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Pretend You Love Me



Synopsis

In this fresh, poignant novel (originally published under the title *Far From Xanadu*), Mike is struggling to come to terms with her father's suicide and her mother's detachment from the family. Mike (real name: Mary Elizabeth) is gay and likes to pump iron, play softball, and fix plumbing. When a glamorous new girl, Xanadu, arrives in Mike's small Kansas town, Mike falls in love at first sight. Xanadu is everything Mike is not -- cool, confident, feminine, sexy.... straight. Julie Anne Peters has written a heartbreaking yet ultimately hopeful novel that will speak to anyone who has ever fallen in love with someone who can't love them back.

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Customer Reviews

One thing I can never criticize Julie Anne Peters of is being unable to craft remarkable characters in believable, real-life situations. It's her gift, and it gives lifeblood to "Pretend You Love Me." No one element sticks out as being particularly intense in the novel, but rather the weaving of distinct elements creates something greater than the sum of its parts. Small town, rural middle America. A family torn apart by loss and wedged apart by their own pains and regrets. The challenge of facing

love - unrequited love, seeing it blossom in others while feeling strangled by it. The meaning of friendships and being true to one's self. And how do you separate the good lessons taught to you by someone who abandoned you so completely? Written for young adults - replete with discussion questions for epilogue - the book is still a worthy read for adults. It, like several other of Ms. Peters's works (well, all of those I have read) stirs the reader to thought. And at no point is the ending clear - not until that last page is turned over. A true piece of craftsmanship.

Despite the hype surrounding this book, I disliked the ending (will not spoil it) and how manipulative a certain character could be. I love Julie Anne Peters, and while some think this is her finest work, I do not. My favorite book is *Between Mom And Jo*. I think that has what this book lacks, a ton of emotion without the...ending this one has.

The writing the story may have been lacking at times, but the character and her story was always on point. The main character and her struggle with her sexuality and her straight-girl crush is a story many in the LGBT community can relate to. I was happy that the ending was some cheesy ending with everyone happy in the end. Instead it told a more realistic tale with the main character's romance ending bittersweet, but also growing from the experience

character development are 7/10, Julie Anne Peters books are usually terrific, but this one was below my expectation, the ending was unsatisfying, the main character's crush are underdeveloped, i cant feel that they actually exist.

I like Julie Ann Peters but this novel was too long and the character too stereotypical. The premise was good, but poorly executed in my opinion. I'd check out her other books instead.

I just absolutely loved this book, and the feelings..I just. I love it :3 And let's be honest Mike seems really hot.

i could not put this book down, its a must read book, i love it! this book has so much emotion i actually cried a few times throughout the book! its great

Could've left out all the unnecessary F-Bombs. I think it took away for the story line and intelligence of the characters. Overall it was a decent book. Personal opinion: a lot of build up to an ending that

was quick.

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