ever read. Charlotte, whose POV the book is written in is hard to like. You really want to like her, but her story just doesn't add up. Jason, who seems pretty likeable and seems to have somewhat of a personality. Hard to believe coming from college students. Too long of a story to end so abruptly. I was really hoping for something great from this book and was really disappointed. :(

Scarlett Janeway-keck says

I liked this book, but come on they finally get together and you end it there? I totally need to know how their relationship would of progress. Charlotte was a bit clueless I mean I'm a very shy person not talkative with very few friends, but I'd know if a guy liked me sooner than she did. And if I ever had as many guys hitting on me like her I would have been a little nicer to some of them. Since I really never had that happen to me in college I don't know and never had any real guy friends. It was a nice book a bit slow and lacking in plot and I'd never heard of any of the games they played besides rummy. It was an okay book about a social awkward girl who wants to make friends.

Vera says

Yes, Charlotte the main character is really an extremely introverted college student – socially inept since she really does not want to talk to anyone but she did have a best friend in high school. She did find friends though in college, eventually. She is gorgeous since a lot of guys are into him and asking him for her number or following her around school but her naïveté might have been an understatement. Part of me can relate and understood as to why she refused to open up her eyes about Jason since he is her best friend. But, it gave me a slight headache reading this book since it took forever for her character to develop. Her internal struggles are valid but I want to throw a book at her to wake up her senses.

Julie Rodriguez says

I won this book on good reads. I myself am a bit of an introvert and used to be extremely shy. I can relate to this book and loved the bits of humor and the romance that grew from their friendship. I recommend this book to anyone that likes romantic comedies.

Valerie (Val's Vicinity) says

Okay, I admit it: I'm an introvert, so obviously I was able to connect with Charlotte, the title character, immediately. And I do mean *immediately*! Many of her actions and thought processes were....um, well, let's just say very familiar! In a way it's nice to know other people have similar thoughts and feelings, but then again, to see some of them down on paper staring back at me was actually a bit sobering...however, it was also extremely entertaining!

The writing style is rather simple in a way, but it has a very comforting quality to it. It's written in first person style, with Charlotte narrating most of the book, so it often has the fun and easy feeling of a friend telling a story about them self. Although extroverts (or "talkers", as Charlotte calls them) may think the whole book is a bit over the top, it really isn't far off the mark; Charlotte's personality is very genuine and her thought processes are completely authentic for someone who struggles with social settings.

Overall, I wasn't entirely sure what to expect when I first picked this up, but I'm very glad I didn't pass it by. I really enjoyed following Charlotte through college, and watching the ups and downs of her friendships and awkward interactions. Some people might think she's weird, in fact she knows it and acknowledges it, but it's extremely refreshing to see that she doesn't let those opinions change who she is. I really had fun with this book, and the ending was very sweet. I'm looking forward to checking out more of this author's works!

For those interested in the content:

Charlotte and a few other characters are Catholic, but their beliefs aren't really discussed, basically all that's mentioned is people going to church/mass. (I generally read Christian fiction, but was still comfortable with this one.) The content is pretty clean; Charlotte lives in a co-ed dorm so there's a couple of light veiled innuendos (mostly from guys trying to get Charlotte to go out with them), but certainly nothing extreme at all.

Kim says

Meet Charlotte (not like the spider!) – a college sophomore who is currently staying in the dorms and out of her current roommate's love life. In order to pass the time, this gorgeous but weird introvert finds refuge in the 4th floor lounge of her building. She also finds a few good friends and that's all she needs. No one else. Since she was young, her older brother's friends would always flirt with her to get a rise out of her, so she can never trust the guys in her life. She is NOT a talker and she likes to blend into the background. She is constantly approached by guys but finds that they only want one thing and she's not willing to go there. Her new friendships are jeopardized when she begins to have feelings for one of them. Can she find a way to keep her feelings to herself and keep her friends?

I thoroughly enjoyed this lighthearted story about the inner thoughts and feelings of a young college girl. She is not perfect but she is real. She has real fears and feelings and dilemmas. She is not a social butterfly. She has her crises and turns to her parents and her church for help. Having been down the college road recently (and being somewhat an introvert), I can identify with her.

The writing is easy to follow and has good pacing. I loved all the characters with their real life reactions and feelings. Not your typical college story of romance, but one that is equally satisfying to read. I highly recommend this book for anyone looking for an easy and fun romantic comedy novel!

Marybeth says

Definitely a MUST read!!

Linda says

I really liked the book, but I have to say, could Charlotte really be that clueless and introverted? I always thought of myself as shy, but never could I foresee anyone like her. She definitely made a few wrong turns in her search for friends, but there were so many times I waited for her to have courage when it mattered most and she kept disappointing me...I still cannot believe her and Jason did not connect until the last 2% of the book. I mean seriously, he was perfect and she could have asked her BFF Erin to help her navigate through the relationship, but instead she bumbles her way throughout and when she realizes she loves him, decides to not pursue in order to not ruin the friendship. I wanted to choke her for all of the mixed messages she put out. I know this must sound like I hated Charlotte, but I didn't...I was just seriously annoyed with her...I think Jason could have been a little more blunt, but after a lot of her comments about guys and getting hit on, etc. I can see why he wouldn't. Even Matt mentioned how hard it is for guys to make that first move....

Anyway, unless you are seriously introverted and can relate to her, you will most likely feel like I did...however, it was interesting to read through her gaffs so you may enjoy reading this book...I did.
