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A witty, charming romantic comedy from the author of Clouds Among the Stars.

Moonshine Details

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Leonie Koerhuis-Gritter says

Leuk boek. Weinig hoogstaands, beetje 'to-good-to-be-true' verhaal wat op sommige punten zo gedetailleerd is dat het zelfs een beetje saai wordt.

Leest wel makkelijk weg.

Lee says

An over long bit of fluff.

Elinor says

This is a long novel but it wasn't long enough for me. I just loved the English heroine and her foray into rural Ireland, where she finds an old house filled with fascinating characters. If you liked Cold Comfort Farm, you will see some parallels, as Bobbie sets about transforming the lives of the oddballs who live in this tumbledown mansion. There's a great love story, too.

Michele says

I'm just reading this book now on ILL. So far it is good, although it seems to be taking a long time to set the scene & for the main action to begin. It's nearly 700 pages long, so plenty of time left for plot development. I've enjoyed other titles by this author so have high hopes.

This book was good but a lot longer than similar ones in this genre normally are. The characters are appealing & the setting interesting which makes it a fun read.

It was an entertaining book & fun read.

Marliese says

Victoria Clayton is an under-appreciated writer. Although her books fall squarely into the "romance" category, don't go looking for hot and heavy sex scenes or heavy breathing. This is a character driven story...an unfolding so to speak. The setting is a dilapidated castle in Ireland....need I say more? Gorgeous scenery, terrific (if somewhat eccentric characters and a wonderful heroine. This is the kind of book you snuggle up to on a rainy day with a cup of tea or a glass of wine.

Take my word for it, it's a lovely read. Under-rated but well worth your time.

Evelyn Romp says

zalig, echt van genoten, heerlijk hele mensen, een schrijfster die duidelijk gek op Ierland is en vedel gevoel voor humor heeft

Anneke van dijken says

Lees mijn recensie over dit boek op mijn blog, <https://surfingann.blogspot.nl/2016/1....>

Rhode says

Blah. I usually like this author not wildly but well enough to settle in for a Sunday afternoon's read. Didn't get more than 100 pages in. I know the other reviewers say it gets better later, but I found the start so off putting -- why does she stay at home with those disgusting parents? Why does the man in the boat spend acres of time ceaselessly listening to her talk on and on and on? -- and the heroines passive attitude toward life, that I just have up. I don't need these depressing people in my head thank you.

Sue says

This is long novel (almost 700 pages) which takes awhile to get going. The first 150 pages or so explain why the protagonist, Bobbie, is escaping from England to be housekeeper in a remote castle in Ireland. There was a lot of flashback and discussion about the past, and it was hard to see where the story was going.

However, once Bobbie arrives at her destination and gets to know the people she will be working for, it picks up pace. It's a character-based book primarily, but it touches on some important issues and is set firmly in the context of Ireland in the late 1970s. The author evidently understands several different perspectives, and I felt the background to the Irish 'troubles' came to life, along with the staunch Catholic beliefs - often mixed up with superstition - that were common to so many.

All in all, I enjoyed this very much. Four and a half stars would be fairer.

Margaret says

Excellent book, a joy to read. The book does take a little while to get into but well worth it. The characters are quite eccentric and so entertaining. Feel rather upset that I've finished it really. First time I have read a book by this author but I will certainly be reading more.

Helena says

3 sterren, want als je er één gelezen hebt, heb je ze allemaal gelezen. Alleen de eerste die ik las was een verrassing (en kreeg vier sterren), de rest is gewoon heerlijk leesvoer voor op een zonnige dag in de tuin, of op vakantie, of bij de open haard. Fijne boeken, grappig en met prettige sfeer, kleurrijke personages en altijd een vervallen landhuis waarrond het verhaal zich afspeelt, maar erg voorspelbaar qua afloop.

Jennifer says

This was an epic read! At 905 pages, it's one of the longest books I've read in awhile. But it was well worth it. I found the first 100 pages or so to be a bit slow going but once Bobbie reaches Ireland, the story took off for me. I love character driven British novels and this one did not let me down.

I'm really upset to discover how difficult it is to track down Victoria Clayton's other novels. I've only managed to find one so far and I want to read them all!

Hilary Tesh says

At 696 pages, this book is too long for its own good! The first 165 pages are spent explaining to Bobbie's travel companion how she came to have an affair with a married politician and why she is running away to Ireland. Then we move into implausible miracle working amongst the inhabitants of a ruinous castle - the author valiantly attempts to include every single Irish stereotype she can think of for 480 pages. From poteen to the IRA, from faithful family retainers to a strict catholic priest - it's all crammed into what is really an over extended chick lit romance story. It's okay - it's just that I felt I'd read it all before, in other similar, but shorter, books. (Maeve Binchy, Katie Fforde etc) (More 2.5 than 3 stars as it was okay but I was really longing for it to end by the time I'd got 3/4 of the way through.....)

Caroline says

Love this author so much. All her books are permanently on my shelf for re-reading! Any fan of Rosamunde Pilcher, Marcia Willett, Maeve Binchy, Jane Duncan, DE Stevenson, and Belva Plain should give Miss Clayton a try.

Rachel says

Far too much back story before the real action. Loved all the cooking and food going on. good read for romantic greedy guts!
