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In 14th century Europe, black spots and scarlet rings have covered the country. Seventeen-year-old, Jemmaline Girard, is suddenly thrust into a time of death and loss, while she desperately clings to the small hope of the future. Struggling to survive, Jemma journeys across the country to find a safe haven, in a world that is falling fast. On the way, she discovers the truth behind freedom, the strength in memories, and the possibility of love.

But, can love thrive, while everything else is dying?

Katlyn Charlesworth's bestselling novel of love and loss manages to capture the essence of one of Europe's most devastating tragedies with eloquence and heart.

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Joan Bergeron Troche says

What a wonderful first novel by Katlyn Charlesworth! I found myself staying up late to finish this book. You experience the life of Jemma, a teenage girl during the time of the horrific Black Plague, with her joys and tragedies. The emotions conveyed were clear and easy to picture and understand. The pace was fast as well as descriptive. I had wondered if there would be a happy ending to Jemma's tale or not. It was good to read that the author herself had debated whether the ending would be a happy one or not. Great job Katlyn! I look forward to reading your future novels!

I received this book for free in exchange for my honest review of it.

Bethany says

4 hearts

Over the summer I was very active as a "street team" member for Katlyn Charlesworth. In return for my participation, I wound up winning a signed copy of We All Fall Down! I will tell you. The second I received this book, I started to read it!

**"Ring around the Rosie
Pocket full of Posie
Ashes, Ashes,
We all fall down!"**

Do you know the meaning of this well known children's song? If you don't and would like to know what it means, and be drawn into a romance from the ages, this is the novel for you[Even if you do know]!

In 14th century Europe, the Bubonic Plague(Black Plague) hit hard. In Katlyn Charlesworth's debut Novel, she takes you on a journey through the hardship of love, life, and death. This is an excellent Romance/History novel. Katlyn blends historical references, the french language, romance, and tragedy together. For being so young when she wrote this novel, I consider her very talented and can't wait for her future novels. This novel will take you on an emotional journey through grief, love, and happiness.

The main character Jemma takes you into her personal thoughts, fears, and dreams. After her older sister tells her she's leaving, Jemma ends up struggling with her mother, taking over care of her younger siblings. All she wants is her freedom. After her sister is gone, she is told by her mother that she is going to have an arranged marriage. Jemma is FURIOUS! (Who wouldn't be). Enter Henry. Oh, Henry. I fell in love with you, just as Jemma did.

The only reason why I gave this 4 hearts, instead of 5 is because of the length. I would like to have seen the story extended. However, it was well thought out, transitioned amazingly, and was an absolutely beautiful read. I thoroughly enjoyed it. Like I said, my only quarrel with it was that I thought it was short.

Lindsay says

Wow! This was a great novel! There were several aspects that I loved about it:

- 1.) First, the raw emotions that the characters displayed were absolutely genuine feeling.
- 2.) The characters were placed in a time that required much perseverance, and their reactions to various situations seemed perfectly coordinated with their personalities.
- 3.) The overall plot was...well, for lack of a better word it was breathtaking!

I really can't go any deeper into the story than that or I might give away something important. So to summarize, this is an amazing read, and if you haven't read it yet, you need to!

Great job, Katlyn! Keep writing! :)

Steysha Kravits says

Amazing book! Filled with atmosphere of 14th century, true love and heartbreakng grief.

Jess says

If you're looking for a fast-paced read with both heartbreak and hope, this might be the novel for you. Being a short book, it moved very quickly and didn't linger on unnecessary details. It dove right into the situation and the characters, and time moved quickly so there was never a chance to get bored. Since the novel took place in our world (just in its past), there wasn't a great need for world building, which allowed Katlyn to focus on the situation at hand: the black plague and its effect on Jemma's family.

I enjoyed that we got to see many different people that were part of Jemma's life, and got to learn about why they mattered to her, but also that these scenes weren't dragged on, again keeping with the fast pace of the novel. It kept the characters interesting and emphasised what was most important. Despite an overuse of commas and the occasional statement that felt a little false from the character making it, I thought this was a well executed novel. And I was so happy to find that the love between Jemma and Henry actually had time to grow! Even with their instant attraction, it wasn't insta-love. It would have been easy to make it so, but Katlyn spaced events out well and provided great reason for their encounters. It was nice seeing bits and pieces of the growing feelings while time passed. They were also a very cute couple whom I just loved reading about.

This is a novel that takes the worst event of the time period and uses it to show that even when things look terrible, not all is lost. There was a lot of hope in the novel, which kept it from being a depressing re-imagination of a terrible event, instead focusing on the resilience of humanity, which is something I think we can all be moved by.

4 stars.

Nancy says

Excellent work for a first book. Ms Charlesworth has great potential.

Patricia says

I have to say that if you're in the mood for a sweet romance mixed with the horror of what happened during the Black Death this book is a DEF MUST read!!!! It is a very quick and easy read... I love historical books and this book brought you back to the terror of that time.

My one disappointment was that it was not longer!!!

Katlyn says

Being the author of this novel, I won't lie and say that those five stars aren't somewhat biased... Somewhat.

Akimball says

The book really gripped my eye and I could not stop reading. It really showed me what a hard time the people in Europe had during the Dark Plague. The only fault I would say is there should have some kind of twist in the end. I feel like it was too much of a happily ever after.
