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The wildly funny, occasionally heartbreaking internationally bestselling memoir about growing up, growing older, and learning to navigate friendships, jobs, loss, and love along the ride

Everything I Know About Love Review

When it comes to the trials and triumphs of becoming an adult, journalist and former Sunday Times columnist Dolly Alderton has seen and tried it all. In her memoir, she vividly recounts falling in love, finding a job, getting drunk, getting dumped, realizing that Ivan from the corner shop might just be the only reliable man in her life, and that absolutely no one can ever compare to her best girlfriends. Everything I Know About Love is about bad dates, good friends and “above all else” realizing that you are enough.

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Glittering with wit and insight, heart and humor, Dolly Alderton's unforgettable debut weaves together personal stories, satirical observations, a series of lists, recipes, and other vignettes that will strike a chord of recognition with women of every age—making you want to pick up the phone and tell your best friends all about it. Like Bridget Jones's Diary but all true, Everything I Know About Love is about the struggles of early adulthood in all its terrifying and hopeful uncertainty.

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Dating stories are my kryptonite and insights about loss and love I am always, always more than happy to gobble up. I love reading about peoples' experiences with love - romantic love, friendly love, young love, lost love. I WANT IT ALL. I LOVE IT MORE THAN SPRITE

Whether you're single/dating/relationshiping/married, I highly recommend this. IT'S DIVINE. New all time favourite!

(Re-read in July 2019: just as brilliant, if not even better the second time. Will this be something I read every year? YES AND WHAT OF IT) ...more

Everything I Know Lyrics

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I've enjoyed Dolly's writing in The Sunday Times magazine in the past, but this collection of hilarious anecdotes of her making poor choices in men and doing drugs/getting drunk while seemingly not learning much left me feeling frustrated. And the conclusion that female friendships are the important thing overall? I didn't buy it - all of the stories shared throughout the rest of the book didn't support this conclusion. Only Dolly's friend Farly comes out of this book looking good!

Reading about other people being hungover and self absorbed throughout their 20s (while not doing much else) doesn't make for a fun read, at least for me, anyway. I don't know why so many people in their early 30s are writing memoirs these days - collections of anecdotes that were hilarious (for you) at the time aren't bringing anything new or insightful to the table for the rest of us. ...more

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have been doing it all for years. And, reading about someone doing the can-can in a pub and kicking over a tray of glasses just makes me think what a fucking nightmare it must be to be around this person (pity the staff who had to literally pick up the pieces here).

I also really felt for her friend, Farly, who just seemed lovely. I thought a lot of Dolly's incredibly childish behaviour towards her was bordering on abusive: passive-aggressive, petty and spiteful and not what anyone should have to contend with from someone who considers themselves to be a friend. On the few occasions when she actually did right by her pal, she then told us in great detail exactly *how* generous/thoughtful/considerate she had been. It felt kind of like when you're not supposed to tell people about charity as it kind of destroys the sentiment behind it.

Also: her whole shtick was based around being this total party girl, which you got the sense she knew was covering up other problems in her life, but the ratio of party girl exploits and her being totes random to any actually self-awareness in this area was heavily skewed towards the former, which just served to reinforce unhelpful ideas around this trope.

Disappointing. ...more

Everything I Know About You

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So. Everything I Know About Love. That title isn't really a misnomer, not exactly, but it does set you up to think that it's about capital L Love - you know, Carrie Bradshaw's ridiculous, all-consuming,

can't-live-without-it Love. But Dolly herself would be the first person to tell you that she has very little experience of that Love, actually. (Pun intended.) Would she like more? Yes. But has she been without love? That's a definite no there, my friend. This book is full of love, in its wild and various guises, but it shines most brightly in Dolly's over-whelming and supportive (but not always healthy) love for her friends, a tight knit group of woman who live with, live for, fight with and fight for each other. I won't lie; I was very jealous. Dolly, her best friend Farley and their extended group of wonderful women have something very special - and Dolly never, ever forgets that.

I was eager for this book, you know. I was hungry. And I gulped it all up in three big bites, staying up later than I really should to finish it off. I think the fun here for me was, admittedly, partly because because Dolly and I are both English and close in age. There were many similarities for us, although she is definitely a lot posher. I don't mind saying that I'm a bit older than her, so I did miss some of those cultural things, especially the pure sheer devotion to local MSN - I used it, too, but I talked to people in America who were a little ahead of us here. But there's always interest for me in people who started to come of age as the internet did. (That's probably self-absorbed, but there it is.)

And you know how they always say that New York is the fifth character in Sex and the City? Well, if London isn't a main role here, it was definitely a scene-stealing extra, popping up frequently and joyfully. Having lived in London for almost fifteen years now, I feel like the city was beautifully painted, mostly via a vividly ramshackle Camden Town.

The reoccurring lists in this book were a real highlight for me. Dolly writes a literal list of what she knows about love at different ages and, my god, if they weren't exactly the lists I would have written at the same times. If they haven't aged and mellowed just like I have. If they haven't sharpened and become less likely to take your bullshit just like I have. They were perfect, truly.

And one last thing I wanted to mention: Dolly writes a beautiful meditation on the difference between intensity and intimacy that left me reeling. A crazy, all-consuming relationship she has almost entirely over text which ends in a flurry of drama felt almost rude, the way it was pointing a big finger straight at me. I saw myself there and it made me put my Kindle down, as I was laying in bed next to the love of my life, and think about just that. I have been there, Dolly, I have lived that existence, confusing intimacy and intensity, trying to stretch the fizz of excitement into something more sustainable. But champagne goes flat and what you're left with after the bubbles have gone isn't entirely palatable. I loved it at the time and I'm so glad it's over. Thank you for writing about it so wonderfully, Dolly. Thanks for the wild ride. ...more

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That passage really hit home. I am definitely still coming to terms with the fact that I am “grown up.” At another point she states, “Online dating is for the brave” (pg. 324). All I can say is amen to that!

This book is not just relatable, it is also very humorous. There are some funny moments. I particularly liked the satirical emails she interspersed throughout the book. On the flip side, there are some more heartbreaking moments that added contrast. I liked the balance between the two because it really showcases the ups and downs of life.

Lastly, I really liked the author’s writing style. It was very accessible and conversational, as if you were two friends catching up.

Overall, I really enjoyed this book and definitely recommend it. It isn’t just a book about love. It’s also about female friendship and growing older which will resonate with a lot of women. . . .more

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Does this sound familiar? You might say yes, because it sounds like everyone else's life or you might say because it also sounds like everyone else's memoirs. I've read books like this one before, but not many have managed to grip me from beginning to end like this one has. So what is it that makes Dolly Alderton's stories different?

First of all, she can write. Her vignettes are humorous without being obtrusively funny, they're heartbreaking without being manipulatively whiney. At the same time she reflects and observes in a witty and intricate ways and never comes across as preachy - something that I consider my personal memoir pet peeve.

But then it's also what she's writing that made this an entertaining read. Part of me was amused about how it brought back my own memories - I had forgotten how MSN used to be the place where the cool kids used to hang out after coming home from school. Though a few years older than me, her student years sounds a lot like the lives of people I know personally - from being obsessed with male attention to relying on drugs to extend an average night out.

What all those (sometimes relatable, sometimes crazy) anecdotes have in common is that they're full of love. Dolly has felt a lot of it, sometimes platonic, sometimes obsessive, not always healthy. What this has taught me though, is that there will never be a point where you'll know everything about love. And how joyful that is. ...more

Everything I Know About Love Quotes

I listened to Everything I Know About Love on audiobook, mostly during my commute. This was good and bad - good because I hate to not finish books and there's no way I would've finished this if I had to dedicate 100% of my attention to it, as opposed to listening whilst travelling, cleaning etc. However, the bad was that I perhaps would've interpreted it differently in book form. In audio form, I found Dolly frustrating, whiney and self-indulgent where I might have taken the written format more light heartedly.

I don't want to be too harsh about this memoir because it's ultimately someone's life and that feels wrong. However my low rating was largely due to the awful, selfish attitude Dolly takes to her friendships. I understand the odd pang of envy when friends are getting married and you're far behind, but Dolly seemed to genuinely wish for her friends lives to go wrong just so their attention could be focused on her. Yet when something does go wrong, she swoops in and describes all the things she said and did because she's such a great friend - it came across as incredibly self-indulgent.

There was the odd part of this book which made me think and reflect, but mostly I wanted it to end as I was so irritated by it. I didn't find it funny and, at one point, inadvertently groaned and willed it to stop out loud when it went on.. and on.. and on about some unfunny text messages about bins. If you do want to give this book a try, I'd recommend paper form as opposed to audiobook which I imagine makes it more light hearted. ...more

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Multiple times I found myself thinking "god I HATE her" and like 2 pages afterwards I'd realize I hated her so much 'cause she reminded me of myself. Dolly might be more extreme than me with alcohol escapades and sex and drugs but in general her bad sides are a lot like my bad sides. While I sometimes

found this trying to be funny and she and her friends trying to be different too hard, other aspects I really liked.

But what I loved and didn't expect at all from this book was that it's actually about her female friendships. I could relate to her friendship to Farly soo much. It made me realize how I, despite being single, am so lucky and so incredibly loved. I'm glad I gave it a chance! ...more

Everything I Know I Learned In Kindergarten

I saw this book everywhere. It sat on my shelf for months because I wasn't quite sure what it was, and then I skimmed the first few pages and ended up reading the whole thing within 24 hours. It's funny and sad, and hopeful and realistic. It has a bit of Louise Rennison about it in the best way. Sobbed big chunky tears and laughed out loud many times. V good!!!!

I enjoyed it at the start for nostalgia reasons (yes, I remember the modern sound! I remember chatting on MSN!). But after a while, I found it quite repetitive, both of itself (here's another drunk story that I'm officially telling in a disapproving tone but really I'm quite impressed with how mad and fun I am) and just of loads of other writing (let's make fun of excessive hen dos/weddings etc like a million other people, let's talk about being true to yourself and liking yourself first before I enjoyed it at the start for nostalgia reasons (yes, I remember the modern sound! I remember chatting on MSN!). But after a while, I found it quite repetitive, both of itself (here's another drunk story that I'm officially telling in a disapproving tone but really I'm quite impressed with how mad and fun I am) and just of loads of other writing (let's make fun of excessive hen dos/weddings etc like a million other people, let's talk about being true to yourself and liking yourself first before a relationship etc etc).

I quite liked the writing about female friendship at the end, and that started to make me try and rethink my impressions, as I think a focus on the love of female friendships is important and interesting. But I think my problem is that this isn't what it actually was - rather it was a focus on her, and she happened to have female friends as her most lasting connection, which felt very different (and it was all a bit 'look at me, I'm such a great friend'). I guess my main problem was that I found her very narcissistic and unlikeable. The tone and writing reminded me a lot of Caitlin Moran who I also find irritating and someone who states the obvious but thinks she's being really incisive. ...more

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In the end, the conclusion she reaches is the thing we fundamentally agree on: my best friends are the most wonderful, awe-inspiring people on this planet and the love they bring is the greatest thing of my life. ...more

I didn't enjoy this and chose to skim through it quickly rather than read it properly, which is a shame. I've enjoyed Dolly Alderton's dating column in the Sunday Times and her email newsletters, and the reviews gave me high hopes.

However, from the start I didn't think the tone was right. She complains about growing up in boring suburban London - a bit too much I think, given that her upbringing was clearly comfortable. This sort of complaining, in my view, needed to be more tongue-in-cheek and self-deprecating to be effective - and needs a new angle, given that it's been done a lot before. I felt the author was simultaneously taking herself very seriously and expecting the reader to find the anecdotes hilarious, and this didn't work for me.

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The stories of dating and drinking weren't interesting enough to hold my attention. There are plenty of other memoirs by female journalists covering their wild 20s that are more engaging and original - I recommend Daisy Buchanan and Bryony Gordon.

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