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To some Natasha Iyer has it all - Living the life of an affluent NRI, wife of a prominent Psychologist and mother to a cheeky 11 year old. However, behind closed doors, cracks are beginning to appear in her seemingly comfortable relationship with her professionally consumed husband, Rakesh. Although Rakesh seems content with his alpha neatness-fetish-melodramatic wife and bright son; Natasha yearns for romance, passion and excitement. Ironically, the Psychologist husband fails to read between the lines and Natasha is left to her own devices to deal with her unresolved emotions. An unexpected call from India takes her through a journey of self-discovery with her devastatingly handsome work colleague, Steve. She uncovers in some aspects urban India has changed considerably but equally, deep-rooted social issues still prevail in the so called modern, educated, changing society. A chance encounter with her 'blast from the past' - Veer, adds to the emotional rollercoaster ride. Her one-man-woman status of many years has failed to equip her with vital tools to deal with the unanticipated surge of attention from Steve and Veer. As she attempts to master the finer points of courtship, flirtation and seduction; her life spirals out of control. Natasha is compelled to make tough decisions about her love, friendship, marriage and parenthood.

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Aditya Bhasin says

Sometimes you have to judge a book by its cover and that is probably what I did when I decided to read Untruly Yours by Smita Shetty. The cover design is refreshing and the story summary at the back is extensive, rather very extensive. I personally don't like more than one paragraph of the summary written at the back cover of the book. To me it was something like 'A spoiler alert'. I mean it almost revealed the whole story.

Shetty wrote a simple story that is spread across 146 pages; the book takes you through the Journey of a modern era women who is starving for a spark in her relationship, which she fails to find in her love marriage she is been into for more than a decade. The story line is not new and have been a part of many fiction novels but, this book has its own good things to offer which over writes that 'old story' tag.

The language used by author is very mature and clearly depicts that it has been written by an individual having great experience of life and not just some IIT graduates. The book takes you through a journey of protagonist, Natasha who is trying to find a way out of her marriage to enjoy the missing romance, passion and excitement. In simple words- on verge of infidelity.

It took Natasha a journey of more than ten-thousands miles to find that she demands more from life in terms of her yearning towards Steve; her office mate from US and Veer; her college days crush. Natasha after seeing no progress in terms of her relationship with Steve straves for Veer; who eventually hurts her more and forces her to make a decision that will change her life completely.

Throughout the book you will find many instances where you would give a calm smile and some time a huge laugh. I am personally suggesting this book to everyone. Pick it up, it is worth the read.

Also, apart from all this, I have a quick question for Shetty : How come somebody who just attempted suicide can change her whole life in that one ten-minute conversation and start talking about Fashion police and all? (Just asking)

Shraddha says

When was the last time you wished you became efficient, lovable, quick-witted and a TRUE master of your household? For me this happens EVERYDAY. A demanding husband who thinks running a household is child's play, a child whose favorite toy and plaything is mommy, a demanding career where Boss believes workday spans 25 hours a day... these are just a few things that aggravates the feelings... And the days when my in-laws are in town, the feeling intensifies ten-folds.

Possibly the only respite I receive in the ever demanding life is when I pick up a book that brings on some smiles to my face and breaks the monotony that threatens migraine on most days. An ardent fan of chic-lit due to their quick and easy nature and guaranteed happy endings, authors like Marian Keyes, Rachel Gibson, Sophie Kinsella are the life lines for me. Recently a new name has added itself in the list...that of Smita

Shetty.

Untruly Yours delivers what you expect from a chic-lit...right from its appearance to the plot and the ever present happy (?) ending. The story that Smita presents us is that of an NRI who is not only a mother but also a wife of a busy mind-doctor (;D) but that's not all she also works with local radio, plans son's birthdays and hosts amazing house parties. She aint really happy being a Jack of all and like the rest of us female populace wishes a little help and attention from her "better" half. Add a ever critical, mother-in-law to the equation and you can sympathies with her hasty trip back home to India to attend to an ailing friend. The allure of a potential extra marital fling and reunion with an old flame...adds the much needed boost to the whole plot and delivers what turns out to be the most hilarious tale of mystery, romance and the inevitable city that never sleeps, Mumbai.

So, those out there who wish to find a few smiles and a couple of giggles... do give "Untruly Yours" a chance, and I'm pretty sure you will not put it down without finishing it in a sitting. :)

Nimmi says

A delightfully hilarious girly book and a real page turner to the end! It's clever, witty and sharp with fantastic comic timing. An impressive debut chick-lit novel! Could have done with a few more pages...but that's only because I didn't want to finish the book. Definitely would recommend to give this one a go!

Ruchi Shukla says

Pure escapism!!

This book was a recommendation from a friend. For a debut novel, I am impressed with the writer's effortless style of story-telling. It's an easy read with many laugh out loud moments. If you want a book which you can't put down..then I strongly recommend this one!

A brilliant feel-good book and definitely well worth a read!

Jyoti Babel says

Untruly Yours is the debut novel of the author - Smita Shetty. In the 150 pages of this fast paced chic-lit novel, the author tells the story of Natasha who seems to feel that the spark in her relationship with her husband has vanished. She is restless and yearns for some excitement in her life. If you look a delve a little more deeply into the character of Natasha, you will discover that there is a bit of Natasha in most women. Sometimes, the zeal of life is lost in the daily mundane chores, one feels people takes you for granted and it brings a feeling of love-less-ness and loneliness. Many a times it is far from the truth and it is just a passing phase. The author has told the story of a woman passing through this phase of life and how she copes with it.

The strength of the novel are it's character - entirely believable and relatable. In particular the author's

description of Natasha's MIL as Godzilla of Godzilla as hilarious. The story is packed with a lot of drama and has a lot of laugh-out-loud moments. I thoroughly enjoyed turning pages after pages, only that there weren't too many of them. I think the author could have done with another 50 pages towards the end. I felt the ending was quickly wrapped up. A special mention for the cover of the book, I loved it. It is chic and stylish and catches your attention. At least, it was so in my case.

If you are looking for a quick, light read go for this book for sure. I am sure most of my female friends will be able to relate to at least something in the novel.

I received a free copy of the book from the author in exchange of an unbiased review.

Bookish Indulgences with b00k r3vi3ws says

This is a story revolving around a modern day female protagonist, Natasha Iyer. Natasha is a Bengali girl, married to a Tamilian who has now earned the status of an NRI. At first glance, she has it all. A well-to-do husband, a glamourous job, an eleven year old son and friends and colleagues she can depend on. But as one takes a closer look at her life, one realizes that not everything is as it seems. Her husband is completely focused on his career and a son who is almost handful. She doesn't get along well with her mother-in-law and has only her father-in-law who sympathizes with her. End of the day, she is lonely and yearns for romance and companionship from her spouse. When a call from India takes her on a trip back home, she decides to take some time in order to find herself and look for what she really wants for herself.

This is a story that essentially deals with the journey of a woman, who is dealing with her mid-life crisis and trying to rediscover herself. We take on a rollercoaster journey as we meet Natasha, Rakesh, Steve, Priti and Veer. Intent on clearing her head about her relationship with her husband, Natasha is also forced to deal with other situations back at home and nothing is as easy as it should have been. My only concern in the whole story was the turnaround time in the mentality of Natasha's friend who had tried to commit suicide.

The story is told simply with a dash of humour. The characters and situations may mostly present a sense of déjà vu for most of the readers and it is simply because the author has managed to keep the characters and most of the situations very true to life. Most of us will be able to identify with one of the characters in the book and if not then we certainly know someone who can. There's ofcourse a happy ending, but the story deals with the ups and downs of life that comes before the 'happily ever after' and ends with a positive note.

Overall it was an entertaining read that managed to keep a hold on me till the end.

Aruna Kumar Gadepalli says

Easy and quick read. The subject though is different from normal fiction, the narration and the end makes this book interesting.

Sunaina Patnaik says

To start with, this book's climax made me grin quite widely. I am sucker for happy endings and this book sure has one.

This book of mere 146 pages is a quick read and it could have been much better if it was written more elaborately. Seriously! Fifty pages into the book and I was glad to read stuff that was so different from the much clichéd college romances.

Untruly yours is a story of Natasha Iyer and her interesting world. This story of a Bengali woman marrying a Tam Brahm makes you chuckle at many places. This story about love, relationships and its complexities hooks you right from the beginning to the end.

Smita's writing style is simple and humourous. The narration was interesting and this book is a must read for all the ladies who love chic-lits.

Hrithi says

Wow!!!! Would classify this book as a 'pick-me-up'. It's not just a regular 'chick-lit'. Packed with humour, romance and much much more it's a fantastic read and beautifully written by a newbie.

Privy Trifles says

Sometimes in life you reach a crossroads where the only thing clear ahead is confusion. With loads of choices to make and some important decisions to be taken, one is reduced to a bunch of confusions. Amidst all the chaos of life, ultimately we lose our own self. Smita Shetty's Untruly Yours is the journey of one such confused soul who is out to find her own self.

More review at <http://wingstomywords.blogspot.in/201...>

Yatin Gupta says

Untruly Yours is all about the female protagonist of the book, Natasha Iyer. A microbiology post graduate who met her husband Rakesh in the college. Natasha comes from a hip Bengali family and Rakesh comes from a conservative Tamil Bhraman family. The sparks between Natasha and her mother in law in the story leaves you in splits. The phrase "Godzilla Of Godzilla" that she uses for her mother in law is simply hilarious. Natasha has a 11 year old cheeky son named Rishabh and he ensures that she keeps running all the time. Natasha is not happy with the way her married life is going on and wants her husband Rakesh to bring in passion and excitement into their relationship, but when they doesn't happen, Natasha breaks all the shackles and handle things in her own way. She goes to India and meets Steve and Veer. Both of them have an important role to play in the plot. Towards the end, Natasha has to take strong decisions about her love,

friendship, marriage and parenthood and she does take them.

Reshma Pillai says

An unresponsive husband, a horrid mother-in-law, a neglected wife, a flirt ex-flame and an attractive colleague – Smita Shetty gets together an assortment of characters from the Indian diaspora to churn out a breezy read in her debut novel. The book is easy on the head, the senses and the mood. It is the kind of book that you would want to pick up on a travel because it makes you smile and it makes you feel good. We Indians love a ‘and they lived happily ever after’ ending and this one gives you exactly that. Full Review: <http://thetalespensieve.wordpress.com...>

Hemantkumar Jain says

Right from the beginning, the book was easy to read and made for some simple light reading. The story has real life characters with whom one can identify and even feel for them. The intro of the mother-in-law as 'Godzilla of Godzillas' was interestingly funny and the intro of the 2 interesting colleagues at work was believable while the kid and the hubby description would have probably made many a women-readers say 'Gosh ... that's my hubby and kid'.

The story is about the female protagonist discovering hidden feelings, latent desires and fighting internal devil-angel battles between desires and moral standings. One strange thing is that just when things began to get interesting in the story, the novel was wound up. The author could have written a lot of interesting incidents as well as brought out 'her inner turmoil'.

I wish Smita had decided to write a little more. It would have been a fun to read more ... as was it fun to read the 150 odd pages. The book does not bore you at any point in the story. The author is able to hold up your interest levels using the story, the line up of events, by her narrations and sheer writing style.

Puja says

On the first impression to any outsider, Natasha's world seems picture perfect. Like those jumping out from a fairy tale but then as you move closer, you see the kinks in her otherwise impeccable world.

Natasha Iyer, an NRI & married to her college sweetheart is a free spirited soul who tries being a perfect wife, an ideal host & a caring mother. But trying to be everything at once, she feels her real self slipping away!! Engulfed by a wave of loneliness & frustration, she jumps at the first chance that comes her way to escape from the monotony of her marriage, life & other things in general to return to India.

Read full review at :

<http://poojareviewer.blogspot.in/2012...>

Vinay Leo R. says

My review at my blog: <http://wp.me/p2J8yh-2lf>

Some books can be judged by their cover. This book, by Smita Shetty, is such a book. The beautiful cover translates into the story which is simple and well narrated, mixed with the lightness of humor and the heaviness of emotions. Perhaps meant to convey a deeper meaning, that intent doesn't detract the story which is crisp and enjoyable to read. The characters are likeable and interesting. If I felt something was cliched, it was the career driven husband which seems to be part of a lot of similar stories. There was a botanical issue that caught my attention professionally, but there aren't a lot of them that caught my attention. A book that is worth the money, and is re-readable (though not immediately after you've done with it for the first time).
