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## Marie says

I voluntarily reviewed an advance readers copy of this story thanks to Netgalley and TBC.

This is not my normal genre but was pleasantly surprised. This tells the story of Sage and Jon - both novelists who have only met once in person but through the powers of social media have become great friends - a perfect match you may think. However after having decided to take a road trip together, things don't quite go as planned. Jon ,recently divorced, decides its not such a good idea and pulls out.

Forward one year, both are wondering what on earth went wrong and are really missing their friendship. By chance they come together to embark on another road trip, this time around hoping things work out a little better, This is a book about hope, love, feelings and emotion. Give it a read. you wont be disappointed.

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## Siv30 says

החלטתי לקרוא את הספר הזה כי רציתי לנסות.

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## **Susans book review (susan miles) says**

Sage is a novelist who is friends with Jonathan Moss who lives on the other side of the world, Elisa describes Sage's feelings and how her life was different when the most important man in her life walks out.

Jonathan Moss's marriage broke up and he was taking it out on Sage and messed with her feelings, Jonathan and Sage go on a journey to rekindle their friendship but realise they have feelings for each other and it was much more than friendship.

This book had me from page one and I was really interested in what happened next with them both will definitely read more from this author

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## **Susan Angela Wallace says**

The Second First Time by Elisa Lorello is a contemporary love story.

Novelists Jonathan Moss and Sage Merriweather should be a perfect match. They share not only the same publisher but also a deep friendship full of mutual respect and encouragement. But when an ill-fated attempt at taking their relationship to the next level fails in spectacular fashion, it appears as though that once-treasured bond is doomed for good.

This was a lovely read with lovely characters. Moving read. Lots of highs and lows. Highly recommended. 5\*. I voluntarily reviewed an advanced copy of this book from tbc on fb.

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## **Tracie Delaney says**

The Second First Time follows Sage and Jonathan, authors who have the same publisher, but live on opposite sides of the country. In addition, they've only met face to face once, at a party, and yet they have become such good friends over social media and FaceTime, they're considering taking a road trip together.

However, when Jonathan's marriage breaks up, he ends up breaking Sage's heart at the same time by pulling out of their trip at the last minute. Sage breaks off all contact with Jonathan, but when, a year later, she receives some terrible news, Jonathan is the one she turns to. They haven't spoken in all that time, and yet the old familiarity is instantly there, and when Jonathan suggests taking that trip again, Sage finally agrees.

What follows is a journey of friendship, discovery and love. The Second First Time is a sweet novel, a feel-good ride through life and love and mistakes that I could definitely resonate with.

Throughout the novel, I felt like Sage was talking to me. I could imagine us sitting in a coffee shop and listening to her telling me the story of that trip she takes with Jonathan. I really liked that about this novel. It felt personal.

There are some beautifully crafted phrases, and as I was reading it, I highlighted a couple (no spoilers)

'If a heart could smile – I mean physically morph its shape into that of the happy face – then mine just did. A soft one, without parting lips, or showing teeth. One of satisfaction, a faintly smoldering ember in an otherwise snuffed-out flame.'

'Some guys get Ferrari's when they hit mid-life. I got answers.'  
(That last one is a particular favourite)

However, at times, Sage sounded very much younger than her mid-forties (which is what she is in this book). In fact, until that was revealed, I'd assumed someone in her mid-twenties, still trying to discover who she was. And this made me rather annoyed at times. I wanted to yell 'for goodness sake woman, man up tell him what you think/how you feel'.

Jonathan, on the other hand, was very much the grown up in this friendship. If he was hurt, he told her (and why), if he was happy, he let it show. I felt that Elisa pandered to stereotypes that make guys say 'I just don't understand women'. No matter if someone has hurt you, in your mid-forties, you're much more likely to call them out on it. But Elisa sends Jonathan so many mixed signals, I'm surprised he stuck around.

But these are minor irritations in a lovely, very easy read. And if that's what you're into, you won't be disappointed.

Thanks to my book club for the recommendation and a chance to read this book

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### **Helen (TBC) says**

I need to start by saying that this is not my normal genre, however, I loved the writing style and the way the author described the feelings and anxieties of Sage, a woman deeply wounded when the most important man in her life walked out, seemingly without a second glance.

It's more than a love story, it is a beautifully crafted tale of two friends and an ill timed attempt to move the relationship into a happy ever after. Join them on their road trip of discovery, learning about each other and more importantly about themselves.

A lovely story about love, friendship and emotions told with a wonderful sprinkle of humour, warmth and a lot of feeling ..... Highly recommended 4 stars

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### **Gail Atkins says**

I received an ARC from Netgalley and TBConFB for an honest review. Two best friends, who happen to be authors, fall in love plan their future together but then it stops.

Sage feels abandoned by the men that have been in her life: Jon and her dad, so she puts up barriers.

Circumstances change when her dad dies and Jon comes back into her life. Can they both get over the past and develop their future together or will their friendship dwindle away?

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### **Asimah Akhtar says**

Romance isn't my usual genre of books. However, this wasn't just a typical love story. Told by Sage, we see how she struggles to trust again the one person she thought wouldn't let her down. Love, loss and romance - it has it all.

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## **Linda Zagon says**

I would like to thank NetGalley and Lake Union Publishing for the ARC of "The Second First Time" by Elisa Lorello. The characters, Jonathan and Sage are both writers and have been friends, and now decide to take a journey together to see if they can become more than friends. This journey had been planned a year before, but Jonathan cancelled it because he was not in a good place. Sage has just lost her father who had left the family when she was ten, and has so many conflicting feelings about everything. In my opinion, the author writes about issues of trust, love, self worth, family and friendship. It is a book of self discovery ,growth ,hope and faith. In addition, the author discusses what home really is and compromise. If you want to find out how the journey ends, I suggest that you read and enjoy this book.

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## **Julie Smith says**

I really enjoyed this book. It was an easy read romance.

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## **Between The Pages Book Club (Gemma M) says**

I voluntarily reviewed an advance readers copy of this story thanks to Netgalley and TBC. I must start by saying this is a beautiful story and I loved how it was a story about two authors who both love books as much as me. I have not read anything similar to this story and I really enjoyed it especially the perfect ending. The Second First Time is beautifully written, easy to read and contains short chapters throughout. I managed to complete this book in a day I loved it. I awarded four stars as I did enjoy it but it didn't wow me away. However, it is a beautiful story which I won't forget quickly. This story will be published on the 15th of November and I'd highly recommend you go pre-order it now. Its a relatively short story (220 pages) with adventure within!!

The Second First Time is the perfect story for readers who enjoy a brilliant adventure, chick-lit and romance filled story. Enjoy, I did. Beautiful.

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## **Jessica says**

All my reviews can be found at: <http://jessicasreadingroom.com>

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Jonathan and Sage are best friends who both happen to be authors and share the same publisher. After Jonathan's marriage falls apart, they decide to take a road trip to see what could possibly happen. This doesn't work out, the road trip does not happen and Sage ends up with a broken heart. They stop speaking and a year has gone by. This is where The Second First Time begins.

Sage's estranged father passes away and she needs someone to talk to and she decides to call Jonathan. It is almost like nothing has happened and they begin talking again and Jonathan suggests they actually go on that road trip they planned a year ago. Sage debates this but she does decide to go. This changes everything for Sage and Jonathan and they have to decide what they really want.

The Second First Time is a journey for Sage as she comes to terms with loss on several levels: Dealing with her father leaving her, her sister and mother when she was ten years old, then his death and the loss of the closure she can never get, and losing her best friend Jonathan the year before. We experience her thoughts and are torn with her as she tries to decide what she should do and how she feels about Jonathan. Should she take a chance on love again and possibly be hurt again? More importantly, what are Jonathan's feelings about Sage? Can they salvage the relationship they had and realize what could have been a year ago, or are the decisions that were made then permanent?

While on their road trip they learn more about each other. You can see Sage debating with herself and we can see how Jonathan feels about Sage. Sage just needs to see it herself. At times I found myself saying, "Hurry up and get together!"

The book is like a When Harry Met Sally story: Can a man and a woman just be friends or will romance eventually happen? The Second First Time was just okay for me, but it was well written. I did not find myself really attached to the characters. The first chapter does pull you into the story. I can't really recommend The Second First Time, but I would give Elisa Lorello another chance and read another of her books.

I received a copy of The Second First Time from NetGalley.

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### **Karen McQuestion says**

Full disclosure: I know the author and we have the same publisher. With that out of the way, I loved this story of two authors who move from attraction to friendship to love and renew their relationship over the course of a road trip. The author has a particular knack for dialogue and describing emotions and I thought the ending was perfect. A satisfying read.

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