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A Boy Like You (Like Us Book 1)



Synopsis

They say everyone's a superhero to someone. I'm not sure who I'm supposed to save, but I know who saved me. We were kids. His name was Christopher. And up until the day he pulled me from death's grip, he was nothing more than a boy I felt sorry for. In a blink of an eye, he became the only person who made me feel safe. And then he disappeared. Now I'm seventeen. I'm not a kid anymore. I haven't been for years. While death didn't take me that day, the things that happened left me with scars—the kind that robbed me of everything I once loved and drove me into darkness. But more than anything else, that day—and every day since—has taken away my desire to dream. I wasn't going to have hope. I wouldn't let myself wish. Those things—they weren't for girls like me. That's what I believed—until the new boy. He's nothing like the old boy. He's taller and older. His hair is longer, and his body is lean—strong and ready for anything. I don't feel sorry for him. And sometimes, I hate him. He challenges me. From the moment I first saw him standing there on the baseball field, he pushed me—his eyes constantly questioning, doubting—daring. Still, something about him—it feels familiar. He says his name is Wes. But I can't help but feel like he's someone else. Someone from my past. Someone who's come back to save me. This time, though, he's too late. Josselyn Winters, the girl he once knew, is gone. I am the threat; I am my worst enemy. And he can't save me from myself.

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Customer Reviews

Josselyn Winters was saved by a quiet boy in the third grade, a boy who vanished from her life without a trace. Years later, at seventeen, a quiet young man appears in her life, protecting Josselyn from herself despite how determined she is to live wild and recklessly. Joss is convinced this brooding baseball player is the boy she once knew as a child, but Wes adamantly denies it. More, he insists he has no idea what Joss is even talking about. And so begins a story of connecting the dots, uncovering the truth, falling in love, and falling apart. This is a story I never saw coming, one that completely gutted me from beginning to end in every way imaginable. And despite the fact that, at this very moment, I want to throw my kindle right at Ginger Scott for what she did here, in *A Boy Like You*, this is a book I want to scream from the rooftops about because it's. that. amazing. I read this story completely perplexed. From page to page, Ginger Scott ensured I would question everything. I was, at first, convinced Wes and Christopher were one in the same. I believed this was a story that would come full circle, connecting the past with the present, illustrating a story about a boy who spent his life looking out for a girl too stubborn to accept it. But with each turn of the page, I came to believe Wes, certain he was telling the truth. I came to feel lots of things for Wes, this amazing guy who refuses to let Joss fall, a guy always there to protect her and put her back together. He's AMAZING. He's delicious and kind and swoony. (I don't even like the word "swoony" but there's really no better word to describe Wesley Stokes, so there you have it.) Joss, however, is a mess. She's a character that isn't easy to root for at first, even though she's completely justified in her brokenness. Together, they are magic and madness, and I couldn't get enough. I expected this story to be heavy with emotion, because that's what this author has delivered with every book I've ever read from her. But I have to say, Ginger Scott really kicked me in the gut with this one. This slow burning romance had my stomach in knots. The undeniable attraction between Wes and Joss was this palpable thing that seemed to move deliciously slow, taking one step forward and two steps back. The mystery of Wes, of whether he is who Joss thinks he might be or not, is equally frustrating and enough to make my heart consistently beat a few beats faster than normal. But Joss' personal

struggles, her way of coping with the abandonment she feels, the way she's repeatedly overlooked and cast off by the one person she had always counted on, well, that in itself was enough to bring me to my knees... repeatedly. This story is tortuous at times. I was desperate to see how this would play out, consumed with the need to see good things come to this girl. I needed to see her find the truth. I needed to see her find love and be loved in return. And I so desperately needed to see her liberated from the neglect and the emotional turmoil she lived with for so long. How it would all play out, I had no idea. But I knew what I needed. That need was a living, breathing thing that clawed its way into my gut and twisted the entire way through this book. And I both loved and hated that feeling in equal measure. I was consumed by this storyline, by Joss' heartbreaking circumstances, by her reckless behavior and her renewed sense of hope. I eagerly turned the pages, completely obsessed with uncovering what might evolve between Wes and Joss, with what would become of Joss as she struggled with the blows that continued to pummel her world. This is an addictive story full of heart and heartbreak, full of mystery and self discovery, full of romance and angst. It's a sports romance, where bonds and friendships are forged and breeches are healed against the backdrop of high school athletics. It's an angsty, slow burning love story that delivers all the feels of first love and heartache. It's a life affirming story that'll make you question the existence of miracles, of fate, of coincidence. And it's a mysterious story that keeps you guessing, literally, right through the very last page.

I'm not sure how to review this book or even explain it except that it left me really wanting more and with so many questions. 1st you will need some tissues for a few parts and 2nd you definitely won't be able to put this book down. This book is 100% amazing. I think this is one of my favorites from Ginger Scott. Joss, Wes, TK, Taryn, Levi, Kyle and the rest of the characters are all great in this book. I love the friendship that Joss and Taryn have their almost like sisters. I don't think they would be the same without each other. I feel bad for what Joss has been going through and I think her dad is so lost he doesn't even know how to be the father he once was when she was little. "Don't bring Wes down with your drama. That boy is talented. He doesn't expect me to answer. He expects me to obey. The door closes behind him, and I think about how I'm talented too, and the man who is supposed to believe in me couldn't give a damn about that. Somewhere along the way he forgot." With a destruction that is only hurting herself and bringing her down, Joss is truly hurting on the inside while always trying to act as the tough girl

on the outside. Thankfully there's Wes, someone who is kind and caring and also thoughtful of others. Wes really cares about Joss right from the beginning always wanting to help her and always wanting what's best for her. "I'm dizzy, and I'm in my own mess, and something about Wes makes me feel better. I give in, and I step into him, letting my forehead press deep into the center of his chest as I bring my limp arms around him, my fingers gripping the fabric of his shirt on the back. His chin slowly falls to the top of my head and his own arms circle me tentatively at first, until finally they lock around me, his palms sliding in slow tender circles along my skin. I overcome with his strength and the feel of his embrace, and I do something that I regret the moment it starts. I cry." Somehow Joss and Wes seem to have some kind of connection from the beginning, but of course Joss, keeps questioning and wondering who Wes's really is, thinking he's someone from her past. "You really scared me tonight. And not because I was afraid someone was going to get hurt. I was afraid YOU were going to get hurt." As the story goes on Joss and Wes become closer and closer to then leaving you with so many unanswered questions. From the very beginning this book pulls you right in till the very last page leaving you in shock and dying for the rest of the story now.

"Why are you looking at me?" I sigh, my face tingling from his attention. "Don't do that," he shakes his head. "What?" I say, looking down at my dress. I reach for it, but his hand catches mine. "Feel ashamed. Don't do that," he says. I breathe in sharply once and flit my gaze back to him. "You're a beautiful girl, and you're allowed to feel things. And I wanted that." "God, Joss, did I want that. If I pressured you..." "You didn't, Joss, I look down, biting my lip. I look back up to him, my lip sliding loose with a smile. "You didn't, Joss, I wanted that too. And more." "And more," he repeats after me. "God yes, and more." I giggle and pull my dress up to my body, my arms and chest beginning to feel cold. He helps me pull it over my head, but leaves his hands on my cheeks after. "More can wait. I'm here with you..." "Not because of more. I'm here because of you." My body shivers, and I lean forward enough so my mouth dusts his with a kiss. "I'm here because of you," I say, the meaning of that sentence deeper than Wes realizes. "Wes just has you falling in love with him with every page you turn and even though Joss's dad is struggling himself and hurting I care about him to wanting the best for him a Joss. I think, what they don't know is that they really need each

other the most. This book definitely left me with a few tears but I loved it and can't wait enough for the next book to be out and to answer all the questions we have been left with. I really think this is ONE of Ginger Scott's greatest book she's written, as you see I said One of because I love all of her books so much in different ways. This is a definite must read and if I could I'd give it 100 stars.

I have mixed feelings about this story. For the first half of the book all we saw was Joss acting out, I was really starting to get annoyed with her destructive tendencies. I actually almost stopped reading. It felt like she was being combative just for the sake of it and I get it... she felt cheated but at some point you have to pick yourself up and move through it. I wasn't really sure where they were going with the twist, but I'm definitely curious enough to buy the second book when it comes out. I did like the evolving relationship she has with her father as well... though in real life things might not have morphed so easily. I liked Wes too, even though sometimes he seems too good to be true. Makes me curious as to where the next story will go with him. Overall, I did enjoy this book and I'm excited to see what happens next.

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