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Within months of her arrival in Bombay, supermodel Amrita Aggarwal is the envy of its people. Then, one day, she attracts the attentions of a mysterious woman called Minx. As the months pass and the demands of her unwelcome suitor grow, Amrita's life turns nightmarish as obsession turns to tragedy.

Strange Obsession Details

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M says

This is a difficult book to rate. I was hooked at the start.. but I couldn't overlook how amateurish the writing was and how weak the plot was. It felt like something a teen with minimal knowledge about life would cook up.

Sushmita Das says

Couldn't believe that I was reading such a book yet read it till I kept it down.

Nanda Wanninayaka says

I had never heard of Shobhaa De till Sunday Times exposed her in 1990's subsequent to a visit by her to Sri Lanka to a book launch of hers. In an interview with her, a Sunday Times columnist had bombarded with a set of questions making her very uncomfortable. In fact, Shobhaa De is nothing but a cheap erotic story writer. But in India she is a respected columnist and a journalist. She was the editor of several fashion magazines and has also worked with few mainstream newspapers in India. She started her life as a successful model then took to journalism. She basically writes about the elite society in Mumbai in her novels. She is famous simply because there is a lot of sex in her books.

After what I read about her in Sunday Times, I wanted to read a book or two by her just out of curiosity. The first book I found was "Strange Obsession." Name itself was quite curious and I thought I was to explore new horizons with the book.

Apparently the book is about a lesbian relationship. I don't mind that if the book was written sensibly with a proper plot. There was nothing you can call a plot here. Just a set of incidents with boring elaborate descriptions of the elite society in Mumbai which doesn't increase your inquisitiveness at all. It was a big pain to read the book further. But for the finish's sake, I finished reading the book. I didn't get anything out of the book. It didn't even enhance my vocabulary much. I don't know why I read it. I don't know why you should read it either.

Amrita is a young, elegant and sexy girl from Delhi. She leaves Delhi to find greener pastures in Bombay with the hope of becoming a successful model. She becomes one of the most successful super models in India within few months of her arrival to the glamorous city. There she meets Meenakshi (Minx) who approach her as a dear friend but the latter's thoughts on Amrita are very queer. Minx traps Amrita into a lesbian relationship with her before Amrita understands what it is. Getting rid of Minx becomes extremely difficult and Amrita finds herself in a diabolical web that Minx weaves masterfully that Amrita cannot find a way out. Amrita loathes the relationship but having no option to get out of it, she surrenders to Minx.

Shobhaa De usually doesn't go in to the depths of lesbianism in her other books as I heard and even in this book she doesn't try to elaborate the depths of the relationship. It just happens abruptly.

Sabina Biasuzzo says

Interrotto con fastidio, libro insulso, un film di Bollywood. La vita è troppo breve per perdere tempo con storie da adolescenti

Kowshick says

Waste of time

Shakti Krishnaswamy says

Wowww!!! Like Sheldonz !! So gripping. An Indian writing which I felt couldn't put down as if am strolling among the characters. I wished in this novel, I could have had the story said by the antagonist.

Tash says

well.....d buk might drive u crazy till d climax.

Gurjit says

terrible...couldn't get past the first few chapters without trying really hard without any luck. such a bollywood showcase this book

mentalexotica says

My first and last Shobhaa De. Never, ever, ever again. Ever.

Meneesha Govender says

Amrita is young, gorgeous and sexy.

She leaves her home in Delhi for the bright lights of Bombay where she hopes to make a career for herself as a model.

Within months of her arrival, things are going well and she is on her way to being one of the most successful

supermodels of India.

Then she meets Minx - a mysterious woman with a dark past and even darker hopes for Amrita and her life in Bombay.

Before she knows it, Amrita is caught in a diabolical web weaved by Minx and her hope of escape is almost impossible.

She is trapped in a relationship with Minx that she detests and is ashamed of but to which she nevertheless surrenders.

Strange Obsession is a novel about the sexual obsession of one woman for another. It is a gripping and at times frightening read.

The issue of lesbianism is not something that Dé goes into in any depth. It may also be that the value of Dé using such shocking subject matter in her work, is that these subjects are brought into the public domain and people are forced to acknowledge them at least.

Book'd says

Typical shoba de book with all type of entertainment ingredients in it.

Ishana says

Interesting start , but wrapped up the plot in an obvious incomplete manner in the end.
This is one writer who writes real lousy but can still manage to keep you hooked

Sayanti Chakravarti says

I don't know from where I got the patience to read it till the end. It is certainly my first and last of Shobhaa De. Could not give anything lesser than 1 star but this book is not even worth that.

Lakwi says

it was one of those strange books, the type where you find yourself wondering why you're reading it but at the same time, you find it impossible to put it down.

Mohitha says

A strange book. I started liking the plot at first, later on it was a drag. It was like a not so good bollywood movie, full of drama. It happens to be have lesbianism but the author couldn't contain the depth of relationship in words. May be i expected more from this author.
