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## **Date Shark Details**

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## From Reader Review Date Shark for online ebook

### Amazeballs Book Addicts says

Date Shark is a good read. It has a fresh and interesting storyline.

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Eli Walsh is a Psychiatrist. On the side he is a Date Shark. He goes on a date with women and in return to tell them why they are having dating problems.

Leila Sparrow has a hectic life and wants to get help in the dating world. Leila's boss and friend Anna recommends Eli. For Eli, Leila is different but he's not sure if she is worth giving up his Date Shark business for.

At first, Leila doesn't know Eli is treating her any different than any other client but Anna knows. Anna doesn't allow Eli to come to their fashion show because she doesn't want Leila's heart hurt by Eli. Eli gives himself 6 month (which is when the next fashion show is) to determine if Leila is worth giving up the Date Shark business to date her.

Eli ends up helping Leila date. Leila starts dating Luke. I loved Luke, he pushes Leila to come out of his shell. I kind of felt a little bad for him.

It's a great read because as we read we get both Eli and Leila's prospective. Leila is clueless about Eli wanting more than a friendship which make it so much fun to read.

Eli has issues that involves his mother and they are kind of hinted about. The truth about Eli's mother comes out and it explains his behavior a little bit.

This was one book that when I finished I thought, wow this book would make a good movie.

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### Rebecca says

I was thrilled to receive a free copy of this book in exchange for my honest review, even though I don't read a lot of romance without some kind of paranormal bent to it. Even so, I found the book to be a lot of fun!

Eli Walsh is a professional. He's a psychiatrist and he runs a dating service on the side, which he calls date sharking. As a date shark, he takes out women clients and evaluates them after the date in hopes that he will be able to tell them where they are going wrong in the world of dating. He likes his job and he's good at it. But when he meets with Leila Sparrow, he can't find a single thing wrong with her. Except that she just might be the one for him.

DATE SHARK is fun, sweet, and romantic with believable characters. For once, I didn't find myself ticked off with the female protagonist!! I felt for her and rooted for her all the way!

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## **Melanie says**

\*This Book Was Given To Me By The Author In Exchange For An Honest Review\*

This is an extremely well written "clean" contemporary romance book and I don't mean that in a negative way in the least.

It has everything you could want from a CR novel without all the details that often you could do without. The characters are vibrant and easy to relate to with just enough twists and turns in there to keep you asking questions and turning pages.

Well paced and a fun, easy, what I like to call "beach" read (which could also easily translate to a curl up by the fire in a blanket read). A great book to relax with and I would definitely recommend romance lovers pick it up IMMEDIATELY!!!

I especially love the dedication at the beginning ..... the wording was exquisite ;)

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## **DelSheree says**

My first book for adults!! I'm so excited to share it with everyone :)

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## **Rosalyn Eves says**

3.5 stars

Date Shark, DelSheree Gladden's first adult novel, has a cute premise: Eli is a date shark, a psychologist who gives date advice to struggling women. But when he meets Leila, he's perplexed. Not only is there no obvious reason for Leila's dating struggles, Eli is strongly drawn to her--to the point where he gives her his phone number, something he never does with clients.

For her part, Leila is also interested in Eli, but she's convinced his interest is professional/friendly. As she begins to date Luke, she finds her friendship with Eli flourishing on the side. Ultimately, she has to make a choice about what she really wants.

The story took a little for me to get into it--I couldn't understand why Leila had such a low self-esteem, when to all appearances she is lovely, intelligent, and likeable. In fact, if I had an issue with the book, it's that the characters all seem a little too good to be true. But for a clean, escapist romance, that might not be a bad thing.

I was given a copy by the author to review.

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### **Raine says**

Totally tame. No sexy scenes. I thought it was kind of a boring read, but I read till the end because I wanted to know if it was going to get better.

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### **Ciarra Walker says**

I enjoyed this book much more then I thought I would. It is nothing like you think it is going to be. Leila is tired of dating Mr. Wrong and wants to figure out what is wrong with her. So she does the only thing she thinks she can, she goes out with a date shark.

Eli is the best at his job, he knows what is wrong with a women within the first few minutes of meeting them so when he goes out with Leila he is absolutely confused when he can't find anything wrong with her but even worse then that he finds himself intrigued with her and not wanting to follow his own rules when it comes to her. So what else is he to do but help her while trying to see if she is ready for something serious.

But the funny thing about being put in the friend zone and trying to wait for someone to be ready.....you might get passed up or set aside as someone else jumps in for the role. Can Leila and Eli get on the same page or will Eli have to sit back and watch Leila fall in love with someone else?? READ IT AND FIND OUT LOL!

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### **Mylissa Demeyere says**

I received a free copy in return for an honest review.

This is a story about Leila Sparrow who is a beautiful young lady unlucky in the dating department. She decides to enlist the help of “Date Shark” Eli to take her out on a date and confront her with what she is doing wrong so she can find her prince charming.

Leila is such a loveable character as she is so complex, yet so sincere and kind, you can't help but root for her.

Eli is drop dead gorgeous, but not in the ‘I know it and I use it to my advantage’ type of way. He genuinely wants to help these women, as he is a psychiatrist.

Leila’s date with Eli goes off rather well, yet Eli can't find any real fault in her. She is quite upset about it “there must be something I’m doing to chase them away”. Eli can't help but be smitten by her endearing presence.

They decide to be “friends” as she really values his opinion on her decisions, and he just isn't ready to say goodbye.

Soon after Leila meets Luke, a fun, risk-taking photographer who is really eager to show her how fun life can be when you try new things.

Will Leila be convinced life is so much better with Luke, or is she falling for her “friend” Eli?

This book has everything a contemporary romance should have! There is great romantic tension between the characters, toe curling scenes without anything graphic!!! There were fun LOL moments, there were serious moments, and it left you guessing until the end.

This book is by far the best book I have read in a very long time in this genre. I could not put it down, and ended up finishing it in 2 days.

My compliment to you Miss Gladden!! You did an excellent job on this book!! I can't wait to read the next one.

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### **BooksandBeyondFiftyShades says**

This book was a good read and should really be added to everyone's Summer Reading list. You will absolutely fall in love with Leila and Eli. At the beginning I had no idea where the book would take me but then I found the groove of it.

Poor Leila has no idea what she's in for when she first meets our man Eli. She takes the information he is providing and puts it to use. We meet Luke and at a point as a reader you are like aww... Luke is so adorable, but...

I will admit I needed to keep reading I needed to see what DelSheree was going to do with the men and Leila. I needed to know what was going to happen and I LOVE books like that. I don't want to put a book down, I want to read it, chew it and then swallow it; like a fine meal and I got that from this book.

The book is a sweet romance that I think all will enjoy. Yes, the hot sex is good but seriously, we can leave things to the imagination. Delsheree, has a good book here and she kept it clean and sweet. A book I think a mom can lend an older teen after she's done with it.

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### **booknerd\_dork says**

This book is amaaazing!!!! I'm in love with Eli and Leila. Another awesome book by Delsheree Gladden.

I loved to be inside Eli's head. He made me laugh and cry. I loved it was from both character's point of view, I was able to know what they both were thinking. Other characters as Anna the Mamma bear, she was so protective of Liela getting hurt by Eli, I just loved her.

**What else could you do, Eli? Are you going to give up the date shark thing? You'd have to, of course. No woman would stand for her boyfriend acting gigolo on the weekends.**

Other character were also nice; Conrad and Vance supporting Eli. I didn't like Luke, there was nothing wrong with him but I was Team Eli. Eli Walsh **the most notorious date shark** is just sweet.

**And that only backs up my third reason, I can't tell her, not until she sees herself as someone who is good enough to land any guy she wants. She's such an amazing person, I don't want to convince her she should be with me.**

When she decided she had made decision who she is gonna chose between Eli or Luke, I was like she better chose Eli or I would just get in my laptop and shake some sense into her, because it totally seemed like she was gonna choose Luke, which she didn't of course.

And the slap Leila printed on Eli's face was; well Eli was grinning so was I. Eli's gift to Liela in the end was perfect ending.

**"Because when I saw this dress, all I could picture was you walking down the aisle in it. Walking to me. I couldn't bear having this dress worn by anyone but you, anywhere but at our wedding."**

**Turning in his arm slowly, Liela gazed up at him with bright eyes. " Are you...proposing to me?"**

**Eli grinned, "Well,I..."**

**"Yes" she blurted out**

That was awesome. It's a must read. I thoroughly enjoyed it from the beginning of the book till the end. Now I'm off to read the second book in the series. Whooo!!!

Thank you! DelSheree Gladden to give me the opportunity to read the book. I loved it. This is my honest review.

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## **Book Junky Girls says**

Leila just wants to know why all the guys she goes out with are duds not wanting a second date with her. A date shark is the last thing she wanted, but she's decided to take control and see what he has to say. Eli knows within the first five minutes what's wrong with a woman, but when he meets Leila something sparks within him. There's nothing wrong with her, but getting her to see that will be the toughest thing he's ever done. He wants her, but by the time he figures out if she's ready someone else has come along and swept her off her feet. Stuck between friendship and wanting more can he help her see herself as more and him as more than just the guy with the advice?

Leila doesn't have confidence in spades, she's not a pushover but she has a hard time seeing the good in herself.

Eli is a good guy with sadness from his past that keeps him from looking for love, but when he sees how amazing Leila is he does what it takes to get close to her even if he botches it at times. The two are a constant push and pull neither strong enough to meet in the middle and admit their feeling, but as the story goes on you see it'll blow up in both their faces eventually and you hope they'll both find happiness when the dust has settled.

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## **CrazyBookworm99 says**

4.5\* This book was given to me by the author in exchange for an honest review!

I'm really disappointed...

Both in myself and Ms Gladden. I swore that I would never again lock myself away and refuse to speak to anyone just for a book. However, I just couldn't help it!!

This is a really well-written clean romance book with a nice take to dating. Leila is a character that anyone can relate to; she's self-conscious, too modest, and soon decides to go out with the recommended 'date shark' Eli to see why her date life is so bad.

Leila is unlike any client Eli has helped out with, and he is determined to keep in touch, whether that means going against his usual rules. Soon his advice leads Leila to start going out with adventurous and exciting Luke. I'm not going to carry on because I would be here forever... you'll just have to find out yourself :)

A thoroughly heart-warming story with some more of Delsheree awesome characters. Overall it was a fun, light read, unlike anything I have ever read but just what a chick lit should be! The only reason I marked down slightly was due to the several typing errors I found, but not even they ruined the story or took away from the awesomeness that is this book. That was just me being a picky reader :) Happy reading everyone!

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## **Kristy Hamilton says**

Leila is a woman that is trying to get her career off the ground, but also wants to find someone to share her life with. Her boss and friend introduced her Eli Walsh who has a dating service to help woman find a special man.

The first date with Eli is disaster. Leila tries to look sophisticated and tries the first thing that was suggested to her off the menu. She is so nervous that is she is unsure if she should continue with this.

Throughout the book Eli and Leila are drawn closer to each other.

This book is so well written. Sometimes I could actually feel the unease that Leila was feeling on her dates. This is just a super cute must read book. It is an adult novel, but it could be read by almost any age. DelSheree has a descriptive writing style. The characters get close and the sex scenes are not overpowering, just very well written.

The best part of this book (well the whole book is absolutely awesome!) is there is a second one planned! She is getting ready to make the final edits on book 2 and I can't wait to read it.

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## **Gina says**

Okay, so you might be wondering if this one is worth your time and money. When I got my hands on a copy, I was eager to see if it would be a fun as I hoped it would be.

### **IT WAS!**

It's almost too sweet for me, but that's a good thing. Because when I start a book and I can tell it's going to

tank and turn all raunchysmuttysmexyprono on me, I'm deflated. And trust me, I've picked up my fair share of New Adult that leave me thinking the genre's nothing but a new dig on open sexuality and erotica for the younger crowd. Cause that's just what society needs.

I want there to be a real plot, FUN CHARACTERS! Good dialogue! and this one's got that. **GOOD JOB DELSHEREE! YAY!** It's got plenty of angst and plenty of temptation and I like Eli. A LOT. So right there, you've got baby.

I laughed and wanted them to kiss more times than I can count, and that just tickles and fancies my romance streak just right.

Clean and Fun, and a delightful read. I can HIGHLY recommend it! ♥♥♥

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### **Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says**

3.5 stars rounding up

I liked the premise of this book. I liked the friendship between Leila and Eli, how it progressed and how real that felt even though they both had feelings for each other. Loved the ending and the character development.

There is no sexual content, but there are some sexual discussions and a make out session that stops before it goes that far. Leila considers moving in with a boyfriend and makes a reference to not being a virgin.

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