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How do you know, at fifteen, what love and affection really mean? Ruth learned all too soon that love is commitment, and affection has a price. But who will ultimately make the commitment, and who will pay the price?

At fifteen, Ruth thought she had her life planned out. That is until she met Luke, a charming new cadet from the local military school. After entering into a seemingly harmless teenage romance, Luke's possessive attitude and subtle remarks begin to undermine Ruth's confidence, sending her into an emotional tailspin.

A beautiful young girl is suddenly lost in a grown-up world, trying desperately to hang on to a love she thought would last forever. Shattered dreams and hopeless tears become the bricks that build walls around Ruth; yet just below her broken heart, a beautiful vessel is being formed.

Join Ruth on her wedding day, five years later, as her childhood friend helps her journey back to face the demons of her past.

Snow Details

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April Thomas says

This is an amazing read! It served as a beautiful reminder that God has always had a plan for me in spite of my "detours"!

Lis Ann - The Indigo Quill says

See full review @ The Indigo Quill: <http://theindigoquill.blogspot.com/20...>

I received this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Every teenage girl needs to grab a copy of this book. "Do not awaken love until the time is right" is the underlying theme of this book, however, it also shows how there is still hope and redemption when our human druthers get in the way of this principal. You will be given a fresh perspective on the reality and consequences of our choices in life, along with the struggles and the strength that comes from them.

There is no sugar-coating for Kathryn, and you can sense her passion for her audience in the pages. She tackles the issues of abortion, teenage pregnancy, and premarital sex in a way that is real, but palatable. She opens you to the option of waiting or being born-again, and the beauty that can come from your ashes.

I am so glad to see a book like this. We need a present-day role model who writes about present-day realities that young girls face and are unsure where to turn in order to face them. This is definitely a book I'm keeping on my shelf for my future daughter(s)!

Melina says

Wow, I truly believe this book should be read by all teenage girls. Ruth's struggles will make them think twice about decisions they will have to make as teenagers. Kathryn Hewitt did a wonderful job with this book and I am very impressed. She really made you feel Ruth's pains. I'll admit sometimes I would have really liked to slap some sense into Ruth, but Kathryn hit the nail on the head with this story. When someone thinks they are in love they aren't going to listen to anyone. Ruth gets into a bad relationship and does things she doesn't believe in, that lead her to decide to do something else she doesn't believe in. But alas, GOD has other plans and as we all know, GOD has a perfect plan for everyone and everything and He doesn't make mistakes. This is a very emotional book. Great job Kathryn, I am so glad I got the opportunity to read and review this remarkable story.

I was given a complimentary copy of this book for my honest review.

Anita Dawes says

Snow is the raw and honest account of one teenage girl's journey into womanhood and all of the attendant perils.

This story is beautifully told and richly informative. Just gritty enough to get the message across that being a teenager can be the hardest thing in the world to be. That you face more important decisions and pitfalls than at any other time of your life and just one stupid mistake, one wrong move can completely ruin your life before it has even begun. Ideally it should be required reading for all teenagers.

What happens to Ruth was sometimes harrowing to read, as I remembered only too well making the same mistakes and suffering the same consequences when I was young. Which was one of the reasons I wanted to read this story.

In this day and age, it is remarkable to think that such a message would be sorely needed, but unfortunately it is, for far too many young people face life choices completely uninformed of all the options that are available to them; not to mention the dire consequences if you ignore or do not know of them.

Charity says

Snow really captures the humanity of its characters, especially that of main character Ruth. When Ruth gets caught up in the moral struggle of her life, it is easy to identify with her emotional roller coaster. The author demonstrates how easy it is for moral guidelines to be rationalized away in the face of adversity and manages to get the reader actively rooting for Ruth to make the right decision.

While some parts of the story are a little overblown and overly dramatic, I found this to be a good read and an excellent reminder of how closely we must guard our hearts and those of our children.

Dea says

My daughter 16 read this in two days, couldn't put it down. Every teen needs to read this book along with their mothers. Thank you Katie for your honesty.

Mary Helenrose says

Kathryn Hewitt's *Snow* was a good read that I found myself surprisingly captivated by. When I first began reading this text, I was a little put off by the idea that I was reading a religious fiction text, however, Hewitt has an amazing way of taking the teenage struggles of Ruth in her relationship with Luke and adding a religious feel that is truly inspiring.

This isn't a typical relationship where a young couple feels themselves succumbing to sexual desires, rather this is an honest portrayal of how young girls get caught up in relationships and how love can turn violent. I truly appreciated the character development and the realistic reactions and feelings that went into this novel.

The back story of Ruth on her wedding day preparing to walk down the aisle to Bo was the part that truly got to the religious fiction portrayal. This was a little farfetched for me, but that is most likely because I am not a religious person.

This is a fantastic read and I truly recommend it for anyone who loves young literature. It isn't just another relationship story with a few obstacles. This is a serious text which chronicles an emotionally and physically abusive relationship in the teenage years and how to overcome it.

Michelle says

Knowing this story is based on a true story made it a hard read. Though heart wrenching, it is a fantastic and almost chilling, reminder watch your teenagers. This story shows signs to watch out for of a controlling man. It might make you think twice about letting your children date unchaperoned. Highly recommended read for every mother and teenager.

Maureen Timerman says

Kathryn Hewitt has presented a look into the mind of a young girl and facing pressure of joining womanhood. This young woman has committed her life to Christ and vowed to remain a virgin until married. When evil lurks in the body of a young man named Luke who has made it his mission to seduce 15 year old Ruth. We see such plotting...what a journey we are on!

Will Ruth be able to resist the pressure of this pro, as we soon discover?

Will his friends and her family be able to see through him? The choices that this young girl has to make, beyond her years.

Will God answer her prayers? Will she go through years later with her wedding...you have to read this book to get these answers.

I received this book from the Author and First Wild Card Tours, and was not required to give a positive review.

Andi says

I am at a loss on how to review this book. I said when I started reviewing I would be honest. Here goes. This was the most disjointed, all over the place book I have ever read in my life and I've read a lot of books. Ruth is 15 and she has no business dating let alone having 3 guys to worry about. The book moves from her wedding day when she's 19 and she flashes back to feelings of Luke, then it's James, and Mark. It's crazy ridiculous!

I don't recommend this one!

Serena says

Snow is a very tough coming-of-age novel in which 15-year-old Ruth struggle to learn the meaning of love and, tragically, removes God to the backseat. It could be called a romance, I suppose, but once you read this book you will understand how terribly misguided that label is. Rather, it's a Christian YA novel--fiction, and yet the story of so many very real teens. This novel quickly overtook control of my emotions thrust me on a

winding journey.

I liked the premise of Snow, and for the most part I enjoyed reading it. However, I think Snow falls short of its full potential. Sometimes I felt like I was reading the same thing over and over again as Ruth maintained the same emotions, repeated the same questions and argued the same points. She seemed like a very close-minded and somewhat flat character, even given her situation.

What bothered me most, though, was that Ruth's boyfriend is portrayed as a villain. His motives were selfish, heartless and seemingly inhuman, and he never felt the slightest amount of remorse for any of his offenses. Yes, he did some terrible things, but the book felt like an attack on him, without stopping once to think that he is human, too, that he has a soul.

Overall, I think Snow was a decent read with a very important message. Because of the difficult topics involved, I recommend this book for ages 15 and up.

(Thanks to Kathryn Hewitt for sending me a free book in exchange for an honest review!)

*This review originally posted to poetree.

books are love says

I am not going to sugarcoat this and say that this book doesn't have some graphic imagery occur on some very serious and controversial topics. Nor will I say that it is a book that will have you feel warm and fuzzy for it won't. What it will do is have you face some controversial topics through the eyes of a woman who is seeing her past and reliving it as she tries to come to terms with it on her wedding day.

Ruth is a devoutly religious woman or at least was I am not sure if this is still the case as she awaits her walk down the aisle. As she stands there trying to move she is overwhelmed with feelings of inadequacy and a desire to sabotage her future. Why? Her past still controls her. Luke is her past that she can't let go. Why? he is a critical juncture in her world that changes everything for her. How she views things, people in particularly and topics that she always held firm in her mind are confused in this time of reference she spends with Luke. Luke is a very confused and not nice guy. He loves but doesn't. He believes in control and his mother has influenced him in ways that are cruel and just downright evil. through all the warning bells Ruth had stayed with him when she was younger and almost lost everything because of it. She did lose her confidence, self esteem, self worth and ability to trust herself. In fact she never really gains this back even with the love of Bo waiting at the alter five years later. Knowing this is based on someone's reality makes this story even more admirable and one to read and try to grasp and understand the feelings and thoughts behind the decisions that this young woman makes and all the consequences that follow.

The hard hitting facts and emotions of this book will have you reeling and looking in your mind over the feelings you have on some pretty hard hitting topics such as abortion and rape. This young woman is dealing with both those topics at the age of fifteen as well as her feelings about her religion. These topics are looked at in some graphic ways that some may find to be just to much but this author is showing how this young woman faced it and the decisions she was facing. The author didn't back down from the reality of what some go through and what they face when looking at the decision of abortion. The video and graphic description was what this young woman needed to hear and see about the topic and I applaud the author for taking the stand she did. It is hard to come at this serious topic the way that Ms. Hewitt did and that should be given

respect and admiration.

Warning of this you will feel for this girl. What is fascinating is all this trying to gain acceptance and let the past go while confronting it takes place in the short sliver of time before she is to walk down the aisle. She is trying to gain peace of mind and allow herself the presence of a future and that her future is with Bo and to her the only way is to let go and forgive herself for the past. To do that she must live through it again. Again that is a bold concept and I admire this of the author. She is facing tough issues and coming at them from different angles and shows how each angle is looked at from the religious view, the non religious view and the I would say more atheist or pro choice view and that comes from someone who is downright evil. I think that if Luke wasn't brought up in that environment this book would have been different but I also think that this book is not meant to show us what Luke could be or what shaped him into who he was, it was to show us a young woman's struggle to gain control of her life and self worth again. To make the decisions that are tough and ones that she can live with.

This is not a beach read or a quick read. This is like when you read John Grisham's A time to kill. You will feel emotions that will make you need to take deep breaths and even get a breather because they will overwhelm you. This isn't a bad thing in fact like a time to kill it makes you face yourself and your views. Something that is respectable and admired in a book. This book isn't something to go into lightly. Do not expect a fluffy ending or a resolution to her past because really there isn't one. There is a woman trying to come to terms and begin to like herself and feel that the one she is about to marry is who she is meant to be with

Tammy says

I absolutely loved Snow!!!! Finally an honest look at the life of a teen! I so very much enjoyed this book and would recommend it to anyone with a teenage daughter/son
