

LoveReading Reader reviews of It's About Love by Steven Camden

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading members.

Humaira Kauser, age 17

This book is about love. But not just about the boy-meets-girl-love. From separated parents, an older brother with a past to friends from childhood and films.

This book is epic, it might look big but it took no time at all to read.

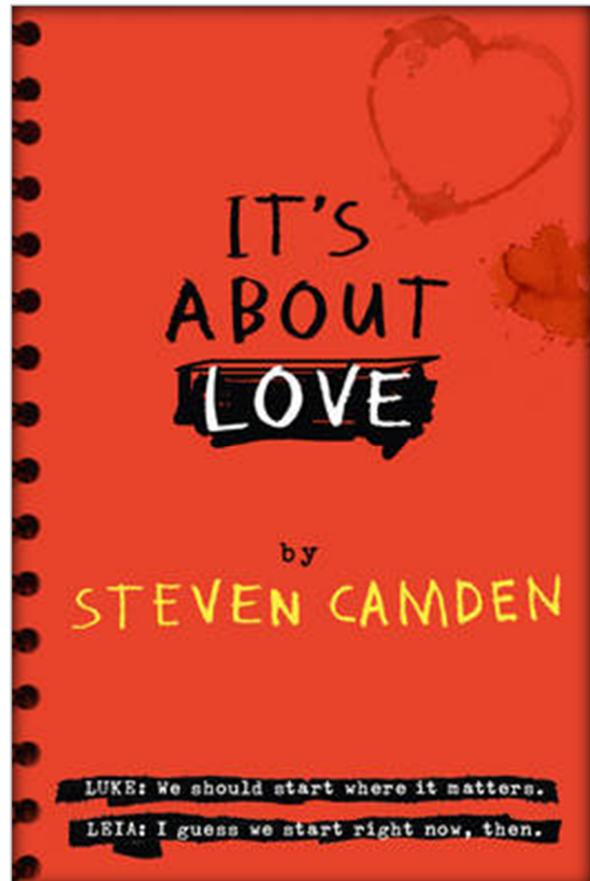
It was set in my town in Birmingham, Smethwick. I've never read a book with such a familiar setting and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience of seeing it through the fictional point of view.

I loved all the film references and the scenes that were being described- perfect for people like me who love nothing more than a cosy book and good film.

What I really liked and what we don't see often enough in books (or films) is that the main character isn't white- don't get me wrong, I have nothing against that but this books has diversity, which is something that a lot of books lack regarding ethnic origins.

Luke's Nan is amazing, spewing her pearls of wisdom, guiding Luke. But she wasn't the only one with wise words. Let's not forget Zia or Noah.

I was hooked on this book from start to finish and it's the reason why I stayed up late and didn't do any homework. Pick up this book if you love reading about love, family ties, disputes, friendship, films and secrets. Just pick it up and read.



Destiny Maraj, age 13

'It's About Love' was an extraordinary novel. It was honestly so gripping and amazingly structured. There was so much emotion within this novel which made it fabulous. I thought the ending was both heart-breaking and phenomenal. **I would happily read a thousand more of Camden's books!!**

Jodi Coffman, age 13

I really enjoyed this love story with a twist because it was a real page-turner and I recommend this book to anyone who likes interesting love stories. Leia and Luke are in the same film class and hit it off right away. But they are from different backgrounds and this poses real problems. Will Luke's past hurt his future? They are writing a film, based on both their lives, but this could ruin everything because some things they want to keep secret. **This book was really exciting and had some unexpected parts. I really recommend it.**

Delilah Acworth

'It's about Love' was a thrilling love story amalgamated with the harshness of reality. I found that harshness a good antidote for the love sickness, and thought that a mixture of the two balanced each other out. **A book set for the bestseller list!**

Sarah Murray, age 17

This book was brilliant. I was in a reading slump for a long time and this book pulled me out of it. I highly recommend this book to everyone.

This is not your average run of the mill Y/A teen romance. Yes that is an aspect of the book, but it is not the sole focus of the book.

Throughout the book, we follow Luke who is going through so many changes at home and in school. We get an insight into Luke's relationship with his friends, brother, parents and the kids at his new school. I loved how we got a full insight into his life as it made the book so much more realistic.

This was beautiful, thought provoking and completely different from what I originally thought it was going to be. Although parts of the plot were dramatic

and shocking, you always felt like it could be a true story. That was such an important aspect of the book because if it didn't feel real it wouldn't be as powerful. This story could have been happening in my local estate which is perhaps why I found it so poignant.

And finally, the romance aspect. I loved how Luke and Leia bonded over film and their relationship wasn't presented as perfect. They dealt with real problems and the physical aspects of their relationship weren't overly glamorised which I liked -(plus who doesn't love a good Star Wars reference)

Please, please, please read this book you won't regret it. 5 stars!

Ella Hollingshead, age 14

A good read, fans of John Green books will like this one too!

It's about love follows the life of a teenage boy named Luke. His dream is to produce a film and so joins a film class where he meets a girl named Leia. Leia is from the rich part of town whilst he is from the other. Together they write a script which has a character each of them created which represent both their brothers and problems in life. With a scar on his face, divorced parents and a brother soon to be coming out of jail, his life gets complicated as he falls for Leia and the script they write tells his secret, the secret people know but never told by his point of view.

I enjoyed this book and would definitely recommend it to fans of John Green.

Chloe Shortall, age 18

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It's About Love is the second novel from London base author Steven Camden. This novel follows the story of Luke, a teenager from the rough part of the city who goes to college at the other site. Here he meets Leia, a girl who's in the same film studies course as him. It's About Love follows the growth of their relationship.

However, romantic love is not the only love that this novel is about. It's about familial love and loyalty, both to family and friends. The novel is more than a romance, it hits at issues that are very topical and real.

This novel far exceeded my expectations, as I had expected a simple romance

plot. I was pleasantly surprised. I loved the characters of Luke and Leia, how they were so different and from different backgrounds, yet their common love of film partnered with their creativity and motivation brings them together.

The plotline following Luke's brother, Marc, is teased out throughout the novel, not giving the complete details of the story until near the end of the novel. I loved this, as it gave a sense of mystery and suspense.

Overall, I really enjoyed this novel. I would recommend this novel to teen readers who enjoy deeply moving and honest novels.

Amanda Gray, age 20

This book was a real thinker for me. I knew I liked Steven Camden's work before I started it but wasn't entirely sure what to expect from this novel. I am glad it was as good as I hoped.

I loved the way the story was told. It was a mix of traditional narrative and screen play notes which makes sense when you know the two main characters meet during their film studies class. The way in which it is told gives you a real chance to get inside the head of the main character Luke and see what drives him to do what he does. For me he was a really interesting character caught between where he came from and his past experiences whilst striving to be his own person and make something of himself on his own without relying on his family connections or thuggish mates.

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