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## **Footprints in the Sand Details**

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# **From Reader Review Footprints in the Sand for online ebook**

## **Morgan Terry says**

Wow. There really aren't enough words to describe this phenomenal book! I could not put it down! I so strongly felt the beginning of Lacey's love for Seth immediately. And his first reaction of FINALLY seeing her was brilliantly written. Throughout the entire story I felt pain when the character did, I felt the love and the happiness and the sadness (and yes you will cry, so have the tissues ready). The ending was like a nice little package all wrapped up with a bow. Those who read Michelle's words will not be disappointed!

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## **Maliha Fatima says**

excellent read it in one go and enjoyed reading every chapter of it.

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## **Shannon Moore says**

I have no idea what just happened. I picked up this book and all of a sudden I'm done. This story was absolute crack to me and I have no idea why. The story line drew me in, there were points where my heart was going nuts and I just couldn't even deal.

I'm rating this 3 stars though because I did have some problems with it. The characters started as 17 and then the story picks up again when they're 21, but the entire time they sounded like a 14 year old, maximum. So immature and naive. And everything was so exciting! All of the sentences ended in exclamation marks! I cannot remember life being that exciting, but maybe I was boring at that age.

The premise of the story sucked me in so completely, I could look over that all of that. I was so enthralled I couldn't put this down. Like I said, I don't know if it was the story line or how it kept me on the edge of my seat or what but something hooked me. This is a fast read, but by no means easy. It's not as dark and heartbreaking as I would've expected but there's some pretty horrific things going on in here and then the characters dealing with these issues.

If instalove isn't your thing, you won't like this book. I guarantee it. For me it was laid on a little thick at times but still cute nonetheless. I can't really get into the plot without giving away any spoilers, so I'll just say this. The writing is not my favourite. In areas it seemed disjointed, the grammar and slang weren't quite right and the characters were just so damn excitable. But, I HAD to finish this story. Absolutely had to. So take from this what you may. Enjoy!

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## **Madiha J Bookblogger says**

**5 Strong Imprinting Stars**

This was yet another great book by Michelle Horst. One of my favorites of this year!

The story was very beautiful and so captivating i finished it in one night and 2 hours of the day ! I mean i just couldn't put it down for a moment.

It was so touching and so beautiful, a roller coaster of emotions. It made me cry it touched my heart. But it didn't leave me shattered! It soothed me.. my heart.

A very simple, sweet yet heart-breaking love story!

This tale is about Lacey and Seth. About their journey, about what they face in this cruel world.

It broke my heart for what Lacey faces and how she struggles when people bully her, when they make her weak. How she manages to move on and how Seth is not by her side but still with her!

They both loved each other a lot but fate has some other decisions for them to make, some misunderstandings and some brutality of the World forces them to be apart and Seth becomes her worst nightmare. Will they give their love a second chance? Will she ever be able to face her worst nightmare? May be sometimes second chances are worth taking, or sometimes not.

Read out to catch up on Lacey and Seth's story!

No doubt this author has some amazing writing skills. She keeps you gripped in her story so much that you just can't move away. I am in love with this author.

Highly Recommended.

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**Charlie says**

**2.5/5 Stars**

An ok read but I wanted more explanation, more raw emotion.

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**Komal Chandwani says**

Footprints in the Sand had a cathartic effect on me. Its one of those books which hits you in the right places with the emotions. This book is sweet, a bit tragic, but definitely with your "happily ever after."

My heart went out for Lacey when she was in a tragic situation. Something happened that had turned her life upside down. Seth, whom she loved dearly and would have given anything in the world just to be with him, was someone she now ignored. Her misconceptions about Seth lead the story into a different direction. Most readers might have thought that Lacey should have not been ignorant about Seth and left him, but I think it

was the right decision.

Seth on the other saw Lacey for who she really was. After the tragic experience, the girl might have thought that before the event she was invisible to him, and now was the only moment he was noticing her, but that isn't right.

This book is a whirlwind of emotions and you are just chunked into the story. With every page comes a new day and that creates a new emotion in you.

The author, Michelle, has done a good job with the concept of the story. The execution is good, apart from it being a bit face paced. I must say that the ending to this story was perfect. The description of everything is precise and I like how everything just flows into the story.

The characters mould each other into something more. Seth and Lacey go hand in hand. He fixes her and she fades away his guilt. <3

Great job on writing this story, honey! xo

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### **Jeanette Book-Reviews says**

\*\*\*\*\*5 Amazing Stars\*\*\*\*\*

A Standalone novel written in Dual POV's ~ My all time favourite!!

Honestly I just don't know where to start!.... It was beautifully written story with real life issues & how we deal with the aftermath of what happens.

Seventeen year old Lacey, decided to leave everything & her parents behind as her way to deal with her ordeal... She's one strong girl to make that kind of decision. Go wherever she ends up with the amount of money she's got which isn't much but it's a start...

Seth who is also Seventeen himself, OMG I just love him, the way he dealt with his own issues - Changing his surname was the first thing he did with help of his Mother's older sister Aunt Janice, so he can rebuild his life after finding out just exactly what kind of a father he's got! He's on a mission to try and make up for what his father did even though no fault of his own!

The story then takes us to 4 years later where both of them turned 21/22.... OMFG I just love second chances!! Seth has stepped up by a mile in my eyes!!

Those who know me.... Yes... That's right, I don't do spoilers. But take my word for it... You will love this as much as I did...

Thanks Michelle for an amazing second chance story!

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## **Azzie says**

### **Footprints in the Sand by Michelle Horst**

I'm finding more free books from amazon that I'm enjoying so much and footprints in the sand is one of many. This was a very enjoyable book to read, I don't think I have read anything by this author before, but I will be looking for more books from her. Really liked the music she selected at the end for the book. The song footprints in the sand made me cry, keep up the good work.

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## **K.A. Graham says**

Michelle Horst sent me on an emotional tailspin with this one, and the heartache, pain, and love shone bright within the characters. If this one doesn't grab at your heartstrings, I honestly don't know what will!

Lacey has been in love with Seth her whole life, and being a teenage girl, she's quite dramatic in her thoughts of him. Everything she sees and does has some aspect of Seth in it, and to make matters worse, he honestly doesn't know she exists...yet! She's been deemed an outsider to many at her high school, and tries to keep a low profile, out of the eyes of judgment.

Her path literally crosses with Seth one day at the beach, a day that would change her life forever. Seth is one of the "cool kids" and has some less than desirable friends, one specifically that takes to bullying Lacey around, and that's when Seth finally sees her. They have an instant connection, one that's not understood by most, but that doesn't deter them. Then a horrific tragedy strikes, that sends them both reeling, not knowing what's real and what isn't, or who to trust.

The journey that these two take, together and apart, is a wild mess of emotions. Everything from complete anguish to undying love will pull them apart then bring them back together. It's a beautifully tragic story, one that truly shows that there is always light at the end of the darkest tunnel.

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## **Amo Thomson says**

Another 5\*\*\*\*\* read by the amazing Michelle Horst, she seems to take us on these amazing rollercoaster rides which we just can't get off :)))

What starts out as a typical teenage story girl loves boy, boy doesn't notice girl until one day it all becomes real and everyone is noticed....

This is a one click must this is NOT a typical love story

Lacey loves Seth and she wishes nothing more than that feeling returned.

They both go to the same school ride the same bus stay close to each other and yet he still hasn't noticed, until one day he does !

That day is a day that changes both their lives forever ( I won't spoil for anyone what happens )

But trust me you will NOT be disappointed.

Amo

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### **Sophie says**

Michelle has republished *Footprints In The Sand* after giving it an update and by adding new material. So I'm going to do the same to my review...

*Footprints In The Sand* is a beautiful, heartbreaking, brilliant read.

This book is a rollercoaster ride, packed with breathtaking highs and lows, twists and turns, scary dips, the steady, emotional pull right to the very end. I cried, I rejoiced, I screamed and ultimately I fell in love.

Lacey and Seth are two stunning characters, both damaged by the same person, both wounded by hate and disgusting circumstances. They are both wonderful and so utterly real and believable. My sadness and happiness for both Lacey and Seth throughout the whole book wrenched my heart out and then pieced it back together again perfectly.

I previously rated this book 5 stars, because I thought it was brilliant. Michelle has, however, made it better, more emotional, more intense, just MORE!

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### **Michelle Horst says**

This is the Special Edition.

It's been edited and revised.

Will be re-released on June 30th.

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### **Laura Nelson (Tangents and Tissues) says**

Michelle, I don't know if I want to hug the life out of you or shake you after reading this book!! It's like nothing I've ever read before and I've still got a book hangover since I finished it.

I don't want to say too much about the storyline here as it would spoil it!! I loved the dual POVs of the main characters. I felt Lacey's vulnerability and applauded her inner strength. Seth also didn't let obstacles get in his way and he is definitely one of my favourite book boyfriends EVER! That boy is hot and the sexual chemistry between Lacey and him sizzled on the pages.

All I'll say is have a box of tissues and an emergency ration of chocolate at hand and enjoy the emotional

rollercoaster because once you get on you won't want it to end.

Michelle has made it onto my auto buy list and I can guarantee she'll be on yours if you read this book <3

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## **KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says**

**?\*\*Complimentary Copy\*\*?** Provided by the author

**"Michelle Horst"** in exchange for an honest review..Thank you!!

**TITLE:** *FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND (SPECIAL EDITION)*

**AUTHOR:** Michelle Horst

**GENRE:** Contemporary Romance

**CHAPTERS:** 50 + EPILOGUE

**RELEASE DATE:** June 30th, 2016

### **MY RATING**

**FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND:** Spoken in 'Dual Perspectives' (Lacey & Seth) this isn't your typical love story, girl loves boy, boy loves girl, it is so much more than that.

Firstly we're introduced to seventeen year old Lacey, who lives in an RV Park close to her crush Seth, this girl has her stalker skills down pat when it comes to 'Seth Brody'. Her very existence surrounds Seth, even if it's just a glimpse of him as she walks past his RV which is parked only four spaces away from hers.

*Seth...Sigh...  
I'm addicted to anything  
and everything Seth.*

She's been smitten with him since the very first day she laid eyes on him, in time her feelings for him developed into more, so much more.

It doesn't take long before you're caught up in the story, for me it was pretty much the first sentence in chapter one, you not only connect with Lacey as soon as you're introduced to her character but the story and its uniqueness straight away grabs you within its grip. All of us on some level can connect with this story, because who hasn't had a first crush!!

Seth's just your typical teenage boy, hangs out with his mates but his goal above all else is to get out of from the trailer park where he lives with his father who is a struggling writer.

Just when Lacey is high on giddiness with Seth finally noticing her that same night things take a horrifying

turn for the worst.

This book could've turned really dark but in true Michelle Horst fashion it does have an under tone of grittiness to it which you lovers of gritty reads will enjoy..

*My worlds been tainted black  
I want to stop this downward spiral  
into nothingness.  
I hate him for the horrible things  
he's done.  
I hate him for destroying my life. - Seth*

After that fateful night Lacey was never the same, ostracized, bullied for something that was out of her control, she was a victim but that didn't stop her struggle to survive against all odds. It changed her from the girl who enjoyed the little things in life to a shadow who hid in the darkness that tried to claim her very soul. A girl who just wanted to become invisible again.

***I fake that I'm okay so that everyone will just move on and leave me to deal with it all in my own way.***

When it all becomes too much for Lacey she packs a few belongings and leaves behind all that tried to destroy her.

The boy she left behind

## **FOUR YEARS LATER**

Both are still as broken as they were in their teenage years, still trying to fight their inner demons, it's not until they reacquaint that the past is left behind them and they slowly started to heal, a second chance romance.

*My eyes drop to the footprints  
in the sand she's leaving behind.  
And then I look behind me and I see the two trails of footprints  
mine following hers  
I'll always follow her  
Shes the only light in my life  
She's no longer a shooting star just passing by  
She's my sun  
Without her, there would only be  
Darkness in my life.*

This author could rewrite the phone book and I would be under her spell. Anything she puts to paper turns to magic. This was such a unique suspenseful read. Loved it from start to finish.

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**ItaPixie says**

What a journey!!! I couldn't take a breath until the last few chapters.  
I loved the writing style and all the characters,especially Fede she is so funny ;)

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