

ALL ABOUT LOVE

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There are many types of romance novels - historical, erotic, paranormal, multicultural, inspirational, suspense, and contemporary romance. Each type typically follows the format of traditional romantic stories, but writers today can add their own personal twist and put the hero and heroine in any situation at any place and time. While the core of any good romantic book is the budding relationship between two characters.

Just once is a romantic Novel by Prachi Agasti, a young writer based in Bhuvneshwar. The text in 235 pages tells you the love story of June and Brian. The story moves on with many other characters like Ashley, Richa, Duke, Jason, Alex, Jessica etc .Love is powerful. Love can pull people together and tear people apart. Love has no time limit, no regard for age, religion, race or social/economic status. Love is just love. You can't control when you fall or who you fall in love with. Sometimes, it just happens.

Just Once is all about love. The epitaph say it all. Be it the conversation between Brian and June, Ashley, Richa, Isabella and June, Jason and June, the element of love is expressed wonderfully. Narration is the key to any novel and the authors has been successful in keeping the reader hooked till the end. There is a flow in the entire narration which is the hall mark of Prachi agasti as a novelist. Just once centre's around the love story of June and Brian. Whether it is in the cafeteria, in the school or when June and Brian were allotted the duty of hosing down the swimming pool, the novelist honestly presents the love between June and Brian in a brilliant way that it does not become childish nor elevates to the level of Adults. Prachi keeps it entirely within the adolescence age, which indicates the authors hold over the characters,

There are many places in the novel where prachis thoughts and ideas are put in italics. Those not only form as a part of the novel but also are the instances where the poet in Prachi pops Chapter 15, 21 and the epilogue are the important ones in the Novel. It's in chapter 15that the news about June having cancer is being revealed. Prachi has nicely narrated the news. The anxiety, pain, love of the peers are expressed with great care, but Brian is unaware ofchapter 21 Brian comes to know about this. His love towards her increases and he admits In the epilogue June is taken to her place for treatment. She hands over a letter to her father asking him to post it to Brian and later her health deteriorates. The readers finishes the epilogue with a heavy heart. Years later Brian lives with Junes memories and June continues Just once is a wonderful read and beyond doubt novelist Prachi has been successful as an author in her debut novel.

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