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In a hostile alternative society, the pale-skinned noughts are treated as inferiors by the ruling dark-skinned Crosses. Callum's a nought. Sephy's a Cross. In their world, they simply don't fit – it's as clear as black and white. But their childhood friendship has grown into intense, burning love. They have to find a way to be together. Then Sephy's kidnapped, and Callum's faced with a choice – his love for Sephy or his loyalty to his brother. Once that choice is made, there can be no looking back. An explosive and passionate short story, set during the timeline of Malorie Blackman's original dystopian bestseller, Noughts and Crosses.

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From Reader Review Callum for online ebook

Claire (Cem) says

Set during Noughts and Crosses this is a 'What If' from Callum's point of view. This shouldn't be read before reading Noughts and Crosses, only after it.

I did like it, it's an interesting possible outcome had things gone the way that has been explored here. But it doesn't have a real ending to it, and I wanted a whole lot more in order to be satisfied. It did feel like Callum and Sephy for the most part, but Callum not quite matching what I expected from him in that time. Hard to put a definitive 'I like this' or not on it because it is a complete 'what if' and not actually what happened for the two teens. Classic Malorie Blackman really, tugging at heart strings and making you wish really hard for stuff you know isn't going to happen!

April (Aprilius Maximus) says

Kind of unnecessary, but also kind of cool to see what would have happened if he chose this path.

Mariam says

As usual, Blackman's words grabbed me like magnet. The book is very short though, the second half of it is extracted from book #1!

But the story of Callum itself lacked a little of anticipation and was less "difficult-to-guess" like her other books.

Considering the shortness of the book, the lack of interesting the reader and having them on a hook, yet the good feeling it gives while reading; I'll skip rating it.

Lotte Van Herreweghe says

And here I was thinking I'd get my happy end....

Amrita Desmet says

This was an easy read since it was so short but the reason I only gave it a 3 stars was because it felt unfinished and I would have liked to know what happened. This short story is a written from Callum's perspective and it wasn't related to the real Noughts and Crosses story. It was a 'what if' kind of story.

Gerda Jongsma says

This alternative short story, which I read directly after reading part 1, somehow undid the strong ending of Noughts & Crosses. I wish I hadn't read it, especially not so soon after reading the first part.

Jada says

What if Callum and Sephy ran away together? What if they ran as far as they could and Sephy didn't have to choose between her child and her lover? What if...?

Jen says

Oh Callum.

An interesting perspective and alternative to the final events of Noughts and Crosses.

Reading Callum softened how I felt after reading Noughts and Crosses.

Melissa says

[The biggest heartbreak is that nothing will change no matter what - Sephy and Callum won't ever get to be together. I balled my eyes out. (hide spoiler)]

Clementine says

HOW WAS I NOT AWARE OF THIS?! Howwww??

Asmaa says

worse than Noughts and Crosses, THIS ONE FINISHED WITH A BLOODY CLIFFHANGER. AT LEAST NOUGHTS AND CROSSES THERE WAS NO CLIFFHANGER!

but I could never hate this story, it will always hold a special place in my heart. it really makes you think you know, what if?

also this alternative world would never happen, to be honest it was really unnecessary, the real ending was much more realistic which I loved about Noughts and Crosses. it was very realistic but truly heartbreaking.

Sazzle182 says

A short story, taking place from callum's perspective. I managed to get hold of it through the worldbook day app on my ipod. Can not wait to have it for my kindle next month.

It rewrites the story a little, from when callum and sephy are in the woods. I did enjoy it even if I wanted it to continue on and give me a more satisfying ending. Brought back a little nostagia from when i was a teenager and in love with the series.

Emily V says

Really interesting, made me wish Malorie would write another book for the series. I miss it.

Sarah says

Callum is a short story set during the time line of Malorie Blackman's Noughts & Crosses that can be read for free via the World Book Day app from iTunes or purchased via Amazon for the Kindle.

I wouldn't recommend reading this if you haven't already read Noughts & Crosses as it tells the end of the story again but this time from Callum's perspective instead of Sephy's and therefore includes spoilers for anyone who hasn't read the original book. If you enjoyed the series you'll love reading Callum's story though.

I'm not going to say much about the plot because anyone who has read Noughts & Crosses already knows what happens. I will say that knowing what the outcome would be just made reading this story even more bitter sweet. It was really nice to get inside Callum's head and see exactly what he was thinking during Sephy's kidnapping. Reading this has reminded me just how much I loved Noughts & Crosses and that I never finished reading the series so I'm going to have to pick up the second book Knife Edge very soon.

Amy says

Romantic Amazing, this book is the b-side to what could have happened when sephy was kidnapped however is freed by callum.
