

## Lovereadng Reader reviews of Me & Mr J by Rachel McIntyre

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### Abi Unsworth

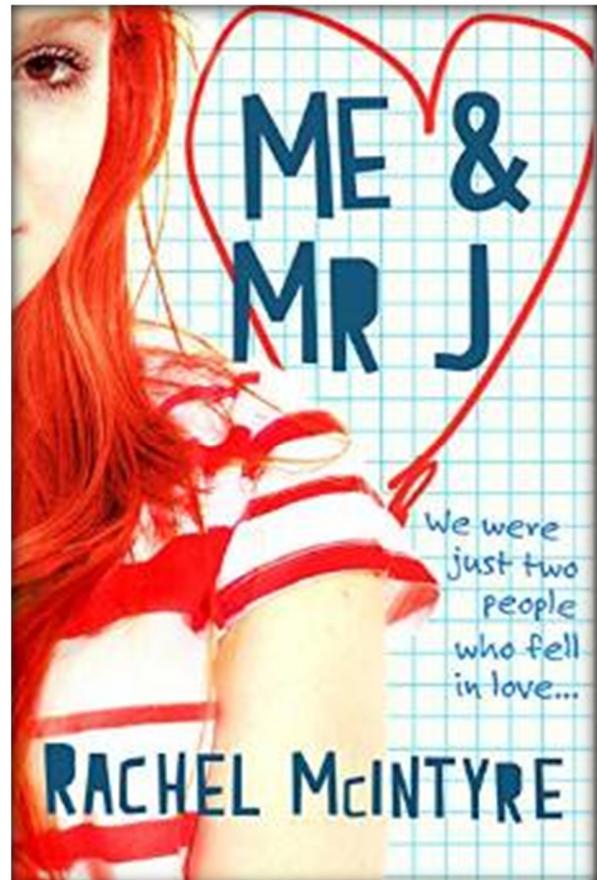
*I really enjoyed reading this book, its storyline is so powerful. The author's way of writing it makes it feel like the main character is taking to you. The storyline really makes you think. The girl in the book went through so much and the story is so believable. It's such a good book I could hardly put it down.*

### Imogen

*I think 'Me and Mr J' is an interesting book, that explores many teenage issues, in a well written way. I think that lots of people would be able to empathise with the characters, especially due to the fact that it is written as a diary. I think that it is a very good idea, and the plot is well developed. However I do think that the ending is quite quick and everything is sorted very quickly, and I would have preferred for it to be slightly longer at the end, so it would be more detailed. Apart from that it was a great book.*

### Ines

*I found this book very predictable, I felt like I knew exactly what was going to happen before it did happen. The author tried to make it seem like everyday life and I think that worked because it shows the pressure that students are under in school very well. **I just think that the whole storyline was very***



**predictable, but it is well written.** *I didn't really like this book, I didn't like the way the storyline developed and I found it very predictable.*

### **Jade Craddock**

*McIntyre has created a teen love story with a difference.*

*The teen coming of age love story is a staple of young adult fiction and has had various incarnations. So **it was a welcome surprise to find that Rachel McIntyre's 'Me and Mr J' offers something refreshing, different and brave, with its focus on sixteen-year-old Lara's relationship with her teacher Mr Jagger.** This story is offset by other subplots within the novel about bullying and family struggles however, so is tempered somewhat.*

*Nevertheless McIntyre does a great job of balancing all of these various strands and depicting the matrix of Lara's life. Told through diary entries, Lara's voice comes across as real and authentic and despite some of the darker tones, Lara's writing often introduces levity, although it's interesting to see the gamut of emotions Lara experiences, and in particular her reactions in the denouement. McIntyre has created a teen love story with a difference.*

### **Edel Waugh - <http://edelwaugh.blogspot.com>**

*This is the story of a young girl called Lara whose family are on the breadline after the family business went bust. If things were not hard enough she is getting badly bullied at school, and being ginger haired with an unfortunate surname is just about all the bullies could possibly need to begin a war against her. **Lara's interior dialogue is hilarious and even though she really is struggling with these bullies and having no real friends to speak off she is very brave and gutsy** and I had to admire her for that.*

*When a new teacher arrives her life brightens considerably in some ways, but some people can't stand her happiness and would do everything they could to hurt her even more.*

*I literally started this and did not put it down until I finished it, it had such great characters both good and bad and a plot that felt very believable that I wanted to see how Lara's story would end. This is a very memorable story with a female lead character that is to be admired.*

### **Sofia Ufton**

***Amazing story about bullying and love. Loved every bit. Hope Rachel does another like this. So funny too.***

*This is the story of Lara, who as the unfortunate problem of being bullied (know all about it been there). Then one day a new teacher comes in named Mr Jagger, who is so good looking all the girls fall in love with him. What happens next blows you away. Read it to find out!!*

### **Kynthia Ravikumar**

***What an AMAZING book, perfect for teenagers and extremely thought-provoking! I have no words, this book is going to be BIG and it's going to be BOLD.***

*Although this book has not even been published yet, I know right now that that is my favourite book for many reasons. It is PERFECT for teenagers and approaches sensitive subjects such as bullying and relationships in a realistic way and in a way I can relate to. This book made me cry and I felt all the emotions the main character felt so unintentionally that I cannot even form words. I have just finished reading the book and I immediately picked up my phone and texted my friends "Me and Mr J is a serious must read". This book is stunning and I cannot wait for it to be published. I practically want to hug Rachel McIntyre for writing this beautiful beautiful book.*

### **Amelia White**

***This is an amazing book for teen readers, such a good story line and Lara is such an amazing character. I couldn't stop reading this book, every spare moment I had this book in my hands.***

*I really enjoyed reading this book, I could connect with Lara myself in so many different ways especially with her bullying issue. I think this book in its own way gives a message saying even if you are bullied there is hope and happiness if you look hard enough. I would suggest this book to a friend because it's really good and funny. I think what makes it better that it's written in the way of Lara's diary because we get to read the thoughts and feelings and learn more about her as the novel goes on. Lara has quite a hard life at the beginning but it gets better nearer the end. I really just loved this story!!*