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Sixteen-year-old Moe's Shoplifters Anonymous meetings are usually punctuated by the snores of an old man and the whining of the world's unhappiest housewife. Until the day that Tabitha Foster and Elodie Shaw walk in. Tabitha has just about everything she wants: money, friends, popularity, a hot boyfriend who worships her...and clearly a yen for stealing. So does Elodie, who, despite her goodie-two-shoes attitude pretty much has "klepto" written across her forehead in indelible marker. But both of them are nothing compared to Moe, a bad girl with an even worse reputation.

Tabitha, Elodie, and Moe: a beauty queen, a wallflower, and a burnout-a more unlikely trio high school has rarely seen. And yet, when Tabitha challenges them to a steal-off, so begins a strange alliance linked by the thrill of stealing and the reasons that spawn it.

Hollywood screenwriter Kirsten Smith tells this story from multiple perspectives with humor and warmth as three very different girls who are supposed to be learning the steps to recovery end up learning the rules of friendship.

Trinkets Details

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Steph Campbell says

I LOVED the voice(s) in this novel. Superb storytelling, unique voice even with alternating pov, would love to see this book translated to film.

Miranda says

I don't know if it's the because of the red wine I was drinking when reading it (even though the only people of drinking age in the book were the parents), but I found this book to be a delight.

Hilary Graham says

I LOVE this book! TRINKETS is a beautifully told story of friendship between three girls who, despite their outward differences, ultimately help each other discover the people they truly are. Touching, hilarious, and real.

Melissa says

I won this book in a give away so I didn't have the chance to take a peak inside to see if this book would be a perfect match for me or not.

I was hoping it would be more detailed and little bit more complicated in the writing style. The story is very short and to the point and written perfectly for people in the 13 to 14 age group.

The story is told from three perspectives of three very different teenage girls in high school. I felt at times that the cliques were sort of cliché and, in my personal experience, a little unrealistic.

But there would be scenes in the book that would hit a nerve in me that was *real* and make me go "I know exactly what that feels like."

This would be great for anyone who is looking for a very light read with fun subject matter. Okay, maybe shoplifting isn't considered "fun subject matter" by everyone's standards. Anyways, it was great to read something like this after reading a heavy novel in both subject matter and volume even though I sometimes found little parts cheesy. I liked it more than I thought I was.

Sorry if this is a horrible review. This is my first time.

Danie says

some parts were kinda cliché and typical YA writing but overall this was a nice quick read

Cassy Hodges says

quick popcorn lit for tweeny girls watching iCarly that haven't graduated to Degrassi

Lm says

after spending the last few days back to back with disappointing books, I went into this one with low expectations-which luckily led me to be pleasantly surprised.

You meet 3 girls from 3 high school cliques- the popular pretty one, the straight boring new girl, and the punk rock rebel.

All 3 go to the same school-but are worlds apart in social status. Homelife for each girl is challenging due to a remarriage, a cheating, absentee Dad, an alcoholic Mom in denial, and dead parents.

What brings the unlikely trio together is a mandated Shoplifter Anonymous group. The girls bond over a challenge to see who can steal what-which brings them close together. They realize true friendship doesn't always look the part of what others expect.

Budding romance, break ups and the upcoming formal dance leads to the realization that sometimes looks are deceiving and you can make positive changes from bad mistakes.

I read this in under 2 hours. It's a young adult book but I think it will appeal to other age groups as well.

Barbara says

Told from the varying points of view of three high school girls who couldn't have less in common, this title is sure to be snapped up by teen readers who will see parts of themselves reflected in Tabitha, Elodie, and Moe. The three meet at a Shoplifters Anonymous meeting after getting in trouble for taking things without paying. Readers will have several of their assumptions about the reasons behind theft challenged by the author's depictions of the girls. In the case of Tabitha, shoplifting is her way of getting back at her father for his inattention to her and her mother. For Elodie, it's more about getting noticed, and for Moe, it's part of her bad girl reputation at school. Readers will relish getting to know each of these girls better as they plan a steal-off to see who can get away with the best loot. This book made me laugh while also prompting my empathy with several of the characters and their complicated romantic entanglements.

Patricia says

It's been awhile since I've read a book. I've been so busy with college stuffs (I'm reading starting today I hope I still pass). So on to the book review...

I loved their personalities. I never got annoyed with their attitude and all. I loved how the story progressed. I loved everything about the book. It didn't focus on romance. Instead it focused on family and friends. It was a refreshing read. And yeah, I just wanna say I'm the combination of the three of them. lol

Josie M. says

This book was interesting; the premise is unlike anything I have ever seen before. I think the author definitely took a risk in writing this book, but I think it payed off.

This book is a multi-perspective story that follows an unlikely friendship that develops through a Shoplifters Anonymous support group.

I liked that this book was multi-perspective. The story was graceful and flowed nicely. Seeing the story through different points of view helped the reader draw similarities and differences between the characters while still allowing the characters to have individuality. Each perspective has a slightly different writing style that adds a uniqueness to the story, and the characters. I admire that the author was able to pull of a multi-perspective book about both friendship and individual struggle.

At first I was concerned about the message that this book was sending. I thought that some of the ideas presented (underage drinking, sex, and shoplifting) were not the most positive of messages to send to teenagers reading this book. However, as this book progressed, along with the character development, I thought the messages evolved through the characters actions, leading to a more positive and wholesome message being put across to readers.

One minor complaint that I have about this book is the overuse of minor characters. This is a multi-perspective story that follows three characters, each with an individual story that contained multiple supporting characters. At times it became hard to keep all of the minor characters, and their roles within the story, straight in my head. I felt like some of the minor, male characters could have been taken out of the story without affecting the overall message and tone.

Overall, I enjoyed this story and thought it was a quick read. I was skeptical of this story at first, and how the author was going to pull it off, but I'm glad that I read it and got to see the character development. Although I didn't get attached to the characters or story, I still enjoyed watching them grow. I give this book a 4/5 stars!

marisa inez says

idk why I like it so much

It just..... I DUNNO MAN I just like it a lot

Miss Literati says

Kirsten Smith's newest novel TRINKETS is a humorous read filled with high school drama, shoplifting, and above all, friendship.

Moe is a 16-year-old troublemaker that, to no one's surprise, has to attend weekly Shoplifters Anonymous meetings. The dullsville gatherings start to become a bit more interesting when 'it' girl Tabitha and goody-two-shoes Elodie show up. Who would have thought these seemingly perfect girls would have such sticky fingers?

What starts off as acquaintanceship soon turns to friendship as Tabitha challenges the girls to a steal-off, which turns out not to be the best idea. *Duh!*

Though we may not all be able to relate to the klepto maniac girls portrayed in *TRINKETS*, Kirsten does a fantastic job of making their friendship as relatable as ever. Moe, who is a tough girl on the outside has never had a real friend because she's always been afraid of the vulnerability in such a relationship. Just as she tears her walls down and starts to confide in her newfound friends, she gets...[READ THE REST ON MISS LITERATI]

Susan Schatvet says

I really enjoyed this book, three girls Moe, Elodie and Tabitha all with a different story, who probably never would have connected as friends had they not shared something in common, a compulsive need to shoplift. Kirsten Smith's development of their characters was very believable.

Kelly Hager says

Kirsten Smith co-wrote two movies I love (*Legally Blonde* and *10 Things I Hate About You*) and one I hated (*The Ugly Truth*). That sentence will probably tell you whether or not you want to read this book.

Like the movies I loved, this book won't change your life and it probably won't be something you end up re-reading.

But if you're in a reading slump or if you even just want to read a book that's cute and sweet but is also unexpectedly deeper than you'd expect it to be, this may be the book for you.

I liked all three girls, but I identified with Elodie the most. I guess if you give me three choices and one is shy, that's the girl I'll always pick as my representative in the story. ;)

This is a frothy story and it was just what I was in the mood for.

Natalie (Natflix&Books) says

Trinkets was exactly the kind of fast-paced, easy read I needed. I've been in a major book slump lately (I must be 30-60% of the way through at least 10 books right now--nothing has been holding my attention) so I'm so glad I picked this one up.

Trinkets is about 3 high school girls: Moe, Tabitha, and Elodie.

Moe is the "bad girl". She hangs out with the tough girls in her school even though she secretly loves Katy Perry (and other Pop favorites) and is secretly sleeping with the boy across the street, popular boy, Noah. She lives with her brother and aunt after the death of her parents.

Tabitha is the queen bee of her school. Beautiful, popular, and girlfriend of the gorgeous Brady. Her life may

seem perfect, but Brady is a dick and she wants out of the relationship and she's discovered that her father is cheating on her mother.

Elodie is the new girl. She moved to the Portland suburb a few months ago with her father and his new young wife (her mother is dead). She only has one friend (who isn't much of a friend) and has joined the yearbook as their photographer.

The three girls don't have much in common except for one thing: they are all shoplifters who've been caught and are forced to attend Shoplifters Anonymous so that their crimes don't go on their records. The girls form a friendship of sorts and instead of getting rehabilitated by the program urge each other to steal even more--trying to outdo the others in what they steal.

Trinkets is told by all 3 girls in super short chapters--Elodie's are in verse--making the book just fly by. I liked all 3 characters and enjoyed watching them become friends. Overall, I would recommend this contemporary YA if you are in the mood for a quick, easy read with some substance.
