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**From the author of *Everything We Keep* comes the final novel in the Amazon Charts and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling Everything Series. Brimming with suspense, mystery, and romance, *Everything We Give* brings to a powerful close the gripping series of love, lies, and the secrets families keep.**

Award-winning photographer Ian Collins made only one mistake in life, but it cost his mother her freedom and destroyed their family, leaving Ian to practically raise himself. For years he's been estranged from his father, and his mother has lived off the grid. For just as long, he has searched for her.

Now, Ian seemingly has it all—national recognition for his photographs; his loving wife, Aimee; and their adoring daughter, Caty. Only two things elude him: a feature in *National Geographic* and finding his mother. When the prized magazine offers him his dream project on the same day that Aimee's ex-fiancé, James, returns bearing a message for Ian but putting a strain on his marriage, Ian must make a choice: chase after a coveted assignment or reconnect with a mysterious woman who might hold the key to putting his past to rest. But the stakes are high, because Ian could lose the one thing he holds most dear: his family.

## Everything We Give Details

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## From Reader Review Everything We Give for online ebook

### Susan Peterson says

Everything We Give is the final book in the Everything trilogy; it's bittersweet to have the series end...I feel like these characters are friends...people I truly care about.. people with whom I've shared their joys, their triumphs, their tragedies, their sadness, and, mostly, their love. This book is a fast-paced romantic suspense story, filled with emotional highs and lows, and the twists and turns of the mystery of Ian's traumatic childhood. Ian is a loving husband and father, but can't move forward until he can confront and come to a resolution with his past. We've really watched the character of Aimee grow in this series, from being a naive young lady whose world is torn apart, to a woman who has become confident and secure. There were some surprises in this book as we follow along with Ian on his journey to restore his love and his life, and the scenes told in flashbacks are harrowing and painful. This book kept me up until the wee hours of the night, a minor sacrifice with such a fantastic story! If you have not read the first two books in this series, stop everything and read them before you dive into this one...you will thank me later!

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### Chrissie says

A tough one to rate and review, **Everything We Give** was, quite simply, just okay. Although I will say the writing and overall story played out better than the second book in the series, *Everything We Left Behind*, the third book felt drawn out and stretched beyond its limits.

For me, Ian never really felt fully fleshed out and his initial role in the series, as Aimee's love interest in the first book, was more evident than I would've liked. Ian seemed to be more of a collection of end results, rather than his own person: he is *this* because of his mom, because of his dad, because of Reese, because of photography, because of Aimee, because of James, etc. It started to feel like he was just a tad emptier than I was being led to believe. He felt more like a laundry list of *things* rather than being a person *first*.

The story was clearer and cleaner in this book than in the second, although the character of Lacy Saunders felt just as weird, even after the reveal of who she is, as in the other two books. I did enjoy the growth shown for Ian and Aimee's relationship, and thought Lonsdale did a solid job of establishing the continuing story for their marriage.

If you look at this book, though, as part of the whole, **Everything We Give** feels off-topic and it lacks cohesion to feel properly part of the series. There is no overall story arc, as far as I can tell, really connecting these three books together appropriately, other than the people. But these aren't deep enough to be character studies, and the story feels flimsy. To look at this book as a stand alone novel is difficult because of all the information you get about these characters' stories in the previous two novels. I just don't think this novel, nor the series as a whole, fulfills the ideas that the author set out to accomplish.

Don't get me wrong, they're generally okay stories, and I did fairly enjoy reading all three for the most part. I just don't know that I would recommend them as a necessary investment for reading time. Maybe these make better quick *beach reads* for people who understand better what that term even means.

*I received this book for free from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. This affected neither my opinion of the book, nor the content of my review.*

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### **Carol Boyer says**

Everything we Give is a hauntingly compelling love story that wraps up the lives that are torn apart, woven together, and how staying away is letting go, demanding courage, heartbreak and the joys of unconditional love. This is book #3 of the Everything trilogy and I am still swept up in the emotions this beautiful book gives, making me cry, making me sigh with contentment, and loving the way love is played out in so many forms. Ian's tragic past is told with alternating chapters, tying him to the present day and his love for Aimee and Caty which made my heart beat faster with each new event. Aimee's love story is also continued, the paradox's are sharp in each others characters journeys. I was totally immersed in this book, the authors lovely prose and rich descriptive details of the Galatian Horses of chestnut, with the sunlight on their flanks, galloping away kicking up dust and the way she described a curtain in the window, bellowing like an ocean surface. I could just feel those images as if I were right there...so captivating is this book.... I didn't want it to end.

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### **Barbara White says**

How many of you have been waiting--like me--for the conclusion of the Everything series? Man, does Kerry Lonsdale deliver. With her signature twists and turns, nothing is a given until the last, satisfying page. I cried, I bit my nails, I lost myself in the images of wild horses galloping across rural Spain, and I became full immersed in the journey through Ian's past and present. Even better, EVERYTHING WE GIVE tied up the last threads from Aimee and James's story. I felt as I rediscovered Aimee, too. You could read this as a standalone, but I would recommend reading--or re-reading--the three books back to back. Treat yourself!

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### **Sue says**

I loved the first two books in this trilogy and have been waiting patiently (not too patiently) for the final book. WOW - what a fantastic book. To get the absolute most enjoyment out of this book, you really need to read all three books in order.

Everything we Keep was mainly Aimee's story, Everything we Left Behind was James' story and Everything we Give is Ian's story - and what a story it is! Even though Ian is a successful photographer with a wife that he loves and a daughter he adores, he is haunted by his younger years and a mistake that he made that drove his mother away and destroyed his family. With James back in the picture and a major photography trip for National Geographic, Ian has to decide whether to ignore his past or try to fix his past mistakes at the chance of ruining his future.

Everything we Give totally wraps up all of the issues from the first two books plus gives us a close-up view of Ian's life. This was a fantastic book and the perfect ending to the trilogy.

Thanks to the author for a copy of this book to read and review. All opinions are my own.

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### **Melissa Borsey says**

This is the third and final installment of The Everything series and it does not disappoint! This book tells Ian's story. There is a lot to learn about Ian and his story just makes him all the more endearing. This book, as with all the others in this series, was written beautifully and sends you on an emotional roller coaster. I thank Netgalley for allowing me to read and review this book. Highly recommend!

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### **Sharon Metcalf says**

3.5 stars rounded up.

This was the third in the Everything series and I enjoyed it just as much as I enjoyed the first two. Three very different yet intertwined stories, all three books have been centred around Aimee, Jamie and Ian. Book One had been primarily from Aimee's perspective and was part mystery, part love story. Book Two brought us up to date with Jamie although Aimee and Ian were still in the mix. In this third installment, Ian was the focus. He and Aimee are now married and have a four year old, cute as a button, daughter Caty. He's a successful photographer and Aimee's in the process of expanding her coffee shop business. Despite their successful marriage and careers, Ian realises he's struggling to deal with unresolved issues from his troubled childhood. As a boy he adored his mother Sarah. He felt huge amounts of responsibility for her, but life at home was far from easy. Alternating from the past to the present we came to understand just how difficult, unsettling and sometimes dangerous it could be for a child living with a largely absent father and a mother who suffers dissociative identity disorder. This is his journey and we see the way his past influenced his adult life, his decisions and ultimately his happiness.

Can these books be read as standalone titles? Sure they can but I'd recommend starting at book one and immersing yourself in these characters and their journeys. I was quite excited to read in the Acknowledgements that Kerry Lonsdale has plenty more stories in store. I for one will be back for more and hope we won't have to wait too long to meet up with these characters again. Thanks to Kerry Lonsdale, Lake Union Publishing and NetGalley for the opportunity of reading this digital ARC.

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### **Ashley says**

This is the long awaited story I've been wanting for two years! You'll get all the feels with this one: elation, sadness, anger, happiness, karma, the list goes on and on. This book is Ian's story and readers should definitely read the first two books in the series before diving in to this one. I don't want to spoil anything, but if you were rooting for Ian in *Everything We Keep*, you should most definitely read this book!

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### **Melissa says**

Do NOT read this review (or even the synopsis of the book), until you've read *Everything We Keep* and *Everything We Left Behind*. This novel contains major SPOILERS for its predecessors. If you're not planning to read *Everything We Keep* (even though you totally should because it was incredible and an

instant favorite of mine in 2016), then, by all means, go ahead with this one. However, it will definitely make more sense if you read *Everything We Keep* first, followed by *Everything We Left Behind*.

Review may contain SPOILERS for the previous novels, so proceed with caution.

I loved "everything" about this novel. The pacing, the settings, the dialogue, the emotional tugs, etc. I really enjoyed getting to know Ian and seeing Aimee through his eyes. Aimee even got a few chapters of narrative, which allowed me to get back into her head and remember why I liked her so much from the first novel.

Readers will learn some interesting and disturbing things about Ian's childhood, growing up with a mom who was mentally ill. My heart broke for him so many times throughout the past and present. It made me love him even more than I did in *Everything We Keep*.

There are enough recaps to allow me to remember where things left off in the previous novels so that the story could move forward without being confusing. There was one point I did get confused about something from the second novel, but after it was explained to me, it made more sense.

I have a funny story to go along with this novel. I was reading a part where they mention Galicia, Spain. I then went to work and on my screensaver, there was a picture that was photographed in Galicia. What are the odds?

It was interesting to learn more about Lacy and where she came from, but I also felt her explanations were a bit anticlimactic after all the build-up. I was glad to get some answers and closure for the characters though.

Overall, I loved this novel and really wish Kerry would continue the series. I want to live in it a little longer!

Some casting I did for *Everything We Keep*,\* plus some more for this novel, which would make an even more incredible movie, even on its own.

Ian: Emile Hirsch \*

Aimee: Hallee Hirsh\*

James/Carlos: Skylar Astin\*

Thomas: James Wolk\*

Reese: Phoebe Tyers

Sarah (past): Betty Gilpin

Stu (past): Taylor Kinney

Lacy: Nana Visitor

Ian (kid/pre-teen): Mason McKenzie

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### Letty says

The Everything trilogy comes to a bittersweet end with *Everything We Give*. In this final book, readers get to know Ian's story. Told in alternating chapters from Ian's childhood and the present, we learn of his growing up with a mother with mental illness and a father who was away too often because of his work. My heart broke for Ian as he tried so hard to help his mother. That's quite a burden for one so young and not fully understanding her illness, but he grew up to be a caring and loving man. One can feel his love for Aimee

spewing from the pages, and also the anguish he felt for not being able to care for his mother. It made me love Ian more than before. There are a few surprising twists in the book that made a lot of things make sense. I love how this story came together and am so sad to see it end. Kerry Lonsdale's writing is exemplary, and Everything We Give is everything I was hoping it'd be: a very satisfying read with characters that I will miss.

Thank you to the author, Lake Union Publishing and NetGalley for the advance review copy. All opinions are my own.

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### **Kerry says**

Thanks to my readers, Ian has a story. I hope you enjoy reading EVERYTHING WE GIVE as much as I enjoyed writing.

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### **Karen Porto Davis says**

I was fortunate enough to get an advance reader's copy of this gem of a book.

Once again, Kerry Lonsdale captures the reader from the start. The characters we've followed through the first two story lines develop further and we gain insight into who they are based on their history.

My heart broke for Sarah and the childhood that Ian was robbed of. Kerry paints a vivid picture of the beauty of the love Ian and Aimee share that allows him to truly overcome that loss.

I thoroughly enjoyed the twists of the story surrounding Laney. But I won't be a "spoiler" for those who haven't read the book yet.

If you haven't read the first two books in the series, do it! Then put the icing on the cake with this one!

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### **Barbara Sissel says**

Kerry Lonsdale gives everything away in this final book in the EVERYTHING trilogy, EVERYTHING WE GIVE. Questions involving an enigmatic woman, the mystery of her name and her identity, and her connection to Ian kick off what is a fast-paced and sensual story of suspense. Like EVERYTHING WE KEEP and EVERYTHING WE LEFT BEHIND, books one and two in this delectable and layered series, EVERYTHING WE GIVE is the frosting on the cake, delivering more than one surprise and a total knock-out punch of an ending.

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### **Amy says**

4.5/5

Before I get into my thoughts I want to warn you guys that if you're planning on reading this series and

haven't yet, don't read any further because there will definitely be things that spoil the first two books. Everything We Keep is the first book and Everything We Left Behind is the second, Everything We Give is the third and final installment and I can highly recommend this series, it is such a blend of genres that it will appeal to a variety of readers. There's a mystery, some romance and plenty of family drama all woven together in a seamless way.

This book is Ian's story and I couldn't be happier that we finally get to see his point of view. Of course you hear a little from Aimee which is always a treat, I've adored her since the first book, but this is truly Ian's side of the story and it's engrossing to say the least. Getting to hear about his past, especially his early childhood was fascinating and utterly heartbreakingly, and it becomes clear that the devastating things he experienced as a young boy shaped him into the man he is now. As always, Lonsdale has crafted another complex character that I can root for and I was behind Ian one hundred percent, he had so many endearing qualities, I can't say enough about how much I love his character.

This was a bittersweet ending to an amazing series, I'm so sad to say goodbye to these characters that I've grown to love over the past two years. I'm really satisfied with how things wrapped up though and I feel like things ended in the best possible way. A very solid end to one of my favorite women's fiction series from an author I adore, I absolutely love Lonsdale's writing style, she makes reading effortless and she's so talented.

Everything We Give in three words: Emotional, Bittersweet and Surprising.

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### **Lisa Montanaro says**

This book was such a satisfying ending to the three-book "Everything" series. My heart broke at times for Ian, but I also really enjoyed learning so much more about his backstory. I love how Lonsdale tied everything together, but didn't do it with some nice neat little bow. In the long run, each character got to tell his or her story, and by the end of the entire series, you were able to piece everything together.

I loved the added elements of Ian's career as a professional photographer and assignment to photograph the wild horses in Spain. Very interesting!

This book shines a light on mental illness, and specifically from a family member/child's point of view. That also was very interesting, albeit heartbreakingly much of the time.

If you're looking for a great series, definitely pick up the three Everything books. You will be completely engrossed in Aimee, James/Carlos, and Ian's story. The three of them are intertwined in more ways than one. You will get all the feels, shed some tears, and be riveted. Enjoy!!

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