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Failed love, broken friendship, a hurt ego and lost soul Raj is doomed to darkness.

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Why Love that makes Life beautiful, turns into Satan? Why friendship one fine day loses all its meaning?

Why on the crowded roads of Mumbai city, Raj finds himself walking all alone?

Will Raj challenge Life and fight back with the sword of Hope or will he take the easy way out by succumbing to the arduous tests of time.

About the Authors:

Mansi Sharma

Having a zeal to sail the vessel, till the river runs dry in the chase of her dreams; Mansi is a person who takes the challenges and surprises that life and destiny throws at her, with courage.

Nesting big dreams from her childhood in the Beautiful City of Chandigarh, post her Graduation in Physics (Hons.) from PU, she moved to Pune for her Masters. An MBA Graduate from SCIT, Pune, Mansi is presently working in one of the top Indian Telcos.

With a slice of painter, dash of an avid reader, a writer and an unexplored poet, she is an emotional and sensitive person.

Sankalp Kohli

Born and brought up in Kanpur, Sankalp is an MBA Graduate from NMIMS, Mumbai.

An entrepreneurial soul with an imprint of a perfectionist, he is a workaholic, who believes in turning every single moment of life into something constructive and fruitful. Being an avid reader since the beginning, he eventually began giving his thoughts and ideas, the wings of words in the form of blogs.

He is a person who holds his parents above all, especially his mother. All his dreams and aspirations are driven by his wish to make his parents feel proud.

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Pavitr Singh says

'Life was never thought to be difficult but then who wanted it to be easy.'

Because... Every Raindrop is a Hope is a story of Raj, a boy who falls in love with a girl Shruti during her school days but due to her personal problems, they both had to say goodbye to each other. A nerd who never fails to impress his parents and once again he did the same. He gets a reputed college in Mumbai and his childhood friends, Rohan and Rahul, another reason for his happiness as they both get the admission in same college. Being a college student, bunking, enjoying and night outs are favorite of every student. But Raj never allowed those things to affect his grades and gradually his grades starts increasing and became a popular figure at the end of his college journey. In this journey, he faced a lot of problems. Love, hookups, drugs, breakups never left him alone. Mahek too. Will he find his way out of those problems? Or will he try to end up his life as a looser?

Book Cover- Book cover is according to the story but it is not that attractive, which is a drawback. An attractive cover can surely change the insights of the book.

Title- Title of the novel purely justifies the story. You would surely get to know at the end why this title has been used here.

Narration, Editing and Language- You won't find any grammatical errors in the book, plus the language is easy to understand. And also the narration is done in first person, which is one of the positive points of the book.

Story- Now let's talk about story. Story starts with the introduction and then slowly-slowly moves to the life journey. At one point, I was little confused and had to go back to the starting page to see where I am. But then story start getting realistic. There was hardly any masala, which we usually find in Bollywood movie. Plot was common and you would find it in almost all the romantic novels. But the ending of the book is done on a positive notes and teaches us a few life lesson which is really important to get through life. Because all the problems in the novel happens with almost every students and at one point of time, they feel like giving up. But then, this novel could be a savior for them.

Like-

- 1) Inspiring ending.
- 2) Language.
- 3) Love, friendship and Life.

Dislike-

- 1) Cover.

Ratings

Book Cover - 2.5/5

Editing - 3.5/5

Blurb - 4/5

Book Quality (Typing, Word Setting, Fonts) - 4/5

Story - 3/5

Overall - 3.4/5

Carlos Luis says

BECAUSE...EVERY RAINDROP IS A HOPE BY MANSI SHARMA AND SANKALP KOHLI

If I ask you whether you were infatuated anytime of your life, I am sure you will hesitate to reveal that you did. It is natural we like to hide certain facts of our life. But Raj Malhotra the protagonist of the novel, 'Because...Every Raindrop Is a Hope' didn't even know that he was infatuated but he did. He was infatuated and his life took different turns. But at one point of time when he wanted to escape there came a flicker of hope. How and in what manner that is what you will have to find out reading this book.

Here is the link: <http://www.unbeatablecombi.com/blog.a...>

Purnendu Chatterjee says

'Because... every raindrop is a HOPE' is the debut novel of Mansi Sharma and Sankalp Kohli. A drop of rain means a lot to many people, from farmers to animals to people in deserts, a drop of rain always brings hope with it and this story line proves it.

This is the best possible name for a story line like this. How a note where this name was written can change the course of events in the protagonist's life, shows how prominent this name is. Though I feel the cover can be designed in a better way. The cover looks simple and will fail to drag the reader's attention in the crowd of romantic novels.

This is the story of Raj (the main protagonist) a small town guy, who landed up in Mumbai to fulfill his dream of Engineering with his two childhood friends Rahul and Rohan. This story tells us about how a simple boy slowly guided by his ego took his step towards the wrong, how Raj started to misbehave with his friends, how he took a step after which he himself became down in his own eyes and how he came back from his miseries, how he showed the ray of hope, how he fought with the situation with the only weapon- hope.

The story reaches a new height when Mehak (the female protagonist) enters the story. The author has quite efficiently described his characters and is able to make them visible to the readers. Raj, was one of the studious guys of the college, who slowly falls for Mahek the girl with an unmistakable personality. As their love started to blossom, Raj felt that his happiness knows no bound. He feels the bite of the cupid is the best thing ever happened to him until he saw Shruti after a long time. After this Shruti incident, Raj took some drastic steps that lead to major changes in his life. As Raj starts to go deeper in his wrong path, readers will start to think how he will be able to come back.

The author has stated quite an effective message towards the youth in their own language. How often we mix infatuation with love and true love with just an infatuation. Here in this story, Raj's life became miserable just because he under rated his true love and over rated his infatuation. The author, at the end, has

wonderfully described the whole part why the main protagonist took those wrong steps, what was he feeling, how was his ego taking the front seat.

I loved the flow of the story and that is all because of the author's effortless narrating style. The chosen words are perfect for these kinds of stories which were neither simple nor complicated. In the middle I felt that story became a bit slow and was losing his charm but as I said earlier the narrating style keeps the flow alive. Some editing errors and spelling errors also pull the story in some scenes. But the end will make the reader close this book with a smile on their face.

Final Words: A nice inspirational love story which will redefine the meaning of love and friendship and will hook the readers till the end. A must read for youths.

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Bookish Indulgences with b00k r3vi3ws says

Essentially the story of a modern generation youth, this book chronicles the journey of a guy called Raj. A son, a student, a friend, a lover – he plays a lot of roles in his life just like each and every one of us. And like us, he makes a few mistakes and makes a few dumb choices, faces heartbreak and falls down a number of times. Flitting between Shruti and Mahek, Raj's confusion goes beyond the boundaries of just love. But the thing is whether he will be able to bounce back and get back on his feet or will he fall further into the pit of darkness. And what role will his friends, family and that one odd professor play in his life?

Is it only me or does the protagonist's name Raj, make the DDLJ/ Mohabbatien tune ring in your mind too?

The good things about this book have to come first as there are quite a few. The first thing that stands out most in this book is its format. Combining prose and poetry with witty chapter names, this book comes off different at the very first glance. As a hardcore book worm, I usually smell a book first, flip through the pages, smell it again and only then get to reading it. So, the chapter names did catch my eye while flipping through the pages, and then when I started, the Preface caught me off-guard. It's a poem! Then there's the fact that the characters are very much true to life. There's often a Raj in you batch in graduation or a post graduation – a guy with great potential but falls through the cracks because of certain influences – girls, drugs, or the high of freedom. There's also a Rohan, Rahul and Mahek, somewhere on the wings who we often take notice of and sometimes overlook. Situations are also that we can recognize – the fun in college, the ragging and sports. Overall, this book reflects what life is like out there for us. Yes, it is not all Yash Raj would have us believe – beautiful and easy where everything usually comes to a resolution almost on its own with beautiful locations and music in the background. Yes, things get difficult and ugly. To get back on the right track you need to do it for yourself with only a little help from the 'extras'. Also, I did like the way the author set up the backdrop and setting of the novel. Mumbai has come to life through these pages.

Now let us move on to the not so rosy parts of the book. While I admit that the author did a good job of depicting a lot of issues that are faced by today's generation, it felt a bit overwhelming at a few points. Focusing on one or two situations would have probably helped get a better message across. The narration could also do with a bit of work on it. But then the author is young and this is just his first book. So I think he has time in his favour and experiences yet to be gained...

Good Luck to Sankalp Kohli and Because Every Raindrop... Is a Hope brings me hope of reading better Indian YA fiction and Romance in the coming times.

Ammu Nair says

Its a 4.5/5 Seeing the blurb where der is a guy n d word Hope i thought it would be cliché romance n suicidal types book but what i didn't know was d word HOPE gave so beautiful meaning to this book and life. The 0.5 difference is for the little drag that happened in the 15th chp as i felt it could be short n sweet. Then about the characters i would like to say is I HATE RAJ i hate raj coz sankalp n mansi wrote so good that i was made to hate the charecter. Rohan rahul preeti n mehak (Debbie. D worst) are sweet cute charecter and patrays friendship which is sooo pure. Then the best charecter in the book was Tripathi sir(it made me remember my best teacher) just like the way raj used respect him i usedto do it to. His words are the best in chp 13 n leaves everyone wondering where there life is upto. The book is apt for yongsters who believes if love ends life ends too. At least they will value there life.

Sayan Basak says

BOOK REVIEW OF- Because... Every Raindrop is a Hope

By Mansi Sharma and Sankalp Kohli

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THE PLOT IN BRIEF-

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THE TITLE-

Love can crystallize things. When love is in the air, distressing rain can become a wonderful avalanche of shimmering diamonds. Raindrops are transformed into a flood of sparkling crystal pearls. The power of love can convert rain into a multitude of glittering prisms. The mental seduction of love and a boundless illusion, inflamed by a profound uprising emotion, can change any ordinary incident into a radiant, luminous voyage. I am sure that at point or the other we all have been frustrated with life. It is then when we feel that life is nothing but a piece of false hope. The title aptly tells you that even a tiny thing such as a raindrop is not false. Even the tiniest of the tiny can be your hope BECAUSE...EVERY RAINDROP IS A HOPE.

REVIEW OF THE BOOK-

“At the edge you will always remember me, at the edge you will last be remembered, where sanity and insanity come together, for the time, then separates. Like leaves on October trees, that colors the world, but for a moment, then leaves. At the edge, where life losses its edginess, and thoughts we will become one, someday. At the edge the sun drops, the ring falls, and senses of raindrops climb upwards to the gray sky.”

If I begin with the cover page, you will find a glimpse of infatuation linked with it. Its a wonderful setting with appropriate background details which makes the book a perfect adjective to begin with.

Most of us especially in college life get obsessed with LOVE without even knowing what love is all about. We basically tend to skip the friendship aspect of the entire thing. For instance we can't have rain without clouds; similarly we can't have Love without friendship. If that happens, it is not love but lust. Three friends Raj, Rohan and Rahul travel to Mumbai for their higher studies. In course of time, Raj meets Mahek with whom she falls in love. But eventually everything comes to a halt due to past experiences and ego clash which is the most common factor now days.

This is where the true idea of the title comes to play. Raj finds himself in a situation which is filled with grief, frustration and hurt. He finds himself walking alone in the gravel path which leads to nothing but dead end. The book teaches us how to handle situations like this and especially for teenagers like us. We do fight back and find a way out in the middle of the dead ends. Rain is a lullaby heard through a thick, isolating blanket of clouds. It is the tinkling harp of water droplets; a moist breath whistling through willow reeds; a pattering beat background to the mourner's melody. Rain is a soft song of compassion for the broken-hearted. Please read the book once to get the feel of HOPE and COURAGE.

<http://www.amazon.in/Because-Every-Ra...>

YOU SHOULD READ THIS BECAUSE-

1. A VERY COMMON BUT MOTIVATIONAL PLOT.
2. THE BOOK DESCRIBES PERFECTLY THE ESSENCE OF FRIENDSHIP.
3. FINALLY, “Sometimes the rain falls just for you me to be the violin playing in the background of our loneliness's Song”

DRAWBACKS (negligible to the beautiful plot?)-

1. The characterization could be made better.
2. Certain situations were unnecessarily put into the plot.

RATINGS-

Overall I would like to rate the book 40 on a scale of 50.

4 stars out of 5

1. Originality of the plot and sub plots- 8/10
2. Net emotions in the story- 8/10
3. Usage of words and phrases-8/10
4. The title, cover and the illustration-8/10
5. The net impact on the readers- 8/10

“Love. It felt like a falling raindrop scatter on a trembling leaf then roll of its tip in a cascade of pearls”

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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Reviewed by-

Sayan Basak

Kolkata

Ravi Gurunani says

Review- Because... Every Raindrop is a Hope is a realistic and relatable life story of Raj. The story talks about his love and infatuation, his college days and fun, his downfall and whether he climbs back or not. This book was interesting and I was hooked to the story. The book ends with positive notes and teaches us a few important life lessons.

Book Title and Cover- The Title is interesting and appropriate with the book. It gives us insight about the content. The Cover is not-attractive and could be improved.

The Blurb is short, crisp and interesting.

Language and Narration- The Language of the book is simple and easy to comprehend. Narration is done well and it is in first person narrative. Editing is done quiet well and the book is without any grammatical mistakes.

Characterization - All the characters are relatable and authors have done well to build the characters and their emotions as the story continues. Raj, our main protagonist can be related with most of the teenagers. Other characters are also well portrayed.

Theme- Theme of the book is Hope as the title suggests. It also includes friendship and love.

Storyline and Plot- As I said earlier, the story is interesting. The Story pace is slow for a few pages but it increases pace after that and events happen one after the other quickly.

College life was fun to read and it was the most relatable part in the book.

However, Plot is common with most of the romance fictions, this book gives us an engaging storyline, a good ending, relatable characters and a few important life lessons.

Rating-

Book Title and Cover- 3/5

Language and Narration- 4/5

Characterization- 4/5

Storyline and Plot- 3/5

Final Rating- 3.5/5

Overall, Because... Every Raindrop is a Hope is a multi genre novel which engages you with interesting story and connecting character with not so unique plot.

Dipali says

AN INTERESTING AND INSPIRATIONAL STORY THE TURMOIL OF AN UNDERRATED LOVE AND AN OVERRATED INFATUATION. ... "

This is the novel by Mansi Sharma & Sankalp Kohli ... The story is about the turmoil emotions, emotion of an underrated Love and an overrated Infatuation. This is story of 'Raj', a young guy with the dreams larger than life, from a small town of Kanpur, He faces different up and down of life, where his path leads to nowhere but only to a dead-end.

Through the exhausting period of life and different circumstances, he decides to part his ways with Mahek. But then he fails to justify his decision to himself, his friends and to Mehak. He realizes the importance of importance of Mahek in his life, only when she moves out of his life completely. The guilt of not been forgiven by her, ruins his soul; and that frustration leads him into seclusion, devoid of even his best buddies Rohan and Rahul. The way the old couple tried to tell Raj that one should never lose hope. After every bad phase there will be a ray of hope. Mahek, Rahul and Rohan were also nicely defined.

Raj reaches to the point where he is left with failed love, broken friendship, a hurt ego and lost soul he was doomed to darkness. With no of hope future ahead, and then just when Raj was about to give up on life, he comes across a note, written to him by his favorite professor, "Never give up Raj Because Every Raindrop is a Hope" which brings Raj face to face with his own self.

Now my Positive viewpoints:

This is a novel by Mansi Sharma & Sankalp Kohli ... "Every Raindrop is a hope" is a very inspirational title. The concept and climax is good, on each and every page it will teach you a lesson. It's true Ego can ruin your relation whether love or friendship that is what happened to Raj. This story gives you a moral, that Life is a blissful journey with up and down and one should never lose hope. God is there and he will always help you to fight back.

Some suggestive points:

Overall the book is really good and very well expressed; I would like to suggest that a little stringent editing was required as there are some typing errors in the book. Also would like to mention that few chapters can be removed, like the long description of college completion and other things would have made it much better.

Final words:

Overall if asked I would say...this is a good job done by Author... (Mansi Sharma & Sankalp Kohli) I would give 3 stars to this book.

Kavya TC says

The catchy title of the book made me pick this one! Very simple writing which is a positive. Being an Indian I could connect with a lot of incidences described in the book. I found the book very predictive, half way through the book and I knew how it might turn out. The book revolves around the life of Raj, who is a college student in Mumbai. The part where Shruthi enters in Raj's life, one can easily say how it might turn out, though there could have been other possibilities to it but when Debby enters the scene, especially, you can foresee where the story is leading, precisely. Raj meeting the old couple and their life story is very dramatic and saggy. And the book did not stand up to the expectation it creates with the title.

Karthick Udaiy says

Actually I read this book because of title! "Because...every raindrop is a HOPE" lots of meaning inside in this line I felt. so I buy this book from Amazon Kindle edition yesterday night I started it's a perfect page turner author used the simple understandable English words good for beginners. Come to story was begin-ed in flashback. Raj, Rohan, Rahul they are childhood friends come to Mumbai for studying the reputed engineering college of Mumbai. Raj is the center point of the story. He was only character moving all around. He loves Mahek the student of same college. Things going fine in the Raj life but accidentally he met Shruthi she was the first love of Raj. He had confused between "First love and true love" so, he started avoid the Mahek after met Shruthi. Once he knew the Shruthi was not yet any idea of love again! Raj's life shattered and he depressed a lot. In btw Long-live Friendship also loss. He tried to move on life. Finally Mahek back in Raj's life again? or what next happened in Raj life? you can read the book revealed that!

Story was not gripping sometimes so you felt boring that's the drawback of this book. Characterization was good but some characters vanished in middle may be because of true story line anyway in fiction we have to consider that. Each chapter has many quotes I really like that way of convey. Ending of the story also good really "touching". Overall you can enjoy this book while travelling. Above Average book but not like too bad! :) I recommended to those who love romance love stories and also beginners because author used the

simple language!

I give 3.5 stars to this book 3/5 for story .5 for title :) i really like the title alot compared then the story

Ila Garg says

Because... Every Raindrop Is a Hope

By Sankalp Kohli & Mansi Sharma

Review by Ila Garg

I've never been to Mumbai, but novelists Sankalp Kohli & Mansi Sharma made me feel as if I had been there for a long time. The picturesque descriptions in, *Because... Every Raindrop Is a Hope*, of the Mumbai railway station, monsoon, beaches, etc. makes you feel that you are walking on Mumbai streets with the Protagonist. The story is very touching and belongs to the romantic genre. Protagonist, Raj, with his two friends, Rohan & Rahul enters the college and explore a different phase of their life. Raj looks for a distraction initially to overcome his recent break up with Shruti. The 192 page book comprises of 15 chapters, followed by an Epilogue. The use of poetic verses in the beginning of every chapter is the main reason I loved this book, because they prepare you for the chapter ahead and adds clarity. The story on the whole is quite meaningful. The novelists have tactfully used nostalgia to narrate most of the events occurred in Raj's life. The story keeps moving in past and present. One can easily find a lot of quotable lines beautifully interwoven within the novel. Overall it's a fantastic read and gives a lot of insights to help you know and understand the various facets of love. Besides love, hostel life and friendship are an integral part of the story line. Ragging, Manipulations, college politics, betrayals, add to the drama. College elections and fests are also included. There are some intriguing events occurring in the course of the novel too. For instance, there's a man mentioned who guides Raj, the protagonist, at times when he gets off-track or seriously deviates from the right path. The description gives the novel a metaphysical touch! Raj confuses love with infatuation at many points and thus keeps shifting from Shruti to Mehak and to Shruti again, only to realise that he is better left alone. This aloofness brings more pain to him than peace. He betrays his best friend by making out with his girlfriend, Debby, and thus reaches downfall. Readers get the message loud and clear as they go further down the novel, "You Love, You Lose, Still You Live." The larger theme of the story is "Love never ends, Hope also shouldn't".

Ultimately, Raj indulges in drugs, alcohol, frauds, and moves away from the people who really cared for him. His world turns upside down. He is now guilty of many crimes together and struggles hard to save his identity but fails miserably. The real Raj dies inside him. A virtual Raj is born instead. The Raj who is a loner, has no friends, is used by his girlfriend Debby only for monetary and carnal pleasure, gets tired ultimately and finds it difficult to recognize himself. The too many dilemmas of Raj's life is just one of the reasons you want to keep turning the pages to find out what happens in *Because... Every Raindrop Is a Hope*. Raj tries to persuades himself innumerable times that he is doing the right things, till the time he gets tired and is doomed to destruction. To find out whether he comes out as a saviour or surrenders to his doomed fate, he gets his love or not, he is able to discover or not the mystery man who always helps him in the time of need; you will have to read the novel, *Because... Every Raindrop Is a Hope*.

Pavan Teja says

A roller coaster ride of emotions. Must read if you are looking for an escape.

Dipanshu Rawal says

Hope is a good thing... maybe the best of the things... and no good thing ever dies."

Most of us might know this quote from Shawshank Redemption. This is the first thing I could think of while writing the review.

"Because Every Raindrop is a Hope" by Mansi and Sankalp is a story about keeping your hope alive, via the life of a small town boy, Raj.

When the protagonist, Raj, got admission in a reputed college in Mumbai, he was determined to excel the field. But, on his way to success, love and infatuation hit him. He got into some worst moments in life, like he betrayed his friend by drowning in a sensual moment with his girlfriend. He got into drugs and alcohol and ruined his life. But this story line gives inspiration as to how well he recreated his life back.

With his hope still alive, will he be able to find a way out? That's in the book ;-)

The ending is beautiful, though the story becomes predictable at some points. The dialogues and poetic verses enhance the literary value of the book. At times, the dialogues and portrayal of some scenes are simply awesome and perfect. There isn't much innovation plot-wise, though the easy to connect language of the book engages the reader.

The narration is done in the first person, making the story and the plot easy to follow. The character of Raj is relatable at points.

The book cover is okay-ish and not very compelling. It could have been better. The book title relates to the story and is catchy.

Every reader who's into reading feelings and emotions must read this beautiful piece of art.

Anjan Roy says

Introduction:

One should never let one's ego to vouch the center stage in Friendship and should always let trust to overhaul all misunderstanding in close friends. When am speaking about 'because every raindrop is a HOPE' Trust and Ego would be the two words which would lead up to mearstones. Mesmerizing plot that will compel you to believe – 'There's always time to forget your past and start a new beginning.' With a power pact moral – 'People say we die when we stop breathing but the truth is we die when we stop Hoping'. This book is a must for all bachelors who more often than not are carried over by infatuations thinking its love thus ruining their life. A book which will motivate you to have a clear sight of Friendship, Love, Jealousy, Lust, Ego and most importantly Hope, when you are all set to give up. 'because every raindrop is a HOPE' is wound around college life but am sure it will give enough leads not only about life at college but Life above all...!!!

Cover page & Title:

With a rather somber looking cover- A man facing backward looking over the woodlands in a mist, readers might think this to be a serious read. Title also gives an indication of something even brainstorming but mind your thoughts as this is as entertaining and fast paced as you can get. This book falls in one of those rare categories where I can profoundly say- 'Never Judge a book by its cover.'

Compositional Report:

As I said earlier this book will thrust you off-guard by the time you finish the first few pages as you would realize you are about to read about bachelor life, a life in college...And college life can never be dull no matter what kind of person you are...!!!

The story revolves around a teenager Raj Malhotra as the main lead who sets off along with two of his childhood friends Rahul Bhatia and Rohan Awasthi from a small town Kanpur to a fast paced Metropolitan- A city which never sleeps- Mumbai for his higher studies at Mumbai College of Engineering and management studies (MCEMS) for a five year integrated course. Story is divided into 15 chapters and an epilogue but I would categorize it into three Parts.

First part of the story deals with Raj settling in one of the Hostels of MCEMS near the Juhu beach with a windup of his 1st love Shruti and how he lost her. The story moves forward with the echelons of Ragging night, First day at college, falling in love with a rather simple looking girl Mahek, Cricketing heroics, Exams, Jealousy about a friend reaching a milestone, Ego clashing and all the cliches of about the college life... but the real difference would be the way each of these topics is handled... freshness of plots woven around an interesting subplots guiding the story forward. One would feel as if there's someone whom you know sharing the same traits as its portrayed...whether it's about the true love Of Mahek, Ragging Blurs, relief of achievement or jealousy of a friend taking over...This part is as entertaining as it could be.

Second Part...or I should say the turning point of the story where Shruti met Raj coincidentally. Raj felt as if his lost love is back and in the process ditched Mahek but very little did he know that Shruti didn't come to stay and she got rid of him the same way she left him on the first occasion. Unable to bear the brunt and the feeling of 'None can ditch him' Raj implied the same for Mahek and Mahek struggled to keep herself up to it and struggled to move on. Meanwhile in a quest of love or I should say lust Raj ended with one night stand with a German Cera in his trip to Goa with Rohan, Rahul and Rahul's girlfriend Preeti . In strive to forget his past (Shruti and Mahek) Raj took to drugs which he himself condemned all his life but that was just a day's affair and he needed something that could bury his past. He eventually hooked up with Debonita, a foreign exchange student and Rohan's girlfriend...more for jealousy of being single amongst the three friends and for the growing concupiscence for the NRI Debonita. Debonita held the weakness of Raj perfectly and tuned his ego to hate his friends and thus forced Raj to grow his distances from his childhood friends. She even forced Raj to commit a theft in the Funds of college that was meant for the college fest and finally sided her way out of Raj's life.

The Third and the Best part according to me was the final part where Raj seemed hopeless...everything was lost for him...No friends, No one to share a moment with though he was the General Secretary of the college he had no one by his side. He had already lost Mahek whose love was genuine. Once A topper and a person who had grabbed the best package flunked and his low attendance did come up to his savior. His Impression also demeaned in front of Professor Tripathi whom Raj looked up as a fatherly figure as Prof. Tripathi found about his theft though he saved Raj from landing in jail...but till then everything was over for him...and it

was only of the trio

- 1) Rohan's word before he met Prof. Tripathi. (A friend's Concern)
- 2) Prof Tripathi's realization words for Raj (Realization of what he was and what he is now)
- 3) Old Villager's Retrospective speech of hoping and striving against all hope (To get over his past and start with a new hope)

The retrospective realization and hope was very carefully intertwined with the rain drop falling and its importance to hope of a new beginning with Prof. Tripathi's Word- "Life Doesn't End when Every Rain drop is hope"

As for the loose straps it was hard finding out but I believe the start was a bit- beat around the bush as it was concentrated on the college happenings rather than the main theme. But above all it was a fantastic read both from entertaining and motivating point of view and one can't get any better plot as this one which was focused on a bachelor life...a life where we often chose the wrong compartment for our destination as such this book is right up there for motivating people to realize the worth of many ethics I described above which if forgotten would lead to a life...better not lived. 'because every raindrop is a HOPE' is a book which will surely out number your expectations.

For more on this review please visit: <http://anjan5.blogspot.com/2013/05/bo...>

Divya Ramnath Bandodkar says

Story in a nutshell:

Scoring good marks- getting admitted into one of the best colleges- finding a secure, well paid job -- This is the life of most of the youngsters in teenage. Raj lands in Mumbai for higher studies. Mumbai has a lot to offer to him apart from education. It offers him friendship, love, infatuation, success, jealousy and many more things. Life offers many good things to him. He is happy leading his life when his past knocks at his door. He gets carried away with his past only to spoil his present and future. One wrong decision ruins his life. Will Raj manage to mend things right? Will he fight back without losing hope?

Review:

'Because... Every raindrop is a hope' - the title is interesting. It gives you an insight that the story will teach you to be hopeful. The cover could have been better for I felt that it didn't have any relation to the story except for the fact that the boy is alone. The story starts with Raj first step in Mumbai. The authors have described Mumbai well. Those people who have visited the city will relate to it instantly. And then comes the part of college life. Ragging, bunking, internals, sessionals - the book has it all. The narration is done in first person narrative. It is simple and casual. The language is easily comprehensible. The story takes you through the college days of Raj's life. It talks about his relationships, his friendships, his success and also, his failure. I found the story to be quite frank.

Likes:

Raj's competitive attitude.

Raj and Mahek's friendship and their love.

The friendship which Raj shares with Rahul and Rohan.

The verses in few chapters.

The conversation between Prof. Tripathi and Raj.

The lesson that the book gives out to the readers- never lose hope.

Dislikes:

The names of Raj's friends - Rahul and Rohan. They are confusing.

I didn't find anything new in this story. The plot was a common one.

I rate:

Cover: 2/5

Characters: 3.5/5

Story: 3/5

I rate 'Because... Every raindrop is a hope' with 3/5 stars.
