

Saint Anything By Sarah Dessen

A Warm Hug in Book Form: Discovering the Magic of 'Saint Anything'

Oh, Sarah Dessen. You've done it again. With *Saint Anything*, Dessen doesn't just write a story; she crafts an experience. It's the kind of book that wraps you up like your favorite blanket on a chilly evening, a comforting and utterly captivating journey that leaves you with a full heart and a renewed sense of wonder. If you're looking for a read that's brimming with life, love, and the messy, beautiful business of figuring things out, then prepare to be enchanted.

From the moment we meet Calla, a girl navigating the seismic shifts after her brother's unexpected departure and her parents' subsequent emotional withdrawal, we're invited into a world that feels both vividly real and wonderfully imaginative. Dessen has this uncanny ability to paint settings that are more than just backdrops; they become characters in themselves. The quirky, vibrant town of Stockton, with its eccentric inhabitants and hidden pockets of charm, feels as alive as any of the human characters. You can practically smell the salty air, hear the distant laughter, and feel the hum of possibility that emanates from its streets.

But it's the **emotional depth** of *Saint Anything* that truly sets it apart. Calla's journey of self-discovery is a masterclass in portraying vulnerability and resilience. We witness her grappling with feelings of abandonment, the awkwardness of forging new friendships, and the exhilarating, terrifying prospect of falling in love. Dessen doesn't shy away from the complexities of adolescent life; she dives headfirst into the confusion, the heartache, and the triumphant moments of clarity. It's in these raw, honest moments that the book shines, offering solace and understanding to anyone who's ever felt a little lost.

And let's talk about the characters! From the enigmatic and undeniably charming Luke to the wonderfully quirky members of the PCC (which you'll have to read to fully appreciate!), each one is meticulously crafted, brimming with personality and the kind of imperfections that make them utterly relatable. You'll find yourself rooting for them, laughing with them, and maybe even shedding a tear or two alongside them. It's this **universal appeal** that makes *Saint Anything* a treasure for readers of all ages. Whether you're a teenager navigating your own set of challenges or an adult reminiscing about the glorious, chaotic days of youth, this book speaks to the core of what it means to be human.

What I particularly adore about Dessen’s writing is its effortless ability to blend humor with poignancy. There are moments that will have you snorting with laughter (the PCC meetings alone are a comedic goldmine!), and then there are scenes that will tug at your heartstrings with their gentle, profound wisdom. It’s a delicate dance that Dessen performs with remarkable grace, creating a narrative that is both lighthearted and deeply resonant.

Why You MUST Experience ‘Saint Anything’:

- An Imaginative Setting:** Stockton isn’t just a town; it’s a character, alive with unique charm and endless possibilities.
- Profound Emotional Resonance:** Calla’s journey is a relatable and inspiring exploration of vulnerability, resilience, and self-discovery.
- Unforgettable Characters:** From the mysterious Luke to the wonderfully eccentric PCC, you’ll fall in love with every single one.
- The Perfect Blend of Humor and Heart:** Prepare for laugh-out-loud moments and deeply touching insights that will stay with you long after you’ve finished.
- Timeless Themes:** The book tackles universal themes of family, friendship, love, and the courage it takes to forge your own path.

Saint Anything is more than just a novel; it’s a testament to the power of connection, the beauty of finding your tribe, and the quiet strength that resides within us all. It’s the kind of book that leaves you feeling a little more hopeful, a little more brave, and a lot more in love with the world. For literature enthusiasts and academic readers alike, this book offers a rich tapestry of character development and thematic exploration. For avid readers, it’s an escape into a world you won’t want to leave. **This is a timeless classic**, a story that continues to capture hearts worldwide because it speaks to our shared human experience with honesty, wit, and an abundance of grace.

So, pick up *Saint Anything*. Revisit it if it’s been a while, or dive in for the first time. Allow yourself to be swept away by its magic. You’ll thank yourself for it. It’s a heartfelt recommendation that highlights why this book continues to capture hearts worldwide, a true masterpiece that celebrates the book’s lasting impact and will undoubtedly educate and enrich your reading journey.

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for fifteen year old haven this is the summer where everything changes dad is remarrying her sister ashley is planning a wedding of her own they're both moving on but haven is lost in memories of a time when life was happy and her family was whole and then ashley's ex the charming and funny summer lee arrives in town he reminds haven of carefree days gone by and she can't help but wonder has fate brought this person from her past back to change her future

love can be a very dangerous thing after her sister left caitlin felt lost then she met rogerson when she's with him nothing seems real but what happens when being with rogerson becomes a larger problem than being without him another pitch perfect offering from dessen booklist starred review also by sarah dessen along for the ride just listen keeping the moon lock and key the moon and more someone like you that summer this lullaby the truth about forever what happened to goodbye

from the award winning and new york times bestselling author of once and for all in her eleventh novel sarah dessen returns to the beach town of colby setting of some of her best loved books emaline is a colby native and so summer at the beach for her means hard work and a new population of beach goers during this her last summer before college emaline meets theo while working for her family's rental business he's a city boy who's come to colby as the assistant to a high strung documentary filmmaker who's in town to profile a reclusive local artist emaline knows he's not her type but she can't help feeling drawn to him and as their relationship develops emaline finds herself questioning her own goals values and choices in this classic dessen romance sarah dessen is the winner of the margaret a edwards award for her contributions to ya literature as well as the romantic times career achievement award books by sarah dessen that summer someone like you keeping the moon dreamland this lullaby the truth about forever just listen lock and key along for the ride what happened to goodbye the moon and more saint anything once and for all

never underestimate the power of friendship when colie goes to spend the summer at the beach she doesn't expect much but colie didn't count on meeting morgan and isabel through them she learns what true friendship is all about and finally starts to realize her potential and that just might open the door to her first chance at love a down to earth cinderella story captures that special feeling the new york post also by sarah dessen along for the ride dreamland just listen lock and key the moon and more someone like you that summer this lullaby the truth about forever what happened to goodbye

ruby cooper likes to expect the worst that way she's never disappointed abandoned by her mother and forced to leave the house she calls home ruby is facing too many changes her lonely world has been transformed into a life of luxury by her long lost sister but all ruby wants to do is leave she can make it on her own even nate the gorgeous boy next door can't seem to change her mind will ruby realize first impressions don't always count and that sometimes people can surprise you so it's ok to let the closest ones in

from the award winning and new york times bestselling author of once and for all to find the truth you've got to be willing to hear it when she's modeling annabel is the picture of perfection but her real life is far from perfect fortunately she's got owen he's intense music obsessed and dedicated to always telling the truth and most of all he's determined to make annabel happy this is young adult fiction at its best school library journal sarah dessen is the winner of the margaret a edwards award for her contributions to ya literature as well as the romantic times career achievement award books by sarah dessen that summer someone like you keeping the moon dreamland this lullaby the truth about forever just listen lock and key along for the ride what happened to goodbye the moon and more saint anything once and for all

remy is a cynic when it comes to love let down by her absent musician dad and witness to her mother's four failed marriages she doesn't intend ever to let anyone that close so when dexter comes crashing into her life why is it suddenly so hard for remy to follow her own rules he's everything she hates messy disorganised impulsive and worst of all a musician like her absent father

from the award winning and new york times bestselling author of once and for all expect the unexpected macy's got her whole summer carefully planned but her plans didn't include a job at wish catering and they certainly didn't include wes but macy soon discovers that the things you expect least are sometimes the things you need most dessen gracefully balances comedy with tragedy and introduces a complex heroine worth getting to know publishers weekly sarah dessen is the winner of the margaret a edwards award for her contributions to ya literature as well as the romantic times career achievement award books by sarah dessen that summer someone like you keeping the moon dreamland this lullaby the truth about forever just listen lock and key along for the ride what happened to goodbye the moon and more saint anything once and for all

inspire teenagers to read quality literature and help them explore issues relevant to their lives this outstanding book offers motivational ready to use booktalks for more than 100 of the best new reads for teenagers guaranteed to pique teen interest each booktalk comes with complete bibliographic information a detailed plot summary helpful presentation tips curriculum connections

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peyton sydney s charismatic older brother has always been the star of the family receiving the lion s share of their parents attention and lately concern when peyton s increasingly reckless behavior culminates in an accident a drunk driving conviction and a jail sentence sydney is cast adrift searching for her place in the family and the world when everyone else is so worried about peyton is she the only one concerned about the victim of the accident enter the chathams a warm chaotic family who run a pizza parlor play bluegrass on weekends and pitch in to care for their mother who has multiple sclerosis here sydney experiences unquestioning acceptance and here she meets mac gentle watchful and protective who makes sydney feel seen really seen for the first time

what happened to goodbye is a captivating young adult novel about learning to be true to yourself from new york times number one bestseller sarah dessen author of just listen and lock and key mclean never lets herself get too attached after the scandal of her mother s affair mclean and her dad chose life on the road but since losing her family and home mclean has lost herself too she s been eliza then lizbet then beth changing her name as often as she changed towns until now her neighbour dave is like no one she s met before it s as if she s always known him and just like that she becomes mclean again is it finally time to stop reinventing or will mclean turn her back on the new life she loves without even saying goodbye acclaim for sarah dessen unputdownable mizz a poignant coming of age story big issue a compelling story and beautifully written time out sarah dessen is the author of six stunning teen novels just listen the truth about forever lock and key that summer and along for the ride she lives in the countryside in north carolina with her daughter husband some lizards and two very spoilt dogs read her once and fall in love

a girl dresses in a bunny costume to earn her dad s approval a boy bakes a cake and takes out his dad in the same afternoon these are just two of the offbeat and utterly captivating scenarios readers will find in this collection of stories inspired by narrative artwork nine charcoal drawings each one hauntingly surreal were the creative spur for eighteen different authors pairs of writers were sent the same image and asked to write a story to accompany it the results are fascinating some of the couplings are strikingly similar others couldn t be more different and all make terrific reading

michael anthony 20 year reading workshop practitioner at the secondary level and joan kaywell acclaimed author and advocate for young adult literature in learning present between the lines a creative paradigm shift for the english language arts workshop classroom in contrast to the traditional sustained silent reading and individual conferencing model an impractical commitment for most teachers btl invites collaborative engagement and active inquiry among students as well as on demand writing and integrated ya literature all designed to support existing middle and

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romance and revenge from the author of the city love trilogy rhiannon is devastated after the breakup with her boyfriend and wants him back nicole s ex is still pining for her but she can t help having a new crush and then there is james hopelessly in love with rhiannon who can t see that their friendship can be so much more just when things couldn t get more complicated the school s resident mean girl decides she is intent on ruining everyone s life james nicole and rhiannon are not going to let this slide but will their desire to take down the mean girl bring these three friends exactly what they want

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