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How long does it take to fall out of love? Contemporary Romance.

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## All for Love Details

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## From Reader Review All for Love for online ebook

### Deanna Sletten says

Unique – Intriguing – Captivating!

When the local plastics plant where Liz's husband Quinn works explodes, Liz's life begins to collapse around her. She begins to look back on her life and her tumultuous relationship with her husband and tries to come to terms with her past and present.

ALL FOR LOVE by Ann Swann is not your average romance novel – it is a realistic journey through one woman's relationship with the man of her dreams that isn't always perfect. Through past and present scenes, we see how Liz's and Quinn's story unfolds, their triumphs and their failures, and the secrets that can tear a family apart. Personally, I wouldn't categorize this novel as simply a romance – I would call it Literary Fiction and Family Drama at its best.

Ann Swann is an extremely talented writer who grabs you from the first sentence and doesn't let you go until the end. ALL FOR LOVE draws you in immediately and you certainly do not want to put it down. Her writing style is smooth and flawless and her characters are realistic and captivating. You don't just read a novel by Ann Swann – you literally experience it. I would recommend this novel to anyone who enjoys a story with depth and heart.

Ann - thank you for another great novel!

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### Bookish Indulgences with b00k r3vi3ws says

This is my second time reading an Ann Swann Novel. First was 'The Phantom Pilot' - written for the young minds. I had thoroughly enjoyed reading it and so I had certain expectations from this book too.

'All for Love' is a story of a woman called Liz Rose. At a glance she has everything that one could ask for. A respectable career as a teacher, friends, a married and settled daughter and a handsome husband – she has it all. Its only when her husband dies, that her carefully put up façade starts to crack to reveal her flaws and mistakes not only to the people around her, but also to herself. What will Liz do when she can no longer ignore her problems and can no longer live in the illusion of a perfect world that she had created?

This is a book that will take you on an emotional rollercoaster ride. Thanks to the Author's awesome characterization, as a reader I felt 'connected' to Lizzie. She is one imperfect character and it is her flaws/imperfections that made her all the more real to me. The story is narrated by Liz and maybe that's why it easier to connect to her. There's quite a bit of 'flashbacks' and Liz takes us back and forth to her past and present and this aspect actually helps us relate to what she is feeling.

The plot is simple yet tackles a few social issues as well. It is sure to make you ponder on a few points well after you have put down the book. Ms. Swann's style of writing is simply brilliant. Smooth flow in her story telling kept me stuck to the book and turning pages till I finished reading it in one sitting.

'The Phantom Pilot' and 'All for Love' are two completely different stories of different genres and yet

Ms. Swann has shined through in both the cases simply because it feels like she isn't trying to sell a book but trying to tell a story from her heart.

Do I recommend it? Yes Ofcourse!

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### **Mary says**

This book was so good. It touched on I think every emotion that I have inside of me and possibly more. This isn't your typical everyday romance novel. There are ups and downs and overall emotional heartbreak. Very well written. You can completely relate to so many situations in this book. I would recommend to anyone that likes to read books that aren't all happiness but have a great story line.

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### **Andrea says**

I cried so much! It was a very hard read for me as this book deals with really hard issues. I liked the back and forth from present to past and back. It kept the story flowing. I don't know that is a romance since so much of it was about heartbreak and the many issues caused by such heartache. Still it was a very interesting story.

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### **Lisette Brodey says**

Life is complex, emotions aren't always rational, and human beings are flawed creatures. This beautifully written novel really captures the life of one woman, Liz Rose, and all that she did for (and in reaction to) the actions of the man she loved. Swann beautifully weaves in the protagonist's best friends and family members in a story that adeptly mirrors the maze called life.

What I really liked so much about this novel, written in the first person, is that author Swann wrote a nuanced portrayal of a woman's life and love, which was fully of irony, karma, surprises, disappointments, regret, guilt, and so much more. Liz Rose was very real, and *All For Love* is a true gem that I believe many will find relatable in so many ways.

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### **Sara Barnard says**

Romance. Just the word brings to mind the idea of rose petals, champagne, knights in shining armor, and happily ever after. But here in the real world, rose petals turn to dust, champagne gets spilt, knight's armor is scuffed and dull from battle and wear, and 'ever after' is only happy if you make it so.

In ALL FOR LOVE, Liz and Quinn have a storybook romance ... until life comes knocking. Burdened by what is right, weighted by society's standards, and tortured most of all by themselves, this couple fights to remain in love no matter trial is being faced, and there are many... most of which are being faced today by thousands of people the world over.

Read this story and you'll laugh ... you'll cry ... you may even cuss Quinn now and then only to accept him back with open arms ... your heart will wrench ... you'll want to reach into the pages and shake some sense into some of the characters ... Then, when you're done with this eloquent anti-romance, you'll sit there in your chair, reflecting, and wondering how Ms. Ann Swann was able to not only strike you through the heart with her story, but also how she was able to see into your soul and shine a light onto your own fears, secrets, regrets, and mistakes.

As for me? I'm hoping for a sequel.

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### **Katy says**

From the first gripping chapter I knew this story was not your "typical" romance book. In fact I would classify this powerful and compelling story as literary women's fiction. This is not the kind of book I prefer, because I tend to read to escape real life, but these very real, very human characters sucked me into their story, and I had to keep turning the pages to find out whether or not Liz was able to find peace. During the climactic scene I actually sweated, scared to death of what was going to happen! All I can say is, "Bravo, Ms. Swann."

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### **Jennifer Andrews says**

Definitely not what I expected. Very heart wrenching. Keep the tissues handy.

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### **Ann Swann says**

Now available!

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### **BestChickLit.com says**

Liz Rose seems to have it all: a handsome husband, a happily married daughter, a career as a well-respected teacher and lifelong friends. But that's because Liz has a mantra that will keep her smiling through everything: 'keep faking it'. When her husband is involved in a horrific explosion at work, the carefully plastered-over cracks in Liz's life start to show and faking happiness is suddenly a whole lot harder as she is forced to face up to past mistakes, of both her own making and her husband's. As Liz desperately tries to keep up appearances by bottling her problems up, she finds her situation more and more hopeless and eventually, something has to give.

In Liz, Ann Swann has created a flawed heroine that you cannot help but sympathize with, but who will also

frustrate you with her stubbornness. She asks her readers to contemplate many moral questions, such as the timely subject of abortion, through the choices her characters make throughout the book. Race and abortion are difficult issues to tackle, and this novel brings across a point of view that is sure to split readers' opinions. The novel is fluently written by an assured hand, making it easy to read, though the fractured chronology of the narrative is at times difficult to follow. The characters surrounding Liz are well drawn and the problems they all have to face seem real and will most likely strike a chord, or perhaps a nerve, with every reader.

Reviewed by Nikki Mason on behalf of BestChickLit.com

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### **Lynelle Clark says**

Self-examination, heart-ache, addiction, infidelity, affairs, abortion, and the death of a spouse was the center of the well written plot. The moment we met Lizzie we became part of her life trying to make sense of her husband's untimely death. Left with all the doubts and the bad decisions she and her husband made to bring her at a place where she did not trust him, examine her own choices and wondering the what if's of her life. Wandering the town in a desperate attempt to connect with him. Her heart scattered as she tries to pick up the pieces. Yes she loved him with all of her heart, willing to fake it just to keep him close and at the end when she stared down the barrel of a gun life begins again.

A gripping tale that leaves you with a smile as we walked through her marriage of thirty two years and relive the choices and mistakes they both made. But we also learn about the unfailing love that kept them together as she drowns herself in drinks of Bloody Mary's to keep from missing him to much.

Heartfelt and compassionate we got to know her family and friends, even the men that graced her doorstep. Compelled to read and discover the characters as each made their own choices. With all this said this is also a book of new beginnings, redefining yourself and at the end the cost was worth it.

A love story that I enjoyed and can recommend.

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### **Kellie Harrington says**

Liz was an amazing woman she was a widow of Quinn. Back in the day Liz and Quinn blew each others minds. As life went on things happened they broke up he married another because of a pregnancy, Liz also got pregnant but terminated the pregnancy that was all right with Quinn, This story lays out Liz and Quinns romantic life and the way she learned to "Fake It" to get along in life and after Quinn died. She had to pick up the pieces for her and her daughter Ashley after Quinn died and had to go on. This book was so hard to put down I didnt want it to end. It was awesome!

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### **Melinda Matthews says**

The law of association, repercussions... One woman's story of hits and misses, highs and lows, on her way to finding peace. There are many life lessons in this novel. Was meeting the man of her dreams the worst thing that ever happened to her?? Some roses have thorns... They say there is no such thing as a mistake if you learn from it. I'm sure our main character, Lizzie, would agree with me, that some of us would never want to go back to being 20 again unless we could go back knowing what we know now. I liked the way that in the end she learned to forgive herself and give of herself.

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### **Lexy says**

I hesitated to read this book thinking it was just another mushy love story but can say I was pleasantly surprised that it was much more than a love story. I got drawn immediately into the story as I was listening to it on my kindle while I was working. Usually when I am working and listening on my kindle, I lose most of the story and feel I have to actually read the book. But with this story it held my attention the entire time. I felt like I was Lizzie Rose, immediately identified with her although my story is in no way like hers. Wonderful read and look forward to more books by Ann Swann. The best part is it is available on Amazon for only \$2.99!

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### **Carolyn Arnold says**

Impossible to put down.

I started and finished this book in less than a day. It was impossible to put down. This book isn't a fairytale romance, with a prince or even a necessarily "happily-ever-after" (although, the ending was great); this book is about real-life romance, one in which people get hurt, deeply hurt, and need to decide whether that person is still the one for them.

Swann had a way of pulling me from the start. I was curious why a woman would stay with a husband she suspected of cheating on her. What kind of person does this? I wanted to know this woman's story.

The entire book is told through the point of view of Liz, the main character, and let me assure you the narrative never gets boring. Liz takes many trips down memory lane, but it never comes across as layered or boring back story--far from it actually. Swann tempts you with a recollection sometimes, and then leaves you hanging there to return to the present. You can't wait to get back and finish off Liz's memory. Also, as a note here, I was never once lost or confused by a transition in timeline. Swann did an excellent job of that.

ALL FOR LOVE is a story that deals with grief, the living with it, and the moving beyond it. As is the saying goes, "It's at the end of one's life" that one looks inward to reflect on their life course to up until that point. In this case, it's the end of a loved one's life that has Liz thinking back over her life with a man who stole her heart and broke it many times.

At points in her life, Liz realizes she needs to learn how to "just BE", but this mindset (as in real life) is quickly lost amongst changing times and circumstance. There are morals in the story that could apply to any of us, which is probably another reason I enjoyed it so much. It was realistic and believable.

There were times I celebrated with Liz and times I wanted to yell at her for the things she was doing. That, again, is another demonstration of a skilled author--she created visceral reactions.

Swann's writing is poetic at times, and draws beautiful word pictures, such as: "The moonlight was seductive. It lay across the water like a transparent veil across a woman's hair."

With an ending that more than satisfied, I would recommend ALL FOR LOVE to any who want a modern-

day love story.

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