

Lovereadings Reader reviews of The Secrets Sisters Keep by Sinead Moriarty

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Elisabeth Thomas

Sisters should always be able to rely on each other and it is no different for sisters Julie, Louise and Sophie Devlin. However, there are some things that sisters just cannot share.

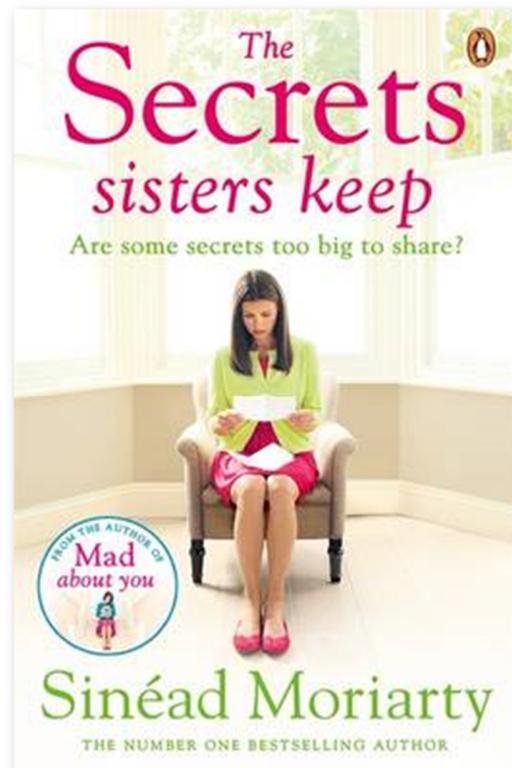
Julie and her husband have just inherited a life changing amount of money. Julie knows that this amount of money will change her life – from a life of budgeting to a life of private schools and big houses but she is only beginning to realise that money does not bring happiness.

Former model Sophie is now a career woman and single mother. Although she is successful at work she is having trouble coming to terms with the fact that her ex-husband has recently started dating a much younger woman. This only adds to Sophie's fears that men only want younger women and that she will be left on the shelf.

Louise is a single mother by choice. A high flying lawyer in a prestigious law firm failure is never an option. She is bringing her four year old daughter Clara up to have the same aspirations as her but when things go wrong will she be able to cope as she has always done?

The sisters want to fight their battles alone but maybe they need to realise that sometimes you need to share your secrets with your sisters.....

This was an excellent book. I loved the way that the story was told through the eyes of each sister. The characters were strong and by the end of the book I felt that I knew each sister personally because their



personality shined through the text. It has its funny moments but also very moving moments. A book written the way they should be written.

Carolyn Huckfield

Three sisters have three life changing problems. They keep their situations to themselves but gradually realise that they have to look to each other for support in dealing with their huge problems.

Ex model Sophie can just survive getting older but her ex-husband finds a younger model.

Louise is a very successful lawyer but cannot accept the disability of her beautiful daughter.

Julie has four loud and exuberant children including boisterous triplets. The money her husband inherits should make their life better but somehow she would rather be back to how things were before it happened.

*Parts of this story are really funny and she really makes us laugh in places. However it is also a really emotional read. **I have read other novels by Moriarty** and they are great chick lit stories **but with this novel she has matured to an excellent story teller for women of all ages to enjoy.***

Clair Chaytors

Simply beautiful...

A wonderfully written book with a beautiful family dynamic at the core of its story. 'The Secrets Sisters Keep' portrays the very emotional relationships between sisters Julie, Louise and Sophie but it also extends those relationships to the wider family circle of parents, brother, spouse and ultimately each of their own children. All three sisters are individual and unique in their own way but I found myself being able to relate to at least one aspect of their character as they battle with life and what it continually throws at the more mature woman in society! However, it has to be the relationship between all three of the women that was the most humbling to read. I laughed in many places but cried in much more as Sinead appears to have written her way into the essence of sibling relationships and the result is simply beautiful.

All the characters in this story are so realistic that I found myself struggling to put this book down. I thoroughly recommend this and will be looking to read a lot more of Sinead in 2015.

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Kath Martin

*I have to be honest, the opening couple of pages almost put me off this book! However, as I had a really bad cold, a lovely roaring log fire and nothing to do for the afternoon I persevered. Before I knew it I was up to chapter 16! Somewhere along the way I had become embroiled in the lives of the three sisters in the book. It wasn't a case of not being able to put the book down, or being a page-turner - I just felt involved. **Julie, Louise and Sophie became the three sisters I never had - I wanted to meet them for lunch, and discuss their love-lives, find out what their children were doing. I wanted to go clothes shopping with them. I didn't have a favourite - all of them with their own quirks and problems. I was sad to reach the end - this book made me laugh and cry. Needless to say I will be looking for more of Sinead Moriarty's books.***

Cheryl Kinney – twitter @cheryl_bookworm

Gripping, emotional read!

I have heard of Sinead Moriarty but until now have not read any of her books. I am really glad I got to review this book and will definitely be read more of her books.

You were drawn into the world of the sisters and from the first page was hooked, I stayed up late to finish reading this story as needed to know how it ended.

The chapters were split into the 3 sisters and I enjoyed each one, my favourite was Louise, I could relate to her and it was nice to see how her character developed. In fact it was her character that made me cry, in a good way!

*All the sisters are different in their personality's but have that close bond that helps them deal with the things life throws at them. **The author was written a great family that makes you want to keep reading.***

I recommend this read to anyone, I really enjoyed it!

Jayne Burton

An excellent read.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I felt I was part of the sister's mix and match family and felt I experienced every incident, both good and bad, with them. I haven't read any of her books before, but will certainly look out for them in the future. I would highly recommend it.

Susan Walsh

It's modern, it's fun & it's a fabulous read.

Funny how everyone wants to be what they're not....have what they don't have, get what they think they DO want ...only to find that being richer, more beautiful or more powerful aren't always what it's cracked up to be.

A look into life that's not always as it seems. Light, breezy & darned hard to put down!

10/10 to Sinéad Moriarty on keeping us superbly entertained with this one.

Loved it.

Jade Craddock

Easy reading mature contemporary women's fiction

*Sinéad Moriarty has been an author that has long been on my radar so I was interested to read 'The Secrets Sisters Keep'. As I was reading I thought that the story felt as if much had gone before and I was thinking it would have been nice had there been a prequel. Alas, there is ('Me and My Sisters', 2011)! And although Moriarty does a fairly good job of filling in the backstory, this book seems to very much be part of a wider chronology and I did feel that it would be better read within this context. Nevertheless, it was a pleasant, accessible read, if slightly clichéd and there were times when I thought the drama could have been developed somewhat. The sisters are all individually drawn and it's very easy to get a sense of their unique characters and situations, as well as the dynamic between them. The peripheral characters, especially the younger ones, Clara, the triplets, Tom (and Gavin!), were all wonderfully depicted and added the lightness to the more serious tensions within the novel. **Each sister faces her own struggles within the novel and whilst Julie and Sophie's problems were completely plausible, it was Louise's story that was most interesting and engaging for me.***

