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Elena knows what she wants from life. Her whole picture-perfect existence is planned out and allows for no deviation. She is engaged to be married and intends to be happy. Along with three of her girlfriends, she takes a summer trip across the ocean, to St. Simons Island, United States. Her whole world is about to be rock-n-rolled, and she will have to face a pretty hard choice. It all sounds like a setup for a summer-fling novel, but is it really like that in actuality, or does Miss Real Life have something more conniving under her sleeve? Are there happy endings in real life?

This book is a love story. It's about love in all possible representations, forms and masks it can wear. It's a love story of a girl in her 20s, looked back on by a woman in her 30s, who is also trying to take a peek into the future. It's an ageless book, it's a borderless book, it's a book that focuses on and laughs at our cultural differences, yet sweeps away all man-made boundaries on its way. But I made it sound too complex. It's first and foremost a story about a summer away from home, it's a story about falling in and out of love - it's a story about My Journey to the Ocean.

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From Reader Review My Journey to the Ocean for online ebook

Jackie Hamlin says

Slow start but picked up, quite enjoyable!

Sarah Amin says

This book was way too long and there was entirely too much internal discussion. If I didn't want to see how it ended, I would have put it down about halfway through. The ending was uninspired.

Megan says

I picked this book on the kindle lending library waiting for some others to come in from the library. At first, I liked it, but then the story dragged on and I found myself skimming to get to the end. I didn't like that she continued to cheat on her fiancé and was so unsure of everything. I often got lost in her daydreams and trying to figure out what she was talking about.

Julia Berzoy says

To my surprise, it was a very good read. The secret is probably that it is based on a true story, and that what makes all of it so real. I literally re-lived some of those moments with my own memories, and few times I laughed out loud (luckily, no one was around).

The best \$3 I've spent in the past month!

Jalal Huseynov says

The book is written in narrative style. Best for students who had j1 exchange program experience, while reading I have realised my stories in USA. Worth reading!

Nancy says

7/21/15.

Emma Waters says

This book has all of the fuzzy, pink, glittery frills of the standard chick-lit novel- the feminine musing of

superficial concerns, the goofball friends, the fairytale references, those wicked sabatuerettes of progress who bring out those ugly feelings of competition, the wrong Mr. Right, and the oh-so-right Mr. Wrong, and the general climate of "I wasn't looking for this, but I found it anyway" all play "by the book" that is the overarching methodology of this genre.

Though, this book has something more; beyond the fuzzy pinkness, is a recurring theme of expletives, the need to urinate at inconvenient times, drunken disorderlyness, more expletives, infidelity, and the "iron clad virgin" -that is the protagonist- which rather makes a mockery of resistance, while most chick lit novels skirt around the issue with holier-than-though subtexts. It could be its autobiographical nature, that avoids the vapidity of your average chick-lit novel, OR it could be the periodical philosophical introspection that interlude the story's progression, or it could be both? I think it is both.

I love this book, I enjoyed it immensely- all of the "characters" aroused a subtle reminder to find meaning in everyday life. AND...the moral of the story? Ironically is, -"No one can save you, but yourself, and don't you forget it!" I love this book, I love it most of all because it doesn't expect women to just be satisfied with glittery, pinkness. Lena Mikado- if you please, lead the rainbow parade of woman pride, into the turquoise waters, so that we can all find our ocean!

Angela Kitchen says

DNF. Just annoying

Anita says

Gentle Surprise

With a low start on a journey with a rattled student on a journey from Russia to a working summer in the U.S., I wasn't sure if I should stick with this book. But the storyline kept developing & I struggled with Elena every step of the way remembering my young self. Truly enjoyed the resolution.

Alexander Evstafiev says

Funny and very romantic story!

I really enjoyed the book!!! It brought back a lot of memories from my Work&Travel adventures and made me smile a lot!

But most importantly, this book reminded me to be romantic and believe in true love :)

Great book, great humor and very positive emotions! Thank you Lena!

Ju Ephraime says

My Journey To The Ocean, is a fun, light-hearted read from this debut author. It's well written and moves along at a good pace. It's a story about finding one self, questioning the decisions we made and finding love when we are not looking for it. It's almost like Elizabeth Gilbert's Eat, Pray, Love, but not in that order. The similarities lie in the way the author documents her travels and experiences, ending in her finding true love along the way, when she wasn't looking. Great fun read.

Majanka says

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In My Journey to the Ocean, Elena loves travelling, and she also loves her Russian fiance. But when a journey to the other end of the world brings her to St. Simons Island, Georgia, she falls in love with pretty much everything around her – and maybe another guy too. While Elena discovers a new part of the world, a part filled with pool parties and vodka watermelons and some of the hottest guys she's ever seen) she also discovers a new part of herself, a part that wants more, that craves more. And it turns out her picture perfect life back in Russia may not have been so perfect after all, and that the guy who seems wrong in just about every way, may turn out to be the right guy for her.

I loved the sense of humor the author brings to the table. Right from the start, the book is caked in a layer of humor, and the protagonist doesn't hesitate from making fun of herself too, often laughing at her own expense. All characters have realistic personalities, and most of them have some background story too, making them feel real, and easy to relate to, especially the protagonist and the love interest.

Although mostly light-hearted, the book offers some more philisophical insights too, without straying too far though. A fun summer read with a bit more to it.

Christa Wojo says

My Journey to the Ocean was such a pleasant surprise. What I thought was going to be chick lit fiction, turned out to be the funny, yet profound autobiographical story of A Russian girl exploring what it means to be a young woman while she works in the US. Lena Mikado's sense of humor will make you laugh from the start. She doesn't hide any of her flaws and tells the story with unceasing enthusiasm. We watch her stumble–figuratively and literally (from partying)–as she tries to decide if she should do what she thinks she's supposed to do, or if she should follow her heart.

I loved her willingness to make fun of herself and her deeper observations on life. This is a fun read for those who seek love, meaning, and adventure.

Shelley says

Did not finish

I'm sorry, but I could go no further. I was 15% of the way through, and twice the author used the word "retarded" to pejoratively describe a person. Not cool.

M.M. Jaye says

A travel-loving Russian girl gets to go to the States to work for four months, leaving behind the love of her life until she returns and commits for life. A new country, new friends, new ways, Elena falls in love with everything but in spite of being the object of handsome Chris's constant flirtation, she hangs on to her principles and her commitment to her Russian fiance. But is that what her future has in store for her?

I read this brilliant book in one day (and the best part of the night). Knowing it's autobiographical made it so much more interesting. Its effervescence was addictive, the dialog real and incredibly funny, the setting ideal for a summer romance to bloom, but here's a girl set on a dream wedged into her mind from a young age and although she sees where her future lies, she holds on to that dream until the very end. I found this utterly refreshing. No one would blame Elena for living a summer love especially after the relentness pressing she gets from Chris, but she sticks to her guns even though her mind and her body betray her. I fell in love with all the characters, and knowing they're all out there, I just want to meet them and be their friends. I also loved Lena Mikado's freshness in her writing. Her analogies are something else. So to the point and original, I had to highlight them. But most of all, I loved the writer's astute observations on life, relationships, love. They come up suddenly and unexpectedly and truly blew me away. That was one mature twenty-year old. The happy end was also heart-clenching.

I highly recomment this fun and light read.
