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Von Alexis Hall : Glitterland (Spires Book 1) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Glitterland (Spires Book 1) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Beautiful prose. Charming characters. (But..)Von amygdalaARRGH. I had an entire.. review at the ready, painstakingly written, and then my bloody macbook had the gall to shut down on me. Because not enough battery left. ./So here we go again: this time just the short version, though, because I'm angry.3.5-ish stars.Although beautifully written and

leaving me with the feeling that I really have to read other works by AJH, like right now, I wasn't completely sold on this book. The storyline is, for lack of a better word, somewhat unusual, and manages despite the heavy topics that are addressed to be quite adorable and amusing, although the humorous moments were almost always at the expense of Darian's (or one of his equally simple friends') simplemindedness or his lacking capability of speaking and pronouncing the English language properly without the "typical" Essex dialect. And while I admit that I, too, was charmed by some of the hilarious situations, I kind of simultaneously felt bad for having laughed. I get that Darian is this happy, bubbly, lovely and simple, almost care-free persona, that he makes Ash happy and feel normal. I simply can't see him and Ash having any kind of future together, because there is this big chasm between them, intellectually. This might make me somewhat shallow, I suppose, but I wholeheartedly had to agree with Niall (long friend of Ash's, "having had to deal" with his breakdowns for years) when he argued (or rather accused) that Darian hasn't got the foggiest idea what it means to be and live with someone suffering from clinical and manic depression and bipolar disorder. That he just can't and isn't capable of comprehending the severity of it. Sure the way he delivered that was totally out of order, but he was mostly right, nevertheless. Because when theoretically confronted with Ash's issues Darian is all sloppy and stupid smiles, shrugs it merely off and sweetly and naively (placatingly) acts all like "Don't worry about what might never happen." (And let's be clear here: in this book, at least, he only ever catches Ash on his good-ish days, meaning not having yet had to see Ash or deal with him on his truly bad days, e.g. when having a manic episode.) And yeah! That is totally an Awesome Advice right there! Because, honestly, I know what it's like to not feeling or being able to face the world occasionally, to hide in one's bed for days and days, fretting about social contact and avoiding possible sources of danger like facebook, email, whatsapp, turning off one's phone and WLAN, coming up with some stupid excuse in order to avoid certain events or going out... And if someone would tell me that "Awww. Everythin is alright, babes. Why make such a fuss about nothin? ... Oh, look: glitter!" I'd positively kill them. Or imagine killing them. Gruesomely. And then probably feel bad about it because being mad about someone's stupidity when they are in fact rather simple is a shitty thing to do. Okay. Stopping rant. Now. Because (even though I've been complaining rather a lot) I actually liked the book. Liked the character development (in Darian's case I'd've wished to get a bit more insight, though, to get to know him a bit more - though maybe his depth just ended there?) and plot development in general. I just could have done without the romantic HEA. Because reasons. (See above.) In my opinion, the book and the whole plot would have benefitted from letting these characters grow independently, without the happy end in the end... 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Unique Von Sonne What had happened? I bought the book before Darian made his appearance. I'm not sure I would have bought it because I find written dialect arduous and for me as a non-native speaker irritating. But to be honest - it was understandable and easy enough to read. And not buying the book would have been a loss for me, it actually has something very endearing. Ash is a broken person with serious problems and Darian's unconditional acceptance is exactly what he needs. While we get great insight in Ash's convoluted psyche, we don't get to see Darian's mind working which is a shame because despite his obvious simplicity he sometimes utters real pearls of wisdom. Now, there are some flaws in the story, at least for me. I never really understood why they were attracted to each other. Darian has been portrayed a few times to close to the grotesque to be attractive (and how works that for a model) and Ash too much on the boring side to even attract attention. I mean, as soon as they talked with each other, it was okay. Not that they really did a lot of intelligent talking anyway but in his nearly childlike clear worldview Darian must be a relief to Ash's complex and convoluted life. But what was that stuff with Niall? Who does he love? In the beginning he was heartbroken over Max and later over Ash? I liked reading it, I loved how they later completed each other. This was a good example on opposite attracts. And, yeah, it was an unique book. 4 stars. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. My very 5 amazing I-WILL-LOVE-YOU-FOREVER-STARS!!!! Von Lena Ribka It is already a while since I wanted to start to re-read a book the moment I turned the last page. It is what I felt as I turned the last page of Glitterland late in the night or better to say - early in the morning. The very last words.... He catches my face between his hands, his painted fingernails twinkling like stars, and when he kisses me it feels a bit like fear and tastes a bit like tears, but it's as bright and sweet as sherbet, and I decide to call it joy. It was... beautiful... and sweet as sherbet but I was crying reading the last pages, even knowing that it would be the HEA, even knowing that I'll fall asleep happy and grateful overwhelmed with emotions and joy and gladness and HAPPINESS. I was laughing the half of the book, I was melting, smiling and I was crying at the end... because it was simply beautiful, heart-wrenching, warmhearted, emotional, touching, hopeful, tender, funny, hot and EXTREMELY, BELIEVE ME, EXTREMELY good written! It was a debut novel????!!!! REALLY????!!!! I want more from this author! Alexis Hall. I'll remember this name. YOU HAVE TO READ IT!! YOU NEED TO READ IT!! YOU MUST READ IT!! LIE-KIT!!!! JANAR WHAT A MEAN? P.S Don't judge a book on its cover! Because for me it was the only reason why I was waiting with reading it.

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