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Twelve-year-old Tiff loves her mom, Carla, who is glitzy and fun and always coming home with shiny new amazing stuff. The trouble is, Tiff's mom doesn't buy things, she takes them. The fact is, Tiff's mom is a thief. When Carla gets caught, Tiff's shiny life is ruined. She's packed off to a remote island to live with Carla's family. A family her mom never even talks about and that Tiff has never even met! How can she survive in this dull, dull place? But the island of Sark isn't as awful as Tiff imagined it would be. The islanders are kind and honest and she's happy spending time with them. So three months later, when it's finally time for her mom to join her, Tiff can't help feeling more than a little bit worried.

## Shine Details

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## From Reader Review Shine for online ebook

### **Jaymeds24 says**

I just loved this book! I mean if I was older I wouldn't have been interested (I was 11). This book hooked me in straight away and I knew this book I was going to love. I got very into it and got a little emotional. But man I love this book so, so much!!!

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### **Tiferet Simon says**

Omg! This book is so sad!!!! It just devastating! The mom, who steals everything, but never gets caught . She also, by the drinks. Steals cars, sells them, and spends the money. And her daughter, typically tiff. Who just wants a normal life! With a normal mom, something she know she'll never have. A sad touching book, with, a happy ending.

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### **Fi says**

first read this when i was 10 and rereading it 6 years later highlights how much i love this book. i'll never forget it!

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### **Ruby Coggins x says**

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### **Anne says**

Characters: 6.5/10

Storyline: 7/10

General Writing: 7/10

Capturing: 6/10

Themes: 7/10

Rating: 67%

A childhood favourite. Very heartwarming.

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### **Assma Benmussa says**

sort of a good book, not one of my best reads but maybe because it was a children's book

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### **Chloe Morley says**

I love this book and loved reading it!!! I would and have recommended this book and talked about it to friends. I've even pointed it out in a shop recently. I give it 5 stars.

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### **Tania says**

Students from year 3 up have raved about this and the three other Kate Maryon books. I loved it too.

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### **Bella1602 Bella Serrao says**

Shine is a beautiful book that actually portrays reality and fiction into one. This perfect book just proves to people that when your life does come crashing down, you can build it back up again with a bit of work. This is a heart warming story that just reminds you; there is always two sides to a story.

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### **Katy Noyes says**

Maryon's first. I definitely feel she has grown stronger with stories as she's progressed.

There's nothing wrong with Shine. The main character, 12-year-old Tiffany, is a likeable narrator, her mum a perfect cocktail of ditzy, spendaholic, in-with-the-wrong-crowd, irresponsible and kleptomaniac mother. It's quite predictable but serviceable - mother gets caught out, daughter needs a new home, the estranged island-living family are called in. Her mother ran away as a teenager, breaking hearts and ties, burning bridges. Tiffany is hurt and angry. How will the fish-out-of-water city girl cope on an island with no cars or shops?

It's still touching. And a perfect read for the age group. At that age I had Judy Blume and Paula Danziger and was utterly devoted to them. Maryon and Jacqueline Wilson are the modern equivalents.

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### **Varsha Seshan says**

<http://www.varshaseshan.com/shine/>

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### **Kathryn says**

Meet Tiffany. She's never met her Dad and although she loves her funny, glamorous, Mum, Carla, she can't help hating a little too because of her alcoholic habits and 'borrowing'. So when Tiffany's mum finally gets caught for 'borrowing' by the police, Tiff is taken into care for a while. She hates her foster home so much

that she decides to go and live with her Mum's family who live on the small, boring island of Sark. Carla ran away from Sark at the age of seventeen to go to England.

At first, Tiff HATES Sark, it's so boring and plain and quiet compared to her busy London life. But as she spends more and more time there, she realises that Sark has so much more to offer... And when Mum finally gets out of prison, Tiff's new world begins to get its shine on!

This book is an incredible story of love, friendship, and staying strong when it seems impossible to do so. I read this book in about 2 days, I couldn't put it down! I recommend this book to anyone.

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### **Lili says**

its very inspiring

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### **Amber says**

SPOILER ALERT!!!

Tiff, a strong young girl who overcomes having her loveable mother in jail after getting caught from stealing expensive objects. Even though her "world comes crashing down", Tiff keeps an open mind about life and gets to enjoy her life in miserable Sark with her aunty Cass, finding her family and older sister along the way. Though this book was a tragic story, about a 12 year old girl Tiff trying to cope with her mothers addiction to stealing any item with value or shine, Kate Maryon really overcomes my expectations, twisting the story by writing it with a joyful ending.

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### **Sophie Furnival says**

#### **Amazing**

Loved it absolutely amazing.

Fab book!

Highly recommend, good storyline and amazing character. Love all of her books, onto the next one

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