

Bleed Like Me by Christa Desir



The novel *Bleed Like Me*, written by Christa Desir, is about a girl named Amelia Gannon (Her very few friends call her by her last name). She is basically invisible to the rest of society and even her parents who are always too busy with her 3 reckless brothers (that were adopted 5 years ago). With her parents' attention on her brothers that are always causing destruction just to annoy their parents; and nobody wants to spend bonding time with Gannon. When she is feeling overwhelmed or uneasy she escapes reality by slicing the flesh of her stomach with a razor. One day Gannon goes to the skate park to escape her chaotic family, and there she meets Michael Brooks. They end up meeting again at a party and they begin to fall in love. Later on, Brooks convinces Gannon to stop cutting. So she does, but later on, they end up becoming addicted to each other, leading to where they can't stand a day without seeing each other. Later, on they both get separated after a fire happened when Gannon's parents went away for the weekend. This event leads to Gannon getting sent to the hospital from the fire (but then has to stay there for another 2 months because of her self-harming), and Brooks is sent to juvie because he has a record which makes the police believe he set the house on fire on purpose. They spend months without each other but when Gannon is released she barely hears a word from Brooks. Until one day, Gannon is out on the roof having a cigarette and Brooks joins her, surprising her. Within those two months, they'd both had turned 18, Brooks asked Gannon to run away with him the night before the fire, and now that they were back to where they both left off and she runs away with him. They leave the state together and try to start a new beginning, just the two of them.

Reading *Bleed Like Me*, has been a great experience. I would give the book, *Bleed Like Me*, a rating of 5 out of 5 stars. I give this book 5 stars because I really enjoyed how the author

had written this novel. I got to understand Amelia Gannon more than I had expected, and how there are people that are living a life similar to Gannon's, and just a bit of Brook's life too (about having an alcoholic father that is looking for him and having to be an orphan). To conclude, I look forward to reading another one of Christa Desir's novels. "'So are we good?' It was a loaded question on so many levels, but from the look on his face, I knew what he needed me to say. ' Of course. It's you and me against the world, baby.' He held out his hand and led me out of the room." (Desir 247).

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