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The Downstairs Girl Amazon

By day, seventeen-year-old Jo Kuan works as a lady's maid for the cruel daughter of one of the wealthiest men in Atlanta. But by night, Jo moonlights as the pseudonymous author of a newspaper advice column for the genteel Southern lady, "Dear Miss Sweetie." When her column becomes wildly popular, she uses the power of the pen to address some of society's ills, but she's not prepared for the backlash that follows when her column challenges fixed ideas about race and gender.

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While her opponents clamor to uncover the secret identity of Miss Sweetie, a mysterious letter sets Jo off on a search for her own past and the parents who abandoned her as a baby. But when her efforts put her in the crosshairs of Atlanta's most notorious criminal, Jo must decide whether she, a girl used to living in the shadows, is ready to step into the light.

Reasons to live:

1. This historical fiction about a badass girl journalist who, by day, works as maid for the daughter of the wealthiest man in town, and by night, secretly turns over ideas about race and gender for a newspaper advice column

The Downstairs Girl Kirkus

After reading a book with protagonists that did not inspire any reaction in me but one of absolute indifference, it felt almost magical to read a story with a character that absolutely popped off the page and claimed her rightful place as the heroine of this book. I live for these types of characters with personality, strength, ambition and a desire for change. Jo hasn't had it easy at all but she's working hard to support herself, survive and make something of herself. Historical Fiction is a hit or miss for me, because it can be more boring than watching a hamster go about its day. (Since I once had one I can tell you it's very, very boring.) Luckily instead of incorporating every historical element possible in her story, Stacey Lee discussed key subjects that were of great importance to Jo, such as poverty, race and gender. All of which I was able to understand and all of which made me feel invested in this story.

I also have to mention that Stacey Lee's writing is absolutely elegant. I find that I've enjoyed most novels with elegant writing styles that I've read, because effortless elegance soothes me somehow and makes me more receptive to the author's message. Choppy writing makes me pause but elegant writing flows for me and makes me wish there were no commas or period marks to make me pause my reading even if for a single second. Jo is, unsurprisingly, a very engaging heroine. Her voice is strong and she is the type of person who would stand out in a crowd if she has something to convey. I adored reading her brutally honest letters. I wish she were a real person who kept diaries all throughout her life so that I can read them because I'm sure they would be impactful and so, so interesting. I can't wait for everyone to read this important story and meet Jo.

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Five shining, rebellious, upstanding, remarkable, powerful, emotional stars!

I loved this book because it's about two things that I love the most: Words and changing!

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Words are the models, words are the tools, words are the boards, words are the nails. They are chameleons which reflect the color of the environment.

3 things got my hands glued to this book:

-Those harsh, direct, honest, consisted of truly poured out feelings and opinions seeking out only but only freedom, equality were imprinted on my mind.

-A woman character daily a maid and nightly a column writer who is brave enough writing about unconventional, provocative race and gender issues freely.

-Elegant, beautiful, educative, amazing writing of the author captivated my heart and soul at the same time.

As Albert Einstein said: "The word as we created it is a process of our thinking, It cannot be changed without changing of our thinking."

So let's start with the change of our point of views to take a first crucial step for the better version of ourselves and the better world we deserved to live! ...more

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4/5stars

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Highly recommend this to people who enjoy historical fiction ! ...more

flails I NEED THIS IMMEDIATELY.

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this is the type of badass journalist girl historical fiction I'm here for

Apparently historical fiction novels following badass teen journalist using their voices to stick it to societal norms and shine a light on injustice is absolutely my kryptonite.

Jo Kuan (with the help of Stacey Lee) proves the power words can hold and the changes that can unfold when you decide to use them for good. She is proof of just how strong women (especially women in marginalised communities) have been, are and always will be.

This was truly, completely and utterly wonderful.

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The Downstairs Girl Stacey Lee Epub

This is such a beautiful book (inside and out.)

I forgot how much I truly love Historical Fiction & this just reminded me how fantastic they can be !! Thereâ€™s so many twists and turns and that whole last half was just crazy!

I definitely recommend this and RTC (soon.)

Amazing, as expected and as always.

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hello lovely cover I want to touch you

You can find the full review and all the fancy and/or randomness that accompanies it at [It Starts at Midnight](#) .

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