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It's the same old story, really.

Good versus evil.

Heroes versus villains.

Light versus dark.

For two years, college freshman Noah Morgan lived his life somewhere in the middle, fighting darkness and light, always searching for answers to a single question:

Why, Noah, why?

The same three words keep him up at night, struggling for air while gripping a plastic cylinder containing white pills to match the white label with his name printed in ink as deep and dark as his memories—memories that turned him into a recluse.

A shut-in.

An introvert.

Luckily for him, that's not how the girl next door sees him.

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Heather says

This is my first book by Jay McLean. I feel ashamed that its taken so long to read one of her stories. Especially, because I know how amazing Darkness Matters is! I *needed to know* about Andie's past with Matteo. I *had* to know why Noah was broken. I truly cried when I received both those answers.

I really loved this book! Not only was it perfectly angsty but it was surprisingly funny, at times. Andie was a girl you were rooting for. You know she fell for the wrong person when she was young and vulnerable. As for Noah, you can't get a more wonderful "Hero". I fell in love with him right along with Andie. Milky, Andie's twin sister and Bradley, Noah's best friend were great 'secondary characters'. They're the kind of people we all hope to have in our lives.

The only thing I felt was missing was a lil something about Matteo now, after Andie. If there hadn't been a few chapters from his POV I doubt I would have thought I was missing something. But I really, really, really wanted his feelings/thoughts on HIS "final scene". I realize he is the "bad guy" in this story but I think he actually did have feelings for Andie in his own sick, crazy, obsessive way. This is only a small annoyance. I will definitely be reading more by Jay McLean!

~Dawn~TUG says

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Kelli C ~ Jack Sawyer's Heart says

I Cried....i loved this...full review soon!

Christy says

5 stars!!

Sometimes, there is no reason, and there are no answers. There just is.

?What do you do when one of your top favorite authors releases a new book out of no where? You drop everything and read it. When I saw *Darkness Matters* was live, I dropped my current read like a hot potato and jumped into this one. Jay McLean's words are everything. This book was different than her others, but still, it was epic. It made me feel, made me think, and touched my heart.

Darkness Matters is Andromeda's story. Well, Andromeda and Noah's story. Andie went through something

and is now getting back on her feet. A fresh start. She's living with her twin sister Milky, and Noah is her new neighbor. The story was told from three pov's and I think that was wise. I loved getting the present and the insight from the past.

??I don't want to talk too much about the story, but it had much to do with personal growth and overcoming obstacles. Andie had been through so much and had much to still overcome. Noah's story was just as hard to read as Andie's in a different way. I loved both of these characters, but Noah... he was just an ah-mazing hero!

"Noah?" she asks, and I lift my gaze.

"Say something beautiful?"

My response is instant. "You."

Jay's words matter so much to me. There is a reason she is one of my favorite authors. I love the message that is in this story. Her writing leaves me at a loss for words. Her stories always stay with me. *Darkness Matters* was intense, powerful, twisty, beautiful, and moving. It's a unique book that needs to be read! The ending felt a little abrupt, but it worked for the story IMO. I give it a full 5 stars!

"Your darkness matters."

?Yasmine? says

3.5 stars

A lovely hero and heroine, a real angsty ride.

I loved the dreaminess of their blossoming romance. The cuteness of the hero. The f**ked up ride the heroine went through to tug at my emotions.

I kind of wanted to rearrange the story. Take bits out, add bits in, make parts longer and others shorter. I wanted more H/h time, less past-scenes. Less of her sister and more romance.

I'm glad i read it, for the most part i enjoyed it and Ms McLean always has a good YA/NA story for me. But.....

----- MINOR SPOILERS -----

There was that sexual tension that didn't go *anywhere*.

I kinda hated her sister.

The angst with her ex felt so built up that it ended super abruptly.

That end. Gah. It made me realise, but only at the end, that the book was just a beginning of a story. It didn't feel whole.

Jennifer Kyle says

4 STARS

"Say something beautiful."

Will there be more to this story?

I very much enjoyed this book, the damaged characters, and of course Jay Mclean's writing.

"I was sixteen. Young and dumb."

The story is about a woman who has faced tough consequences for falling in love with a very dangerous man at a young age. Years later, and Andie our heroine and her sister, Milky are trying to rebuild from the wreckage of the past.

The twins move into a place together and get to know the two men living next door, Bradley and Noah. The story has dark undertones as there are many emotional traumas that the characters reveal and are working through. The two love connections are definitely something I would love to explore further. Also would love more on Andie's relationship with her grandparents, and the constellation that was revealed late in the story.

Regardless if the author writes more about these characters the story was well done and ends super hopeful.

"Your darkness matters, Andie."

Resch Reads says

So I finished this book yesterday afternoon, but I needed to take the night to reflect and gather my thoughts. The longer I thought, the more p*ssed off I became. You know why, because this feels like half a story, where I barely got any f*ckin' answers! Allow me to re-wind and explain.

First off, Jay mentions that this isn't a full on love story. I am all, okay I can get behind this because I love a

good, dark read anyways. Then you learn every little detail about Noah, why he is the way he is, what screwed him up, etc. You get the picture. The problem is, you literally learn nothing about Andie, I truly have no idea who she is.

In addition, there was a major plot twist dropped at 96% and then NO CLOSURE! I have probably 20 questions that I was left with and none of them were answered and it p*ssed me off. It was like Jay hit the word count goal and just ended the damn novel without actually finishing it. What happened to Matt? What exactly happened to Andie? Did Noah return to baseball? Did new renters come in? These are only a few of the questions that I was left with.

It truly felt like half a story. I learned a bunch about Noah with tiny glimpses of Andie's past which does absolutely nothing to satisfy the questions I have. This book could have been so much more. As someone who struggles with depression, Jay could have truly captured how people are affected and instead I felt like this was just a brief half-*ss attempt.

Dilinna says

Wait....is this all????

I love Jay...she wrote one of my favorite Ya romance series (More than this series). I love her writing style and everything because she is good at what she does thats why this feels like such a let down.

I felt like i was at the middle of the book when i was at the end...i wanted more...i still have so many questions...why Jay why??? The characters and plot needed to be fleshed out a whole lot more.

Well....not so happy but i will leave u with what i learnt from this book

“I learned that sometimes, there is no reason, and there are no answers. There just is. We exist in this world where we know nothing. Where we feel like we are nothing. But we are. We are, Andie. And everything we feel, the good, the bad, the dark... it matters. And it may not matter to you, but it matters to the people around you...”

Diana Merse says

Unless this book will have a sequel, it really needs an epilogue. I am personally not a fan of books that do not have a clear ending or still leave questions unanswered. I loved the concept, but the ending fell a little flat for me.

Dri ☆ says

Esse é o primeiro livro que leio dessa autora e a escrita dela me cativou desde a primeira página. Darkness Matters tem um suspense e um mistério muito grande em relação ao passado dos personagens principais, o

que me deixou vidrada querendo saber o que aconteceu. E ao decorrer você vai descobrindo e entendendo o comportamento de ambos.

Falar que gostei do Noah é pouco, eu adorei esse personagem e a Andromeda não ficou atrás... os dois passaram por tantas coisas...

Apesar de ter gostado muuuuito desse livro, de rir em algumas partes e sofrer em outras, e que na minha opinião ele seria sim, digno de uma avaliação com mais estrelas, infelizmente não posso dar.

Não gosto quando o livro acaba em aberto, sem ter um fechamento e deixando várias pontas soltas. Pra mim, onde terminou deixou a impressão que ali seria o começo de algo belo...

Foi um final abrupto e não vi em lugar nenhum sobre uma possível continuação.

Porque, na minha opinião, devido a todo o caminho que os personagens principais percorreram... mereciam mais, muito mais.

Noah conseguiu nos contar toda a sua história, mas a Andie não e isso que me deixou mais frustrada, ficou faltando e muuuuito!

DECEPCIONADA!!!!!!!!!!

Arrrrrrgh!!!!

Beverly says

This book is so different from Jay's More Than Series, but still an epic story that made me FEEL!

I loved this book, the characters and the absolutely beautiful writing! Must read!!!

Angie - Angie's Dreamy Reads says

I. AM. SPEECHLESS!

Really.

I don't even know what to say because that was not what I was expecting AT ALL. This book left me like :o !!!!!!!!!!! That was dark and twisty and crazy, y'all! And I have to say, I really dig that ending. And also, Jay McLean is an OUTSTANDING writer. I can't say enough good things about how powerful her word choices were. And actually, while I'm on my review ramble-fest, the more I'm typing and thinking and typing and thinking, the more I am falling in love with the ride I just went on.

WHAT.

A.

CRAZY.

FUCKING.

RIDE.

That was nuts, yo! I can't even think right now. Jesus. Did I tell you it was twisty? Because.... That was twisty. Just when I thought shit was going to be settle down... BOOM. BAM. THANK YOU, MA'AM! Another doozy was added to a plot line that kept me riveted and invested and owned.

I. HAVE. NO. WORDS.

I just need a minute. This review is a mess. But whoa. I needed to say, YOU SHOULD READ THIS. It's INTENSE!!

Oh, and also, there are some slight "sensitive" topics in this... so if you are sensitive reader who has trigger topic issues, just know going into Darkness Matters that there's some pretty heavy, sad things.

Donna ~ The Romance Cover says

Darkness Matters by Jay McLean
4 stars!!!

“I’m a girl with an infinite amount of regrets. A girl who used to believe in chance and in fate but doesn’t anymore.”

So, the sneaky Jay McLean totally side swiped me with this release, not only the fact it went live without warning, but also the content. Jay McLean is infamous for making me cry, delivering angsty romances all while interspersed with her trademark wit. Darkness Matters was different, still that angst, still emotional, but for Jay, this was darker than her norm. No wit, just emotion, more emotion a little intrigue and I loved it.

“I should have done a lot of things I didn’t. And a lot of things I shouldn’t have.”

This book does contain some sensitive topics but they were all dealt with honesty and realism, nothing over the top, nothing there for the shock factor, just a story about two people that have painful back stories that may have the potential to find love and solace with one and other. This was one twisty read, Jay McLean has you teetering on the precipice, desperately wanting to know the low down on Andromeda and once you think you know, you know absolutely nothing at all.

“I’m a girl who sees the world in black and white and different shades of grays, but barely ever in color.”

Andromeda was on route to Harvard despite the crap hand that she had been dealt, she was super intelligent, focused, hard-working and honest...until she met the wrong person. Love makes you blind, blind to reality, blind to the truth, blind to the big red warning lights that are constantly flashing and yet seem unimportant when seen through rose tinted glasses. Andromeda made her mistakes and now she was living with the consequences.

“I step into the shower, lose myself in the warmth of the water raining down on me, and I silently cry three and a half years’ worth of tears over two years’ worth of mistakes.”

Noah was a man who was a prisoner of his own making. One tragic event had turned him from a jock to hermit, a loner, nervous, shy and intimidated by those around him. Self-imposed exile for years has left lasting effects and now, at college, he was slowly learning to come out of his shell, like a tortoise waking up from hibernation...but that light is always a little too bright. Noah still had a way to go and yet he seemed to feel comfortable around the girl next door.

“A recluse. A shut-in. An introvert. All those words run through my mind, but I don’t think I’m any of them. The truth? I’m just extremely fucking shy.”

Andie and Noah were very well suited, both intelligent, both shy albeit for different reasons. Two people that wouldn’t say boo to a goose yet seem to have all the words in each other’s company. Even without words their companionable silence was all they needed to settle one and other.

“Noah Morgan is a gift-giving, soul-sharing, heart-stealing boy next door...And he only had eyes for me.”

For me personally, I felt this one needed a little more. It was a quick read, fairly short for a Jay McLean book and the trademark depth of her characters was missing. However, the message within the lines was all consuming, powerful, beautiful and important and that is what I have taken away from this book. I also felt that the ending was a little abrupt and I was desperately waiting for the next page, therefore, for me, this one needed an epilogue. When you are so invested in a couple sometimes you just need that little bit extra to make sure all is light in the world. We all have a little darkness, it does matter, but the light is what matters the most.

“...Your darkness matters...”

Sandy says

I could not put this book down! I never know how to write a proper book review. My words never do the author's work justice. I wasn't prepared for the dark, somber subject matter in this book but it was so well done in the approach. You get introduced to a different dimension of the story and characters one chapter at a time. Thankfully the chapters are short so you aren't left in the dark with questions of "what is going on?" for too long. I don't want to give anything away but this book was moving and broached very sensitive matter with love and care. This book really spoke to me as it was relatable to events that have occurred in my life and I think it could really change the life of someone who needs to read these words and know that they matter.

KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

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?DARKNESS MATTERS ? KITTY KATS CRAZY ABOUT BOOKS

DARKNESS MATTERS is a new standalone novel by Jay Mclean. In this we meet Noah & Andromeda's story and is spoken in triple perspectives.

Andromeda (Galaxy) also known as Messier 31

Andromeda (Mythology) also known as The Woman Changed.

Andie had her whole life mapped out, where she wanted to go, what she wanted to be, until a gorgeous older boy moved in next door to her Grandparents house and she got so wrapped up in the lies and deception he wrapped her in, in an instant her life came tumbling down around her in a abrupt moment of stunning clarity.

➤ *"I'm a girl with an infinite amount of regrets. A girl who used to believe in chance and in fate but doesn't anymore. I'm a girl who sees the world in black and white and different shades of grays, but never in colour."*

Noah blames himself for one night that he'd wished with all his heart he'd answered his phone, one night that threw him into a cloak of darkness with his best friend Bradley always by his side he struggles to find some normalcy in the destruction left behind from that one fateful night that changed his life forever.

➤ *"I wasn't afraid of the dark. I was afraid of what happened when the light switched on."*

Noah has just moved into an apartment just off campus, adjoining his apartment is Miles a porn star who is barely at home and the other tenants are twin sisters Andromeda aka Andie and Milky.

Noah knows what everyone thinks of him, he's seen as a recluse, a shut-in, an introvert but what they don't know is that Noah may be drop dead gorgeous but he's also very shy, it takes him a lot to strike up a

conversation, Andie seems to be the only one that sees beyond his walls, he's never tongue tied or shy around her, around her he becomes himself.

Twenty-one year old Andromeda has just recently moved in with her twin sister Milky and presently stocks shelves at the local supermarket as found by the programme she attends whilst doing accountancy night classes.

I was super excited to one click this book Jay McLean is one of those authors that know exactly how to zap you with the feels and she did exactly that with this book, reading Noah's story had me spiralling down an emotional rollercoaster and I will admit I even shed a tear or two.

❀ MY THOUGHTS: ❀ This is going to be one jumbled up mess, so I've just finished this, a crazy ride of epic confusion, like an unfinished puzzle piece where pieces are missing from the finished product. No where did this mention that it was BOOK#1 within a series, because it does feel like another book needs to come after this to tie up all those loose ends, or even an epilogue would've worked. So like many other readers before me, I'm also left in limbo hoping that there is another to come after this. This kind of left me deflated because of the unknown.

* Teaser used in my review is off the Authors FB Page *
