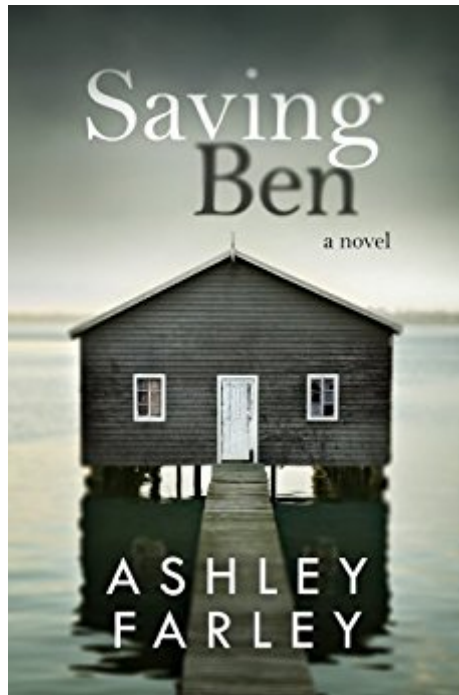




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Saving Ben



Synopsis

A boy, his sister, and her psychotic roommate. A New Year's Eve party, a missing person, and a single set of footprints in the snow. Life is sweet for Katherine Langley, a first-year student at the University of Virginia. She is finally free from the drama of her parents' dysfunctional marriage and ready to focus on studying to become a nurse. Her brother, Ben, belongs to the hottest fraternity on campus, and her roommate, Emma, is beautiful and charming, a party girl whose answer for a hangover is happy hour. She is also psychopath. When OCD Ben succumbs to Emma's charms and falls dangerously off-track, Katherine must save her brother from himself. From the UVA campus to a cozy cottage on Carter's Creek, Saving Ben is a haunting tale of love and loyalty and family relationships. Anger management, substance abuse, and mental illness.

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Customer Reviews

I read this book a couple days ago and I am already starting to forget it. The positives I can give this book is that I continued to read it so it must not have been among the worst books I have read. I think the author could be a great story teller but she needs to stick with one story at a time and get rid of some cliches. And don't introduce characters we don't need to know. Maddie as Ben's girlfriend was fine. Maddie as the girlfriend of his friend/hostile houseguest only cluttered the story. Several of Ben's friends had no bearing on the story so why were we introduced to them? Ditto the suite mates of Emma and Katherine. Phoebe and Carla?? something like that. They were distracting to the story. Also, I can't handle alcoholism, obsession compulsion, narcissism, anorexia, drug use, neglectful parenting, affluenza, jealousy, bullying etc.... all in one story unless its all one person :)

Kat's first impression of her freshman college roomie, Emma, is a good one, and Kat is so relieved she ended up with someone normal, pretty and fun! The girls become instant friends. Kat involves Emma in all aspects of her life, acquaints her with her friends and family members, invites her home for the holidays, even loans her Grandma's diamonds - all the things a close trusted friend would do. Only, Emma isn't at all what she seems to be on the surface. She's an expert at drawing people in, charming them...then twisting them into whatever form she sees fit to suit her own needs. Using people is her forte. What starts out in the book to appear very Single White Female, ends up far worse as Emma spreads her poison on to Emma's brother, Ben. Now Ben is in trouble and Kat feels responsible. All aspects of his life have turned to crap as a result of Emma's attentions. Kat sets out to save him from the stalker bitch she unleashed on him. There is far more drama included in the book, including a pretty good murder mystery that gets the thrill going toward the middle. Great ending ya gotta read to appreciate!

loyalty. Katherine, the main character of the story, is happy at college, as is her brother Ben. They are having the times of their lives. Katherine's roommate, Emma, is a party girl that seems pretty cool, but Katherine finds out that she is nothing by a psychopath. When Emma sinks her claws into Ben, Katherine knows that she will do anything to save him from her. Danger, intrigue, familial love, suspense, betrayals, and twists and turns make this a fast paced thrill ride that will have you racing against time to save Ben. Katherine is fierce and loyal. The reader immediately starts to care for Katherine and Ben, and in a strange way Emma. Make this you next good read! I was given a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

This contemporary mystery main aim is to highlight the special bond between siblings and to bring

focus on the many struggles one can experience during college life. This is a haunting tale of love, loyalty, anger management, substance abuse and betrayal. Ben and Kitty are the primary players but Emma is the character to watch for. She is Kitty's bitchy roommate who brought havoc between brother and sister. Without her this story would not have been quite captivating she is portrayed as a complete psychopath. I love mystery but this one is a bit too soft for my taste, the first half is mainly the set-up of college life: the setting, atmosphere and the relationships, etc. The second half is more dramatic and moves along at a better pace but the suspense is kind of lightweight and the development so predictable I became anxious to see the end. Having said this does not mean it is boring, on the contrary it is quite a sentimental journey. This lively story is told from the perspective of young adults. The portrayal of friendship and the strong characterization is where this story excels. The dialogue is somewhat stilted although I did overcome noticing this after a while. How Ben slowly spiral out of control, starts drinking, does drugs and argues all the time is especially well represented. The serious problems concerning anorexia as well as family issues are also at the forefront. There is something to please everyone even a murder scene for the mystery buffs to enjoy. This book should appeal mostly to older teens and young adults and to older adults who wish to reminisce about their days in college.

This is a great read, one about a set of brothers and sisters who love each other dearly. The main characters are Ben and Katherine who are very close to each other and lean on each other as a brother and sister should, at most times. There is also another brother and sister team named George and his sister Abby, who is dealing with anorexia. The other character is Emma who is Katherine's psychotic roommate who is a sex addict and after Ben. This book will have you crying one second and so mad at the characters that they can't see the real Emma. You know that something bad is going to happen, but you just can't possibly figure out the ending of this wonderful story. It is a book that you will be up reading into the middle of the night, as you won't be able to put it down. I loved this book and the way this author writes. The words just flow so easily and makes the book easy to read and so believable. An amazing book!!!!

What a great book about the strong bond between a brother and sister. It was an exciting read, I so could relate to the heart break that Emma was constantly doing to Ben. Quite a twist at the end. Very good read. I also felt like the book was written about my life.

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