



Valencia and Valentine

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That was part of the charm of the story with both these narratives I was never quite sure what was truth, what was a lie, and what was a figment of the characters imagination. Reading this book really was like putting a puzzle together. It really didn't make much sense and you couldn't see the beauty of it until it was all pieced together.

A lovely tale you need to read with an open mind. The beginning of the story is a little convoluted, a little muddled.. But these characters are so endearing, so engaging, you can't help but fall in love with them and want to know what happens in their lives. A delightful debut looking forward to what's next from Suzy Krause.

*** many thanks to Lake Union for my copy of this book *** ...more

Valencia And Valentine Spoilers

There is a reason I don't read mental illness books. I got this as a Kindle First read and both the cover illustration and first 20 pages lured me into thinking this would be a cuter read than it was. Instead, I got an unreliable narrator who came off as deeply disturbed, more so than I think the writer aimed to convey. What could have been cute and romancy was a confusing ball of mess. I get the author's underlying message, but it didn't redeem the book for me.

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This novel is a structural mess and totally confusing to the reader. You will eventually understand what the writer is trying to do (create a gotcha reveal), but it is an epic fail. Waaaaaahhhhh!

So sorry to bear such bad news, don't waste your money.

I was able to read this via the Amazon Kindle First Look program. I think I chose badly. ...more

Valencia And Valentine Amazon

This review has been hidden because it contains spoilers. To view it, [click here](#).

I see that a lot of readers were annoyed by Valencia's mental illness in this book. As someone with OCD and anxiety, I can say that is pretty much the way the population tends to react to actual people with similar issues. Myself, I loved the story. Yes, I figured out that Valencia and Valentine were one and the same, but I was left guessing at other things. Was Valencia hallucinating? Was Mrs Valentine ever really married? I loved the ending. I loved that Valencia/Mrs Valentine was finally able to overcome her OCD by realizing that the worse had already happened and she SURVIVED. It is a not-so-subtle reminder to tell that little voice (the one that whispers "What if?" in the back of my head) to take a flying leap and shut the heck up. ...more

I have very mixed feelings about this book. I almost put it down a hundred times, but the author had piqued my interest about a few events that made me keep reading to find out what happened. But I really did NOT enjoy the book until my kindle told me I was 70% done. Then, the book became interesting and I enjoyed the rest of the read. But to take 3/4 of a book before it really grabs you, is just too long. It could also be extremely confusing as to the past and the present and what was real and what wasn't. All in all this was a decent read but I really can't say I would recommend it. ...more

Valencia And Valentine Excerpt

What an enjoyable debut! From the cover to the name to the description, I was excited to read this book and it didn't disappoint. Both Valencia and Mrs. Valentine were likable from the start in spite of - and actually because of - their quirks. Readers will devour this feel-good book and eagerly anticipate more from this author.

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