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While giving a speech for his Nobel Prize nomination, Dr. Saadiq Haider, a renowned gene therapist and professor at Stanford University, receives a phone call that changes his life. Abandoning his duties and responsibilities, Saadiq hurriedly boards a flight bound for India, embarking on a journey that spans thousands of miles and pulls him back into a past Saadiq thought long-buried. Seated next to him on the flight, Anne Miller—an intrepid journalist with a nose for headline news—senses the reclusive genius has a story to tell.

During the flight, Anne manages to break through Saadiq's hard exterior and listens, rapt, as he unfurls a tale fraught with love and heartbreak.

His story transports Anne back in time to a small, sleepy town nestled in the mountains of northern India, where Saadiq spent his childhood. Through Saadiq's narrative, Anne meets Maryam and witnesses the friendship between Maryam and Saadiq mature into an intense love; a love that is tested when tragedy strikes and the lovers are separated. Try as they might, their devotion is no match against the workings of fate, and the tighter Saadiq and Maryam cling to one another, the faster they slip apart.

Now, after two decades of trying to forget his past with alcohol and drug abuse, Saadiq tells Anne that fate has acted again; Maryam is the hospital, her condition critical.

When their plane lands in India, the newfound friends part ways and while Saadiq rushes to Maryam's side, Anne returns to her life, grateful to have met the enigmatic man.

Months later, Anne learns that after wrenching Maryam from the indomitable grip of death, Saadiq took her back to America, where they finally married. But, her assumption that the greatest love story she had ever known would end happily is shattered when Anne receives devastating news.

Little Maryam Details

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Queen Morgan says

Little Maryam: this book is a great addition to my book collection. What I appreciate most about this book is the readable, conversational style, and his humility. It is pretty eye opening, so grateful to have read it..I finished it in one sitting. I would highly recommend this book.

Moses Boby says

I thoroughly enjoyed the originality of this story. Little Maryam: True Life Thriller, Mystery Novel, this book was very lovable and interestingly written from beginning to end! I just wish it was a bit longer. The book was well written, The writer does an excellent job of pulling me in from the very beginning. I finished it in just one seating. This novel with several love plot lines, likable characters that you can relate to, and a few unexpected twists. I hope this author continues to write and further develops.

Amit Kumar says

Merits - a straightforward and simple love story which keeps the readers engaged with a plot that is compelling and attractive. The characters in the novel are very close to real life ones. Maryam, Saadiq, Haji, Colonel, Aashish, Ritesh, Salman and all other minor characters are amazingly drawn. The theme is based on common life's uncommon feelings theory of Thomas Hardy and that will be enough for a reader to engage.

Demerits: Too much weight is added to the character of Saadiq. Yes, he is a person who does the impossible stuff. He is a child who is brilliant and ambitious even though he is the son of a mere gardener. But still, that does not add up when you see him messing his life with escorts and alcohol and still dreaming about the true love of Maryam... Maryam was hit by fate and circumstances which were out of her hands but Saadiq built his fate and then let himself loose...

Though that's purely my personal observation. You can enjoy reading this book and decide for yourself what you make of it. The novel is beautifully written, anyway!

Nikki Landis says

What a great romance and so much more than I was expecting. The love story between Saadiq and Mariam will touch your heart with the passion, tragedy, loss, betrayal, and intensity that colors their lives from start to finish. Proof that true love is eternal and some things in life are worth fighting for.

Well-written, full of wonderful descriptions of the Indian culture and society, and heart-wrenching moments

that will keep you riveted until the last page. My heart broke on more than one occasion and Mr. Baig's writing is so clear and descriptive that you're hooked and full of hope for a man who loses so much and yet never stops believing and remains faithful even when others might have given up. A true masterpiece of fiction and one I enjoyed very much.

Highly recommended!

Characters: 5/5

Plot: 5/5

Word Building: 5/5

Story Flow: 5/5

Picky Bitches OVERALL SCORE: 5/5

Craig Lillu says

This book was amazing. I seriously devoured it. The little bout of intrigue just adds to this brilliant storyline. This is my first book by this author and definitely positively won't be the last!! I love saadiq's kindness and this open flow of feelings that his words usually follow. It's a book that makes you feel good about true love in life, indeed.

Alok Mishra says

I will be honest in admitting that the novel by Hamid is something you will find certainly better than the others you might have been reading in the romance genre recently. The lust for flesh is not be found here. Moreover, the story has the depth and it justifies the title. The protagonists (who is the central one - Maryam or Saadiq?) are near to real-life characters we meet and interact every day and that's why you will feel at home reading this easy-written fiction which tells you about the life, love, life and love of Saadiq and Maryam - a little of suspense and a little of crime and a little of rogue heroism and a little of emotional ending make the novel wonderful for a common reader. A good read for everyone and yes, this is a family novel, unlike most others! :)

The story becomes predictable to an extent if the reader is mature. (towards the end only so it does not matter more to you. Cheers!)

Susan Bissell says

Here is a wonderful love story that takes place in India that will take you to the humble beginnings of Dr. Saadiq Haider, a renowned gene therapist, and professor at Standford University in California and Noble Prize winner. His story starts while he is living with his father on a large farm where his father works as a master gardener for a Colonel who wanted to plant an extensive flower garden for his deceased wife. At Saadiq's father and the Colonel suggestion that he became friends with Maryam, the Colonel daughter since she had no friends with on this big farm to keep her company. What started as an obligation turns into the love of Saadiq's life as he and Maryam they become inseparable as they grow up together. But there is one big problem, Maryam is out of his class, for he is a gardener's son and she the Colonel's daughter in a higher

class where the two are if never, will come together in the caste system of India. But life has a way keeping these two star-cross lovers apart as Saadiq life takes many horrible twists and turns that will cause them to separate for two decades. Then one-day Saadik receives a phone call that will change his life forever and will take him back to India to Maryam, that will give these two a chance to be together again. But again tragedy strikes again for these two star-cross lovers as Maryam past life rears its ugly head that will shatter their great love apart forever. What a sad ending for all involved as this love story concludes.

Shalini says

I felt magic in the air, when the words of this book wrote a song of emotions and played the sweet melody of love, which traversed the pages and touched my heart in waves.

There is wonderment, there is awe, there are smiles, there are tears. Every drop of feeling brought an ocean of beauty in the world which encompassed the two lovers, the soul mates, Saadiq and Maryam. A poignant and heart rendering love story spanning nearly four decades of life.

The book Little Maryam by the author Hamid Baig has it all: romance, love, happiness, laughter, tears of joy and sorrow, the secret dates, injustice, betrayal, the years of separation, all enveloped in the depth of emotions.

Hamid dips his pen into his heart and writes with sentiments which abound in every nook and cranny of the book, they complete the sentences where the words stop. They whisper the notes softly and gently, each note speaking the secret language which resonates deep in the soul. His notes with their soulful melody find their mate in the emotions arising in the heart....

Hamid Baig, in his debut novel, has exceeded my expectations. I felt a keen eagerness when I read his work, his love story between Saadiq and Maryam. Hamid has the foresight to know how to keep the reader gripped into the story. Every sentence coasts through the waves of emotions. The author shows such skills in writing that it surpasses even the most seasoned of authors. A well rounded book dealing with human emotions on the backdrop of love.

Every love story needs a strong male protagonist, who is lovable yet flawed, a beautiful female character who is beautiful yet innocent, and Saadiq and Maryam are quite an ideal couple.

Saadiq goes through all the trials of life and like a phoenix, rises from the ashes of a foregone love, betrayed by the judicial system, lost at the hands of the loved ones to touch the skies. The skies which no man had quite touched, good enough to receive the Nobel Prize... Yet the loneliness and the memories of a lost love makes a solitary life. Then he gets reunited with his childhood love, his soul mate Maryam and life takes a twist.

Maryam goes through life loving Saadiq, yet doing what her father wants, leaving Saadiq, going into an arranged marriage and having a family. Till a twisted, sudden accident joins the lovers, brings them to the point where their life moves forward yet seems to be moving backwards towards their childhood love. Will the lovers find their destiny together???

I adored the way the author has etched, both his main characters, with love. It felt like one heart divided, beating in two humans, yet searching for each other to become whole. Without being mushy, Hamid has

brought love to the forefront with the power of a storm, a force to be reckoned with, it is sometimes tempestuous and sometimes soothing, but in both its phases, it is all-binding.

The suspense in the last few chapters brought out the goosebumps and raised my heartbeats to a fevered pitch to know what happened to Saadiq and Maryam. How does this love story end??

Hamid has this great talent to make his characters and scenes come alive via his words. He, not only took me on a journey with his main characters, but he also made me feel their emotions, a mark of a good author. He made me feel joy, love, pain, happiness, and he made me cry at the sheer power of love...

The moment when happiness soars into the skies is enthralling, exhilarating, knowing that my heart belongs to these words... Each and every one of them...

A debut author, writing with such precision, such sensitivity, is a rare thing. I am glad that I am fortunate enough to read this beautiful saga of a love story, where the characters show what true love is all about. Hamid's words transcend all cultures, all nationalities, all religions because he speaks the unique and truthful language of love...

Yes, it is a love story and it is an everlasting love story that spans decades without a nary doubt, holding strong, sometimes separating, but always coming back with an unbound strength that has its roots deep into the hearts.

Two bodies, one heart, one soul. The heart which was his soon belonged to her, the heart which loved her with a limitless depth, protected her in its safe cocoon. The heart which was beating for him, soon started beating for her.

Who wouldn't want to experience such a love in reality and in books!! There may have been few niggles, but the tears in my eyes obscured them...

Mary Smith says

This is real life story.... You should find yourself not disappointed with this love story. This book is readable, I would enjoy more of this series lots of characters and actions about saadiq and maryam feeling. 5 star rating!

Stephanie H. says

I have a love/hate relationship with romance novels. Either I really love them or I really hate them. Fortunately, I really love Little Maryam by Hamid Baig. I think my love of this book stems from the fact that it is more than just a romance; it's a man's life, his entire life as seen through his relationship with his soulmate, as well as one journalist's fascination with finding some hope and fulfillment in seeing this man's story through to the very end. It's as much about exploring a man's humanity as it is about romance, showing that even those constantly under the public eye—actors, comedians, Nobel Prize winners—are human, too.

Told from the point of view of a journalist bugging him for his story, Little Maryam investigates the life of

(fictional) Nobel Prize winner Dr. Saadiq Haider. From his humble beginnings as a gardener's son and his love for the Colonel's daughter to his scientific endeavors and five-year stint in prison, journalist Anne Miller—and, by extension, the reader—learns almost everything about the mysterious, unhappy Saadiq. Emphasis on "almost." For the rest of the story, you'll have to go to Maryam herself, which is exactly what Anne does—but not without helping facilitate and record the reunion of the star-crossed lovers. Through Saadiq and Maryam, the readers receive the answers to the most tantalizing bits of Saadiq's life: How did Saadiq end up in prison? Why isn't he currently with Maryam if he loves her so much? And why is he returning to India now and in such a hurry?

Hamid crafts a complex, beautiful narrative that will keep you on the edge of your seat until the very end. You'll feel the full gamut of emotions for almost every character—even Anne, the narrator of the frame narrative—and just when you think you have someone figured out, you'll find out that your judgment wasn't quite on-point.

I only had one small problem with this book, namely that I noticed some proofreading errors common to indie and small-print books, such as missing words and missing or misplaced punctuation. However, these errors weren't so big as to detract from my enjoyment, so I don't have any problems giving this book 5 out of 5 stars.

All in all, Little Maryam is a wonderful romance novel. Still, it's for more than just romance fans. Anyone who loves well-written, character-driven novels will appreciate it as well. There is plenty of compelling plot points, but I feel that the emphasis is more on character development than plot, so those who measure the quality of the book from its plot might not be as excited about it. Regardless, you'll be doing yourself a disservice if you don't read this book just because your focus is more on plot or you don't like romances. Variety is the spice of life, after all!

Dawn Dawn says

After the first few pages of Little Maryam, I was immediately drawn to the writing style of Mr. Hamid. At first I thought it was a cheesy romantic novel, but little did I know that I was in for a surprise. This book is honestly one of my best reads in the past 2 years and I don't say that very lightly as I have read them by the hundred. The story is so heartwarming and the characters are all so very charming. The language is also very lyrical and intelligently-crafted. The vivid imagery and rich descriptions made me really want to visit India and see the places where Saadiq and Maryam grew up. A few chapters in and I completely fell in love with this novel. I'm surprised that Mr. Hamid has not yet gained a well-deserved recognition. His magical story-weaving reminded me of The Kite Runner and The Boy in Striped Pajamas with a mixture of The Notebook. He has managed to elaborate simple fictional elements and breathe life into them. I highly recommend this book to anyone. It is the kind that one must read at least once in his lifetime.

Gabrielle Ann says

This is a great collection of Hamid Baig and works well as a 'True Life Story' reminder and inspiration. Keep it by the couch and enjoy a reading with your cup of coffee as you start the day.

Vishnu Chevli says

If you would like to read emotional books, try "Little Mariyam" by Hamid Baig. It is so touching that I literally cried at the end. This book shows the power of unconditional love in a magnificent way.

"Little Maryam" is the story about Saadiq, a smart-intelligent boy, and Mariyam. Saadiq's father was a gardener in Mariyam's father garden. Her father was a colonel. Saadiq's father introduced Saadiq to little Maryam. Soon they became friends. Their friendship converted into love soon. But a tragedy struck and they were forced to part ways. After many years they met again, but circumstances were different. Maryam had met an accident, and her memory of being married to another man and having an ill daughter is wiped out. Saadiq and Maryam tried to bring her memory back but couldn't so they moved on and got married. One day Saadiq found out about Salman, Maryam's husband, and her daughter Sania. Sania had a heart disease and a rare blood type which happens to be same as Saadiq's blood type. The situation became emotional where Saadiq had to decide the future of Sania.

The book is written very nicely. The part where Saadiq took the decision to save Maryam's daughter is written so beautifully that I can't hold back my tears while reading. The story I found a little bit clichéd but it's written so beautifully that I am able to forget that.

If you believe in love then you should read this book. This book is a perfect example of an unconditional love. And lastly Kudos to the author for writing.

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Vidhya Thakkar says

A little Maryam is a beautiful story of Saadiq and Maryam. firstly I loved the cover of this book. It's beautiful and attractive. the way this story started was astounding. There's a kind of depth in the story. what happens when you meet your first love after years? The title of the story makes you this what the story could be. The story truly justifies the title. The pace of the story is little slow. The tempo of the story is good. It has lots of suspense, mystery, and curiosity in it. The characters made by the author are amazing. each one had their own importance in the story. The one thing that I liked about this book is the story is connecting and easy going. One feels like we're connected to the story and it has happened with us too. The plot of the story is simple, with lots of suspense and interesting. The narration of the story is crisp and smooth. The climax is quite predictable. The story is all about love, family, friendship and relationship. The language used by the author is simple and interesting. Each phase is described clearly and beautifully.

Overall, It's a good fiction read like a complete Bollywood movie. If you love reading romance or Indian Authors, Go for It!

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Vinod says

It reaches deep inside

Simple yet heart touching. Well written emotional story. Fantastic I enjoyed every bit of it. Really gripping and enchanting story.
