

Chapter 1 : The Secret Wish List [Book Review]

The 'Secret wish list' has a good blurb and an attractive jacket but that is all there is in Preeti Shenoy's latest novel. what started out as a promising story about a woman awakening and trying to relive her life turned into a mediocre Bollywood inspired stereotypical book.

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Chapter 2 : “The Secret Wish List”™ is about finding what one really wants: Preeti Shenoy | News

Once again, Preeti Shenoy brings an extraordinary story that tugs at the heartstrings, with insight and wisdom, as she explores the delicate matters of the heart. The Secret Wish List is a captivating, engrossing, racy tale about following your heart, chasing your dreams and the meaning of friendship.

Yesterday was another special day. After I posed for the pic, I promptly burst into tears. Missed my father too much. It is at times like these, I miss him the most. Then my publishers sent me the book-trailer. It is one minute and forty seconds and it so totally captures the essence of the book! Do watch it with speakers on: This is a tale about following your heart and it is also about friendship and true love. It also deals with parental expectations. Doing what you want to do versus doing what will make your parents happy. I think at some point in our lives, we always compromise and try and make our parents happy. Is there a balance? Why do extra marital affairs happen? What makes a happy family? Is there really true love or is it just a chimera? Why should you speak up for what you believe in? These are some of the complex issues that the book deals with, as the story unfolds. Like my previous books, this one too is based loosely on the lives of people I know. Can you guess the two cities in India where this book is set? Do watch the trailer and leave me a comment. I shall pick two comments using the random generator and will send you a handmade quilled card in appreciation if you get both the cities right: Winners have been picked and announced in a new post. Thanks for taking part! And yes, if you pre-order from this link, you will get a copy signed by me: Signed copies are not available from other sites as my publishers have tied up with this one. You get a whopping 30 percent discount and you can even pay cash on delivery. You can follow the FB page of the book too which has got more than likes at the time of publishing this post. It has some fun stuff happening: Here is the link:

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review 1: Preeti should write calendrierdelascience.com work is unnecessarily descriptive in places that don't need anything. The book title is so misleading. The list is only mentioned twice in the book which seems calendrierdelascience.com the protagonist does deserve her break, she seems way too whiny.

Preeti Shenoy Updated: Apr 17, , She loves indulging in her passion for pencil portraits, paper quilling and mixed media paintings, yoga, photography and giving talks phew! It is a story of friendship and it is also the story of finding the courage to do what you want to do, as opposed to what your parents want from youâ€™ be it in terms of where to study, choice of career, choice of people you want to associate with or how to lead your life. It is about finding the balance between listening to your heart and being practical. There are three different women characters in the bookâ€™two career women and a housewife. They are women you see all around you and ones you can relate to. Each of us wants to be accepted, loved for what we truly are, especially by our families. Since time immemorial, human beings have always been fascinated with the concept of wish fulfilment. Our ancient kings and rulers granted wishes to subjects they were pleased with. Our rishis and Munis did hard penance so that the Gods would appear and grant them their wishes. But we all live in modern times. And we have no such access to genies or Gods. How many of us really know what we truly want? Who or what inspired you to write this story? Someone close to me had lost her spouse all of a sudden. It was totally unexpected and there were so many wishes left unfulfilled. And then, there was another person close to me, who had managed to fulfil all that she ever wanted, simply by working diligently towards her goals. She, like me is a huge believer in the law of attraction. All of this inspired me to put it down as a very readable, likable and realistic story! How much time did it take for you to pen down your story in paper and then come up with a final draft? I started writing in Feb and completed the first draft by September I must mention that I worked at least hours a day. I worked round the clock, often falling asleep in front of the laptop. How did you go about giving depth to make the characters seem appealing in the story? Each and every character in the book is drawn from real life. She is still in touch with me and both of us still laugh about it. He is just a good friend. The protagonist here is a business tycoon and he has had a string of affairs. He has worked hard to get where he is and yet he is unhappy.

Chapter 4 : Here it is finally! The Secret Wishlist!

The Secret Wish List is the fourth novel written by Preeti Shenoy. The story revolves around Diksha, who once used to be a very passionate girl. She was ambitious, enthusiastic, and always positive.

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Length: Theirs was a love that would last forever and more. Then, out of the blue, Shruti left Aman. A devastated Aman moved abroad in the hope of forgetting Shruti and to heal. Now Aman is back in India and looking for a fresh start. But he is still haunted by memories of his love. Can he ever break free from it? Can there be a happily ever after for any of them? She is young, good-looking and smart and has tonnes of friends and boys swooning over her. College life is what every youngster dreams of, and she also manages to get into a premier management school for her MBA. Six months later she is a patient in a mental health hospital. How did Ankita get here? What were the events that led to this? Will she ever get back her life again? Life has cruelly and coldly snatched that which meant the most to her, and she must now fight to get it all back. It Happens for a Reason By: She ends up cutting ties with her family and with Ankush, the man she thought she was in love with. Fast-forward 16 years, and she now has two unusual careers: Aryan thinks she is the coolest mom in the world and hopes she will one day find her Prince Charming - exactly what her best friend, Suchi, has in mind for her. Jasleen Bhalla, Surjan Singh Length: His best friend is Subbu, a nerd who breathes, thinks and lives code. Aniket cannot believe his luck when he starts dating Trish - a stunning, sexy model who is totally out of his league. But Trish has a list of things she wants him to work on, beginning with his potbelly and his geekiness. Faint Promise of Rain.

Chapter 5 : The Secret Wish List. A tale about following your heart.

The Secret Wish List Quotes (showing of 5) "It is always the little things that build up. Often there is no dramatic reason for discontent in marriages.

January 1, Pooja Jeevagan The good things first I liked her way of writing way more Fifteen years is too long of a time before you start yearning for a break A good effort by the author, but how I wish, she comes up with a successful marriage story January 1, Shantharam One of those books that makes you think as a man, what women exactly want. Some might find the content offensive to our culture so if you are someone like Asaram Babu, refrain from reading this. Everyone else should find something that they did not know before about relationships. Even though my experience in relationships is as huge as earth is compared to the universe, i got some insights in what needs to be done to maintain a healthy one. The good thing about this book, like all other books by One of those books that makes you think as a man, what women exactly want. The good thing about this book, like all other books by Preeti Shenoy is that i could easily connect with the main character, feel her sufferings and happiness, which makes it special. I am surely going to make a secret wish list and try and complete every single thing on that list. Life is short, make it large. The book struck a chord deep down in me and i am pretty sure the same can be said of many other readers. I liked her previous book, Life is what you make it and would say was inspiring. Around the same time, I also had an opportunity to meet her when she came down to Mumbai to launch the book [http:](http://) It starts off in Chennai, where, as a sixteen-year-old, Diksha is like any other typical teenager. She and her best friend Tanu spend hours and hours of time studying, discussing the latest crushes and gossiping. Both Ankit and Diksha start liking each other and spending quite a bit of time together without the knowledge of either the parents or her elder brother. When the first opportunity for an overnight travel for a school project arises, both of them jump at it. However, things there take a turn for the worse due to which the lives of Ankit and Diksha are forever changed. Cut to the present. In Bangalore, Diksha is married to Sandeep and they have a son Abhay. Right from making the morning tea, to breakfast, lunch and dinner to catering to every whim and fancy of Sandeep and Abhay, Diksha seems to not have an individual life at all. She does not seem to mind her daily mundane life either. At the behest of the cousin, she decides to try and take some control over her life and makes a wishlist " a list of things which she truly wants to do. Included in the list are items like snorkelling, getting drunk and learning salsa. By a fortuitous turn of events, Tanu who has been working at Gurgaon and recently re-located to Bangalore re-enters her life and tells her that Ankit has been wanting to get in touch with her since a long time. How the issue is sorted out forms the climax of the story. Diksha as a bubbly teenager; Diksha as a housewife; Diksha as a housewife wanting to live out her wishlist; Diksha as a housewife imagining what it would be to go back to Ankit " all the various stages have been carved out beautifully. He cannot even imagine that she may have any wants. He comes across as extremely selfish and a person quite easy to hate. Ankit is the ideal guy " someone who is compassionate, caring and concerned; who wants to fulfil each and every wish of Diksha at whatever cost it entails. He lets his heart rule his mind. Sure, we all scoff at the mere idea but we do not bother going behind and understanding the reasons for it. My takeaways from the book are: As parents, it is very important to be friends with your children and to really understand what is going on with them. True love does really exist. You may not realize it immediately and it may take its own sweet time in reaching you. But it will eventually. Also, along the way, you may have to face some difficulties. But it will definitely be worth it. The only thing it demands is that you have the courage to accept it when it finally comes your way. Rest everything shall fall in place. Marriage is a process of give and take. It is a process of compromising. It is not just expecting the wife to do all the work while the husband earns money. It is about realizing that your wife may also have some hopes and aspirations. It is about understanding that sometimes all one needs to do is lend a ear. Lastly, friendship is a unique bond. You may be best friends but one act of indiscretion could cause a crack in that friendship. However, that crack could soon be mended as well. Your friend will always have your best interests at heart and will go out of the way to make sure you achieve them. Your friend will never judge you. You may not speak for days, weeks, or in the case of this book, years on end

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Preeti Shenoy is an author and artist. She believes life is the biggest teacher. She is an avid blogger, whose poetry has also been published. This book is her fourth published work. My thoughts on the book: There are some books which can be finished very quickly. In a time when love stories are coming out dime-a-dozen in the market, we find ourselves wishing for something to pull us in with a different outlook, rather than what has been put before. This book read more like the script of a TV serial than a novel. Diksha, who looks back at what her life was like when she was 16, and an innocent crush or was it love turned into something more. She was not once allowed to speak when her parents admonished her. She was pulled out of the school, and then married when she was young. She reconnects with her old friends, begins to break rules and become outgoing. What I liked in the book is that the language and the narration are simple and hold you, which is what a good novel should do. The best thing about the book however is the cover page, which is very appealing. Once again, the past returns to save the future. What I would have liked is to see the protagonist manage the future on her own. Also, I could notice grammatical and typo errors quite often, and definitely more than I find to be dismissive. If you want a light-read to keep you company during a travel of 3 or 4 hours, go ahead. Overall, for me, this is a one-time read. The Secret Wish List Author:

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