

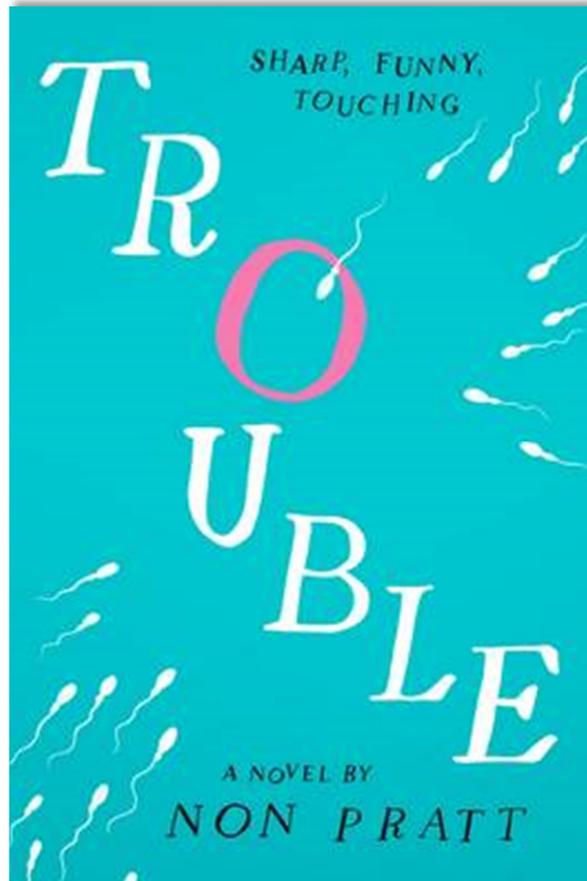
LoveReading Reader reviews of Trouble by Non Pratt

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading members.

Morgan Steigmann, age 14

At a glance, Hannah and Aaron would seem very, very different. Smart and funny, popular Hannah finds herself in a situation she'd rather not be in- 15 and pregnant doesn't go down well in secondary school. Aaron, on the other hand, has just moved into town, following a new job taken by his father, and is possibly the furthest away from popular a boy could get. Yet, despite these differences, Hannah and Aaron do share one thing: they both have a secret; something they must keep to themselves. So when their worlds collide through some unusual circumstances, bringing them close together, they find that they only have each other to confide in. But will they ever have the courage to open up so quickly, when some secrets have been kept inside them for so long?

Bringing a refreshing change to the often cliché topic of teenage pregnancy, the engaging sub-plots that run alongside the main keep the reader intrigued and desperate to find out more. The story starts a little slowly; however, the background knowledge gained from the opening chapters allows the reader to become closer to the characters, heightening their credibility. I would describe this as a reasonably easy read for the most part; however the age rating of 14+ is certainly made clear when it comes to some of the issues raised. But ultimately heart-warming, this book is a fantastic read for teenagers and adults alike.



Jodi Coffman, age 12

I really enjoyed this book which is about a fifteen year old girl, Hannah, who is pregnant and a school friend of hers, Aaron, who offers to be a pretend Dad to the baby. This is a real page-turner!

I would highly recommend this book. It had me gripped from the beginning and I couldn't wait to see how it would end. Hannah who is fifteen and pregnant is clever and funny and a real character. Aaron, who offers to be a pretend dad to her baby is caring and supportive. It was fascinating to see how their relationship would evolve. The ending was unpredictable and left me feeling happy. A must-read book!

Sarah Haywood, age 13

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This book was really funny, touching and talked about friendship. 'Trouble' is about a young girl who makes some wrong choices in her life but learns and grows up. It is about a kind boy who wants to forget about his past and better himself. When the main character Hannah a smart, funny girl gets pregnant at the age of fifteen hurtful rumours are spread about her... by her best friend. Then Aaron comes along with his own secret past. Aaron joined school halfway through the year and doesn't tell anyone about his past apart from Hannah.

Aaron pretends to be the father to the child of a girl he hardly knows. Hannah is forced to find out who her real friends are and who will leave her when things get hard. She find out who will stick up for her and stay at her side through the thick and thin. Everything is going fine until Hannah's best friend Katie questions if Aaron really is the father to Hannah's child. Katie is determined to find out about what's really going on and to make the most popular girl in school like her she finds out about Aaron's past and the big secret he had been keeping. Overall I thought that this book was very funny and touching.

Georgina, age 16

A wonderful book that summarises the highs and lows of teenagedom in a hilarious and affecting way.

I have heard great things about Non Pratt from one of my teachers at school, so was expecting great things from 'Trouble'. I was NOT disappointed.

The plot for the book is one which I don't think has really been explored before (as far as I've read) - a girl who gets pregnant and a boy who offers to cover for her. What follows is the emotional yet witty journey of Hannah and Aaron, each with their own secrets which are unveiled during the course of the book.

The pacing of the book is well done, as is the dialogue - Aaron's educated quips fitting alongside Hannah's sarcastic jabs. Non also writes the book well in the first person, alternating between the two protagonists with their different styles and thoughts. I thought they were both really well explored, although I wouldn't hesitate to hear more about their backstories as I love them so much.

All in all, I would say that this book is a solid 4 stars and is accessible to anyone who might want to read it - although some boys may be put off by the premise, it is definitely worth a read.

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Ciara McIlvenna, age 16

A poignant and enjoyable insight to the highs and lows of dealing with death and the prospect of new life. I'll be sure to recommend this book to anyone who has lost or gained a loved one.

'Trouble' by Non Pratt is a very touching and funny insight into teenage pregnancy and bereavement. There is an interesting range of characters, although they may feel bland and two dimensional at some parts.

The way the author dealt with angst ridden struggles of the two main characters Hannah and Aaron was, in my opinion, brilliant. Hannah's character focused on her rocky relationship with her sexual desires and exams while dealing with the fact that she is pregnant. As Aaron's story was centred around dealing with the recent deaths of close friends. The stories came together beautifully, for a satisfying conclusion to the novel.

Rose Heathcote, age 14

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After I read the book I thought that it should have been rated as 16+ because it has some explicit content in it and quite strong language but because it brought up an important issue of underage pregnancy and really brought home the reality of how difficult being pregnant at such a young age would be it is an important issue that teens should read about.

All the characters are very interesting and they are described so well that I feel that they could be genuine people that exist within my own school. It didn't feel like I was reading a fictional book and if I had not read the notice at the front of the book ("this is a work of fiction. Names, characters, places and incidents are the product of the authors' imagination") I would have believed I was reading a true story. I enjoyed the book and would give it four stars because the way it was written and the twist in the storyline was gripping and I did not want to put the book down. I thought it was a bit too explicit for readers age 14. I would recommend the language not to be as strong and the sexual content not to be so explicit and then it would be more suitable for a 14 year old to read.

Bluebell Munro

'Trouble' is the story of a 15 year old pregnant girl called Hannah and a troubled but thoughtful boy called Aaron.

This is definitely the best portrayal of teenage pregnancy I have ever read. It is witty and funny but heartbreakingly human. *Aaron's story is equally human and sad. Both of the characters help each other through their problems*

This book will change your views and prejudices on teenage pregnancy

Erin Monaf, age 11

The novel 'Trouble' is about love and hate, lies and truth, betrayal and friendship, and most importantly life and death. Hannah and Aaron are really relatable characters for teens all around the country. Hannah is fifteen and pregnant and unable to reveal the fathers identity, Aaron is haunted by his past and is trying not to draw too much attention to himself, so why does he volunteer to be the fake father of Hannah's baby? Hannah struggles to reveal to her parents and family what really happened and Aaron tries to keep secret why he really moved but in the end they both realise that having a shoulder to

cry on is much better than crying alone. Read as the two teenagers find out what life is really about.

Non Pratt has captured teenage issues and put them into a really relatable book helping teenagers all across the country with a one problem or another, because Hannah and Aaron really have been through it all.

I personally love this book as I'm hoping loads more people will as they read this emotional rollercoaster of a book.

Kulsuma Begum, age 16

*'Trouble' by Non Pratt is a fantastic story. **From its opening line to its closing pages, it had me hooked. It's upfront, funny and memorable.** Though the main character, 15 year old Hannah is pregnant, the storyline didn't become overtaken by pregnancy worries. At its heart, it's about Hannah finding out who she truly is as a person.*

I loved Aaron, the new boy at school who slowly but surely befriends Hannah and when Hannah is in a predicament, offers to tell everyone that he's the father. I couldn't wait to find out why someone would volunteer to do that, but as Aaron's story unfolds, you understand his motives very clearly.

Aaron was a very cool, mysterious and slightly dangerous character. I just wanted to figure out the puzzle that he is. He was great. Also, I loved his relationship with Neville; an old man in a care home that Aaron volunteers at. Their banter was so warm, affectionate and humorous.

The unique premise gripped me. 'Trouble' felt real; from the way everyone spoke to their actions. When I wasn't reading it, I wanted to be reading it. While there was a little bit of a mystery surrounding who the father of the baby was, I figured it out quite early on. This, however, was not detrimental to my enjoyment of the book.

*The dual narration was brilliant. Hannah and Aaron both had distinct voices. The switching between points of view made it an extremely fast-paced read. Essentially, their unique voices are what made 'Trouble' so awesome. Overall, **'Trouble' is a brilliant and truthful tale about two teenagers finding themselves.** I cannot wait to read more from Non Pratt.*

Lola Bridgeman, age 16

'Trouble' is well written, smart, funny, bitter sweet and hard to read at times. It is a truly good book, addictive and unforgettable. An amazing debut, I would definately recomend it.

'Trouble' tells the story of a young girl called Hannah and the events that revolve around her unplanned pregnancy. When I was given this book, I thought that it wouldn't be as good as it is. The plot is so well thought out, the characters beautifully written and easy to empathise with and will linger with you long after you finish it. It also tells a story of loss and pain, the struggle with dealing with a teenage pregnancy amoungst other things and growing up in this generation. Its accurate and the dialogue feels real. I would deffinately recomend this novel, it's so much more than meets the eye.