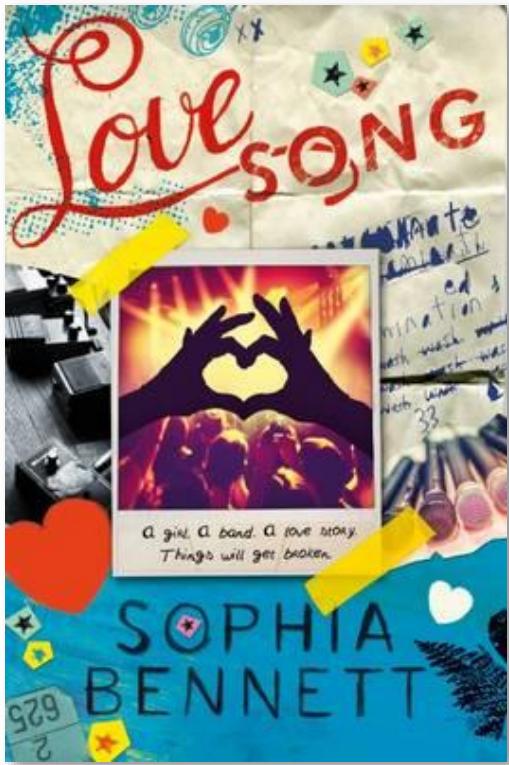


Lovereading Reader reviews of **Love Song** By Sophia Bennett

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Below are the complete reviews, written by Lovereading members.



Maisie Caitlin Sadler, age 14

'Love Song' is one of those books that you just cannot put down. A fun and fantastic story about Music, Love, Fame and Heartbreak.

Nina isn't one of those girls who fantasizes over bands like *The Point* but when she gets invited on tour with the hottest band in the world to assist the lead singers fiancée she discovers that there is more to *The Point* than she first thought.

An exciting read filled with many emotions. A must read...

Amy Laws, age 14

Another great novel from Sophia Bennett that I wouldn't hesitate to recommend. '*Love Song*' follows the story of Nina as she is invited to tour around the world with the rock band *The Point*. She discovers the truth behind the music and the story behind the band that thousands of fans never get to experience.

I have enjoyed several of Sophia Bennett's other novels and this one was certainly just as good as the others. A brilliant combination of an engaging plot and lots of interesting characters made it easy to sail through the pages and created a thoroughly enjoyable book.

Imogen Breaks, age 13

'Love Song' is an addictive, engaging story about a girl and a band but it's a story like no other. Full of fame and heartbreak, who will take a step off the precipice to admit their feelings first?

Normally when you see the words, 'A girl. A band. A love story. Things will get broken.' you think that there will be a girl (who is head over heels in love with the band) who will get to meet the band and fall in love with one of them; then they will live happily ever after. But this is different. This is a love story like no other. Full of fame and heartbreak, who will face the music and admit their feelings first? And what will the world famous band make of a local Croydon girl sent to help them with their troubles? Or will it be the other way round? I absolutely loved this book; I read it from start to finish without stopping! I would rate this book a massive 11/10 and recommend it to 11+

Edel Waugh

When teenage girl Nina accompanied her younger sister to meet her sister's favourite band, little did she know that it was going to turn her world upside down. The Point are a hugely successful band with a huge fan base so when Nina helps a band members girlfriend in a crisis it leads to some very exciting opportunities. Leaving her own life behind for a while she sees the ups and downs of the life of those celebrities in the public eye and it is quite the eye opener.

This was a fun and sweet story. Nina is a sensible, reliable and down to earth character making her the perfect person to keep an eye on male band members while keeping her own feet on the ground.

<http://edelwaugh.blogspot.ie/2016/03/love-song-by-sophia-bennett-review.html?m=1>

Humaira Kauser, age 17

I loved this book!

I loved this book and honestly want more. It was such great read and I love the way Sophia Bennett writes- she's a new favourite author of mine. I loved all the characters and I enjoyed the plot.

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Amelie Chatham, age 13

'Love Song' is an entrancing story that describes the pain of heartbreak and the joy when it's fixed.

'Love Story' is about Nina, 17 years old and sibling to Pointer Sister Ariel, but when the two go to meet the band The Point, the four teenage icons make a rather memorable impression on Nina and suddenly the fiancé of The Point's lead singer is whisking her away on tour with the band and her life changes completely. This book is great for people who liked 'Girl Online' and 'Girl Online: On Tour' by Zoe Sugg. I loved it and just couldn't put it down.

Rosie Thorogood, age 13

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book, it began with a very strong beginning and the heart break felt by the character within the first chapter really captured my attention. Overall I loved this book.

This book was fantastic to read, there was a great meaning throughout, and the story following Nina really focuses the attention to her throughout the book. Every single thing she felt was written and added so much depth to the story. The beginning and end of the book were strong and the ending in particular worked well. It didn't sort everything out but at the same time it didn't leave too much behind! I loved learning more and more about Nina's journey and how she had been before as the story went on, it kept me captivated and it was very difficult to stop reading as you always wanted to know more or continue and see where Nina got to. Overall, this book was brilliant and I really enjoyed reading every word of it. If I could improve just one thing, it would be to maybe find out more about what happens to Sigrid after everything. Where does she go? What does she do?

Lucie Harrison

I enjoyed reading 'Love Song' because the characters were interesting and sometimes relatable. Furthermore, the plot line was very unpredictable so I really hope there is a sequel!

I really enjoyed reading Love Song, because the characters were really complex and interesting which made the story more gripping. It was unpredictable all the time which I really liked as you never knew what was about to come next. Overall I would recommend this book to teenage girls because the story was very relatable in places for me.

Francesca Anderson, age 14

*Sophia Bennett's latest novel, '**Love Song**', is an emotional page turner and gripped me until the end. All of the characters in this book are realistic and well described, particularly *The Point*. I felt like I was reading an incredibly well-written fanfiction, which in turn really helped me to relate to Nina and her confusing complex of emotions. '**Love Song**' is a wonderful book that showed me that I should never give up on my dreams, no matter how ridiculous they may seem!*

Jenny Duffy, age 23

The Point are the hottest band around, and their catchy songs and moving ballads are number one hits. Nina accompanies her sister Ariel (one of the band's superfans, known as 'Pointer Sisters') to a meet and greet. Through a bizarre twist of fate, Nina winds up with a job as personal assistant to the lead singer's fiancée. On tour with the band, Nina sees their more human side, what lies behind the glamour, and most of all, how the boys' friendship is falling apart.

*I loved Sophia Bennett's '*The Look*' and was delighted to get the chance to review this book. As in '*You Don't Know Me*', she brings the reader behind the scenes of the music world. Nina is a likeable protagonist, and it is interesting to see how she grows throughout the book. Her relationships with the different band members are nuanced and interesting. I enjoyed how Bennett shows us the different layers each character has. One of my favourite things about this book was Heatherwick Hall. This crumbling old manor is full of character, and made a brilliant setting for the latter part of the book. Equally, the chapter when Nina goes to *The Point* concert was very atmospheric. I also loved the inclusion of the song lyrics throughout, it added an interesting element to the book and I'd love to hear the songs!*

Fans of One Direction and 5SOS will enjoy this book, and I would definitely recommend this book and '*The Look*' to fans of '*Girl Online*'.

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Phoebe Allan, age 16

If you've ever grabbed your hair brush and lip synced to your favourite band, then 'Love Song' is bound to be a hit with you! Bennett writes with flair, the story is fun and captures the essence of dreaming of a life of fame, mixed with the cold reality that perhaps fame is not all it's cracked up to be! The characters, Nina, Jamie and his band mates really come alive on the page and you can't help but get drawn in to their lives, their hopes, their dreams and their chance of a happy ending....?! A thumbs up!

Imogen Fisher, age 16

I really enjoyed this book. I expected it to be quite similar to many other books however **it was written in a way that I found exciting and new to read.** It brought a new element to this genre, as the main character, Nina, was quite relatable and instead of being obsessed with The Point (the band in the book) was quite wary of them and this made the book quite interesting to read. The only bad thing about the book was that I felt the ending was slightly rushed. Although the ending seemed like a good place for the story to end I would like to read a sequel to see what happens to the characters as I got quite invested in their stories. Overall I think it is a great book.

Phoebe Doherty-Ozobiane, age 14

'Love Song' is so much different from what I expected it to be. I thought it would be amazingly cliché with love triangles everywhere and lots of sickeningly sweet lovey dovey moments and the main character being some love-sick teenager who fell for everyone and couldn't decide what she was doing. But I, thankfully, found that 'Love Song' is not that sort of book. Sure there was love, clues in the title, but it wasn't over-bearing. I would give this story a four and a half, nearing four and three-quarters.

This book, full of music, fame and heartbreak, is about an ordinary girl from Croydon, South London, who somehow ends up as an assistant for The Point's lead singer's fiancée. This heartthrob of a boy band are famous world-wide and millions of girls would kill to have a chance at touring with them, but Nina isn't one of those girls. However she is given the chance to do just that, and if it weren't for her younger sister, a full-fledged Pointer Sister, she wouldn't have gone at all. Through screaming fans, a moody band and the diva fiancée, Nina gets to know the boys a little better and starts to realise that, just maybe, they're

not as bad as they seem. But as everybody knows, it's just not that easy in the rock-star world and Sophia takes us through a journey that will let you cry, laugh and gasp at the epic plot twists. And obviously there's an epic playlist to go along with the book, given to us by the author's own fair mind. We wouldn't be able to do this without some good music to sing and dance crazily along to.

If you loved Sophia Bennett's other books: 'You Don't Know Me', 'The Look' and the 'Thread' series, then you'll adore 'Love Song' and if you didn't, well, you'll probably still love this.

Kyra, age 17

Laced with love, lyrics and lost ways, 'Love Song' was everything I wanted it to be and more.

'Love Song' was a sensational, heartwarming read that I fell completely in love with. With divine writing, a stellar cast of characters, the exhilaration of love and the devastation of heartbreak combined with a glimpse into the glittering facade of the desolate music industry, 'Love Song' is a book that will leave you spellbound. I especially loved the romance in this book. It was of the slow burn kind - about a cautious girl falling in love with a fearless boy. It was a breathless tale of unlocking the cage where your heart resides and falling into a magical kind of love despite the dance the demons of your past are trapping you in. You need this book in your life.

<http://www.blogofabookaholic.blogspot.co.uk/>

Rebekah Marsh, age 13

Hands down, best book ever! 'Love Song' is so unpredictable and purely amazing that I had difficulty putting it down all weekend!

'Love Song' by Sophia Bennett is not your average boy meets girl love book, the story line is unique and the outcome was unpredicted. The nice, transports you into the world of Nina and The Point and you feel all the emotions that the characters feel throughout the book.

Lauren Coffman, age 16

A million girls would kill for the chance to meet The Point, but Nina's not one of them. She's the new assistant to the lead singer's diva fiancée, and she knows it's

going to suck.

Heading off on tour with the hottest band in the world, Nina's ready for tantrums, paparazzi and drama- but soon discovers there's more to The Point than just guitars and girls...

The plot of this book is one we have all seen many times: girl hates popular band, girl meets popular band, girl and band member fall in love after she realises there's more to them than what the media says. However, there is (much like the band in this book) more to the book than it seems from the plot. It is very well written, as well as being very modern and current, with every reference feeling well researched and relatable.

As well as relationships at the centre of the plot it manages to tackle issues like alcoholism and insomnia with the serious tone and sympathy these real life problems need. It also talks about the problems bands face and the price of fame: trying to write good new music while tackling the fact that everyone knows who you are, how it can spell an end for the best of friendships and cause even more significant problems, but through it all you must put on a brave face and play 'happy families' to the adoring crowds, things that are make or break for many stars. I have not seen this issue tackled so well in a YA novel before, and it is a topic that I found utterly interesting and compelling to read.

Bennett manages to juggle having these all storylines at the centre of the plot very well- it does not get jumbled and complicated and she gives each story, relationship and issue the time and attention it needs to keep the reader intent and invested in the story.

*Though this book on its surface is quite cheesy and fairly unrealistic, there is definitely more to it than that, **it tackles real issues and interesting topics, and above all it is a very enjoyable and fun book that I loved and so would recommend.***

Isabella Ettery, age 13

'Love Song' is a book about Nina, a strong character who does what every other girl but her has always wanted to do but her - go on tour with a popular rock band the point.

*'Love Song' was quite cheesy in places but **overall had an interesting storyline and kept me hooked throughout.** I loved how each character was well established and how Nina kept faith in the band for her, her sister and all fans of the point. This book links amazingly with real life as they are always*

listening to real songs and at the end of the book there is a playlist of all of the songs mentioned which gives you a feel for what it would be like to be in the setting for the book.

I would recommend this book to people who have never read a romantic book as it was quite trivial and a nice, easy read. I did get quite boring in places but I'm glad that I kept on reading because it has a great twist at the end!

Charnell Vevers

'Love Song' is that perfect contemporary read if you're in need of a book that will put a smile on your face. **It is utterly adorable, but also a truly moving book and one I was unable to put down.** Sophia Bennett has managed to write the 'normal girl falls for famous boy band member' story without it ever once feeling cliched or predictable. This book was a breath of fresh air to me and I welcomed it. The writing is so engaging that once you start this, you aren't able to stop and before you know it you will have reached the end, and wishing there was a hundred more pages to come. This book could turn anyone into a contemporary fan, so be sure you don't miss out on this great story.

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