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Drake Swift has never lost a bet with his best friend - until now. His punishment? Make a girl in school fall for him and then break up with her just as shes fallen for him. But who would be oblivious enough to fall for that? *Her*.

Enter Sophia Taylor - quiet, brainy, and unassuming - the perfect pawn for their game. And for Drake, that's all it is - a game. But is it? Drake finds that Sophia is quite more than he bargained for. Perhaps he has her figured out all wrong. The real question is, will Drake win the bet, or will Sophia win him over instead?

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Nichole says

I got a copy of this book, thinking it's a great story to read. Nakita ko kasi sa Wattpad na marami siyang reads and lots of comments of adoration were there..so I was like, why not?

Sa totoo lang...this story is super cliched. Ok may bet, kunwari maiinlove doon sa babae tapos pagdating ng last day ng bet doon aamining pustahan lang ang lahat but somewhere down the road, magiging totoo ang feeling ng lalake.

How many times have you seen this plot? Probably a thousand friggin' times on tv/movies.

At ang pinaka-cringing part is hindi man lang nagkaroon nagalit si Sophia kahit kaunti. Kumabaga yung dating kasi is: "A ok. Pinagpustahan nila ako. cool". WTF? Well even though she reacts like this, it still won't make the story better for me dahil isang malaking cliché pa rin saken to.

To sum it up, hindi ko irerekomenda ang librong to. Pwede ka ngang magpakwento sa isang friend ng summary nito and that'll be enough for you to know what this is about.

Minty says

I finished this book at late 2013. My first pop fiction book and I didn't like it much. Drake was sweet. A bit too sweet. Sophia, I didn't much relate to her.

Athaya Irfan says

Tolong jangan dilihat berapa kali buku ini telah dibaca selama masih dalam bentuk wattpad, karena jika kamu yang skeptis pada buku adaptasi wattpad akan menyia-nyiakan sebuah buku young adult yang sangat bagus.

The Bet mengisahkan dua orang muda-mudi yang sudah bersahabat sejak sekolah menggunakan pertama. Mereka adalah Drake Swift dan sahabatnya Andre. Lasa suatu ketika Drake kalah taruhan dengan Andre, sebagai hukuman Drake harus menuruti permintaan Andre. Andre menyebutnya sebagai tantangan, Drake ditantang untuk mendekati seorang gadis cantik dan pintar yang juga teman sekelas Drake bernama Sophia Taylor. Drake hanya punya 30 hari untuk merebut hati Sophia lalu menyatakan cinta pada gadis itu. Dan taruhan kali ini harus membuat Sophia jatuh cinta pada Drake dan menerima cintanya.

Jika Sophia menerima cintanya, Drake harus segera membatalkan pengakuannya dan mengakui kalau semua itu hanya taruhan semata. Drake yang punya harga diri tinggi menyanggapi tantangan itu. Dimulailah usaha

merebut hati Sophia si gadis cantik nan pintar di kelasnya.

So sweett. Aku nggak bisa berpaling dari buku ini karena Drake dan Sophia berhasil membuatku luluh. Drake si cowok terkenal di sekolah dengan sejuta penggemar berusaha menaklukkan gadis introvert di sekolah yang ternyata selama ini menyembunyikan luka di hatinya.

Buku ini menyuguhkan kisah masa sekolah menengah atas yang tidak membosankan. Banyak kisah menarik yang dialami kedua karakter utamanya. diceritakan dengan dua POV, pembaca akan bergantian mengetahui kesegaran Drake maupun Sophia.

Drake yang semula dikenal sebagai playboy ternyata punya hati yang baik, dan prinsip persahabatan yang kuat. Dia bukan pria berandal yang suka mempermainkan wanita, dia hanya belum pernah merasa jatuh cinta sampai akhirnya cinta itu datang dari gadis yang jadi bahan taruhannya. Drake yang sudah bersikeras akan menuntaskan hukuman taruhan pada awalnya, kini menjadi dilema karena ia nantinya akan melukai gadis yang juga jadi cinta pertamanya.

Disisi lain, Sophia adalah karakter yang pendiam, tidak mudah terbuka soal urusan pribadinya dan masih menyimpan luka yang ia alami karena hubungan kedua orangtuanya tidak harmonis. Tapi seiring kedekatannya bersama Drake semakin dalam, ia sadar pria itu juga yang nantinya akan membuatnya terluka.

Aku suka sekali dengan buku ini dan kisah yang dibawanya, ringan dan kaya warna kisah anak sekolah. Alurnya terbilang lambat karena penulis mengenalkan masing-masing karakter dengan sangat detail. Menurutku hal ini wajar karena ada banyak cerita dan konflik yang ingin dimasukkan penulis dalam ceritanya.

Kalau kalian pembaca novel teenlit dan young adult, aku sangat rekomendasikan buku ini untuk bacaan akhir pekan kalian :)

Robin says

Okay. So this book had a nice storyline, a good start, and at the begining interesting writting style. But then something happened. It became boring and very very common. I cannot honestly say that I saw any character development and if there was any, it happen so fast that it didn't make any sense. For example how did he fall for her? he was all 'no was I'm to cool to fall for anyone' and in the next chapter was I love her. Like what? How the hell??? God knows...

Then the girl was immature. Plain. Immature. She wanted revenge, how original! And a revenge she didn't really take. if I was the writter I would play around with some ideas, but no. nothing happened. You know what with happen from the start. And do not mistake me, I'm, the kind of person who peeks at the end before it starts to read a book, I like that classic stories, the once that you know what will happen, it relaxes me because in our lives nothing is predictable. But hell, if you take a storyline that other have use 1000 time make it damn good, hook me up, make me want to turn the damn page even though I know what will happen. But that did not happen. so yeah...

Karla Enriquez says

The Bet is an amazing book. It will spark your interest if you're into romance books. This book is about two teens, Drake Swift and Sophia Taylor. Drake lost a bet to his best friend Andre. This is the first bet he has lost so it's a big deal for him. The bet was for Drake to court a girl in a month and ask her out. However, after she says yes he has to tell her it was all a game. What happened between them meant nothing.

Sophia on the other hand, is quite clever. She discovers their deal and keeps quite until he plans to tell her. To make things interesting she plans to do the same thing to him. Make him fall in love with her and then admit that it was all a game.

Drake and Sophia are two completely different characters. Drake is cocky and real confident about himself. Sophia is shy and keeps to herself most of the time. One thing they do share though is their family issues. They both have a tough time home. This somehow connects them together. Somewhere between their secret plan they begin to fall for each other. As time passed by it seemed like nothing mattered except being with each other. It's really quite sweet. Drake stopped thinking about the bet. He wanted to call it off. What he felt for her was real. She had become an important person in his life. He didn't want to lose her over some bet, but he chose not to tell her anything. Sophia thought everything he would do was part of the plan so he never actually believed anything he said was sincere. She didn't want to be hurt.

Most people that have read this book say it's "too predictable". This book was written by a teenager. People didn't give her enough credit. I really enjoyed reading it. There are parts were not as interesting, but once you got over that it got better. It had many twists, which is what I liked the most. One thing I thought was interesting was how the author incorporated the characters own personal life. It helped me see where they were coming from. People say it didn't really connect to the main point of the story, but I think it did. It shows how well Drake and Sophia understood each other. It's an important thing because it one of the main points in the story was how they got to know each other for who they were. Overall, it all connected some way.

Amity says

I read this book last year, back when I was a newbie on Wattpad, and I must say that this is one of the best books on the website. It's simple, lighthearted, and just... well, sweet. It revolves around the lives of Draky and Pie and the love that comes between them. There are some scenes that I found a little "filler" that doesn't contribute to the plot that much, but the flow is good - neither dragging nor rushed. However, the downside of the book was that it has a lot of telling, not showing; I couldn't feel the characters' emotions that much. When I found out that the book was published, I was totally excited that I roamed the entire mall just to find the book... but as I read the printed version, I was a little bit disappointed since there were several missing/wrong punctuation in some parts. I STILL LOVE THE BOOK, though. More power to the author! :)

Vivienne says

I finished this in about what, about an hour? It's a short read and I read quite quickly but you want to know why the main reason I was able to read it so quickly?

It was really godawful.

Now, in general, I'm not a fan of Wattpad, it's not an aversion to amateur stories nor fanfiction (if you look at

my AO3 account, you'd see that it's the opposite really) but because what I've read are quite bad. The prose was boring and the characters were as well. I'm not going to assume that this is true for the entire site but a fair amount.

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Now for the plot itself. Well the premise in itself is terribly cliché and the development unsurprising, it might not have been so bad if not for the way it was written. Or well not as bad I suppose.

The whole bet thing, well it works just as well as FWB which is not very well. Drake falling in love with her was expected and performed in a very general way? I'm not quite sure how to say it. I'm trying to say that the emotions that both felt were very weak and general, there was no sense of deeper understanding. The progression of their relationship was also pretty bad? It didn't feel very believable but instead overly romantic and plastic or clichéd.

Another reason why it was carried off so terribly was that not only was the plot weak but so were the characters. All the characters were pretty flat, adhering to a lot of overused tropes and badly pulled off ones.

The part that rankles me the most was Sophia's backstory. In the book, she was part of why her brother died and the author tried to show that she was and still is affected by it. Which is great! That's good!

But that's basically it. She tried but she failed. It felt like cry bait, because it felt very shallow and unconvincing. There was just a great lack of connection and humanity to the characters for me, though I suppose they were high schoolers-not all high school kids are that deep I suppose, and so a lot of attempts to try to get us to understand the character fell flat. If the author tried anyway which I don't even know man.

The writing itself, the prose, the words used, were also quite dull. There wasn't any good use of the intricacies of English language which is disappointing of course. Not only that but there are actually a few grammatical and punctuation errors which speaks a lot for its publisher.

Overall, I recommend not to even look at this book, much less read it as sad as I am to say it.

Where are the good young Filipino writers? And, more importantly, readers?

Lona Yulianni says

I used to expect this novel would be as good as A&D which I read in Wattpad before. Temanya sama, yaitu teenlit, tapi entah kenapa ketika baca The Bet ini terlalu terasa cheesy dan remaja-banget-banget.

Personally, saya suka cerita tipe-tipe begini: cowok populer dan cewek gak populer-taruhan-fall in love; Entah kenapa saya agak kurang "in" sama novel ini.

Satu hal yang saya rasakan banget ketika baca novel ini adalah adegan-per-adegannya yang kurang mulus, jadi ketika saya baca terkesan buru-buru dan loncat-loncat.

Tapi semuanya termaafkan dengan ending yang lumayan oke buat saya..... dan ya just it-was-okay.

Kara says

What did I just read? Sorry, but it was just asdfghjklwtf.

Why did it even get published.

Kevin says

This is such a cute read! Lots of familiar tropes and clichés but I still enjoyed every moment of it!

Charm says

there were a lot of typographical and grammatical errors that can really distract some readers. the writer's style of writing was very plain and reflects an amateur. the whole plot was predictable. the characters did not have much dimension to them.

i like some of the books from wattpad, but i don't think this one is one of those.

leann says

I don't even remember why I continued reading this novel, but I suppose I wanted to write a review badly. (This is my first time writing a review (rant?), so please bear with me!) I don't expect much, since it *is* a Wattpad story.

The plot idea was decent, but the way it was executed was poor. The story was very cliché, and there were many grammatical errors (i.e. "'Peach looks good on you'. Ironically, I was wearing a peach blouse today). Many parts/chapters were unnecessary, and the author over-dramatised them.

[For example, I felt as if Sophia's (and Drake's) backstory were too minor to have chapters about it. I didn't think they weren't important to the story, and they were immediately solved within one chapter. Sophia's ex, Skye, was mentioned in the middle of the story, and what he did had left her heartbroken and scarred(?) of relationships. She finally told Drake about their past, but he was inconsiderate to her feelings, and started joking around and being cocky, yet she was perfectly fine about him acting so. She then quickly got over Skye in that same chapter she was sad! I felt extremely unsatisfied with how that problem was solved; there was no solution! The same thing happened with Drake's story of his parents, where his father cheated on his mother. When he told her and his sister, Driana, about his discovery, the mother said it was okay because they had made a vow at their wedding and she still loved him. I could not agree with her speech, and it wasn't exactly a valid argument, since he had broken that vow the moment he went behind her back with other women.]

The characters were very dull and there was little character development. I could not connect with any of the characters and it was difficult to sympathise with how they were feeling.

The novel overall was a bore and I honestly feel as if I had lost a few brain cells reading this. I don't see how this could've been published?? (I may or may have not been biased, since I extremely dislike clichés).

Zoella says

Didn't like it :3 At least it was better than Must Date The Playboy. Slightly, but better.

Josephine L. says

The Bet is a good book. Predictable but a page-turner!

Vanessa Kay says

Oh my goodness! I can't believe I wasted my time reading this story. Well, technically, I ditched the whole story. I'm sorry for what I am going to say about this book, but I just want to be awfully honest.

I wouldn't have thought of reading this story but after watching the trailer of the film adaptation of this book, I hurried and searched for this story in wattpad. The plot sounded so cliché but what sparks my attention was the actor and actresses who portrayed the film adaptation. And you know me, I have a habit of reading the story first before watching it. But dang! I just wasted 2 hours of my life with this awfully written story.

I've only read the wattpad edition of this book, so I'm already aware of any spelling and grammar issues, but dang! It's so so so intolerable. The writer's style of writing is so damn plain and shouts amateur in it. And the characters?! They're so hard to picture out. And surprisingly, it was written in English which is not what I expected. I thought it's going to be written in Tagalog for obviously, the author is a Filipino.

The plot is so cliché' and the whole story is so so so predictable. Dang! Can anyone think of another scene that we haven't watched or read yet? And the name of the characters, obviously, the author is a die-hard Taylor Swift fan.

To sum it all, I'm not recommending this book to anyone.

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