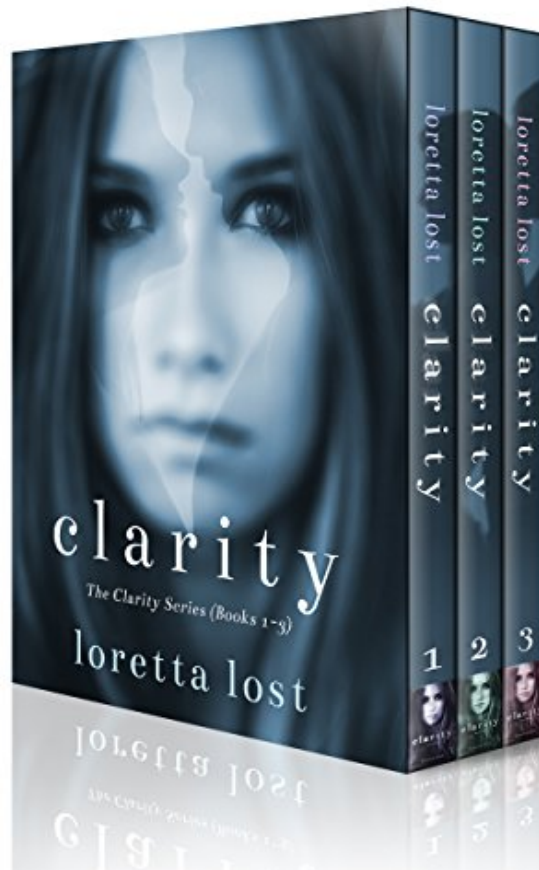


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Von Loretta Lost : The Clarity Series (Books 1-3) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Clarity Series (Books 1-3) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Best series of 2014...and for years to comeVon LittleDarlingThis bundle includes all three books in the Clarity series, which is great, because the cliffhangers at the end of the first two books don't have the power to make you insane anymore. No waiting time to find out what happens.Book 1:This book has been quite a surprise in many ways and definitely different than I expected. But man, was it good.I was expecting a very angsty, gloomy and dark read and although "Clarity" offered some of it and covered very serious topics, it didn't weigh me down and make me feel sad and depressed. Due to the often sarcastic and cynical inner dialogue of Helen and the sweet, endearing and hilarious banter between Liam and Owen, it was more often than not light-hearted, relieving some of the tension brought on by the heavier moments of Helen remembering her traumatic experience.Helen, a blind girl leaves society behind after trusting the wrong person and experiencing something so traumatic, that she loses all faith in humanity. She starts a life in solitude, following her passion for writing. Amazingly, she doesn't wallow in self-pity and doesn't despair. She

accepts that this kind of life is the only reaction to her experiences that she can handle. She tends to shy away from any human interaction, believing the only thing others have to offer are either pity or pain and she does not want either in her life. I found her to be extremely strong and resilient. Her reaction, though extreme, was understandable in her situation. And everyone deals differently with trauma. Her way is to not get caught up in emotions that could end up betraying her. That is until her solitude gets interrupted by two doctors, Liam and Owen, who want to convince her to be part of their research, giving her the chance to see again. While Owen is straight-forward and honest, bordering on being rude, Liam is polite and patient, yet persistent. Not only does he want to give Helen the ability to see again, he is also extremely fascinated by Helen. Definitely, not one to give up easily, he isn't fazed by her initial cold shoulder and doesn't give up. I found him to be inspiring and heart-warming. He was gentle, yet didn't treat Helen like a child. He patiently coaxed her out of the confinements of her solitude, joining the living again. He helps her realize that her solitude did nothing to help her get over what happened. All it did is keep her from experiencing life. As the three of them spend more time together, Liam and Owen manage to get something from Helen that she hasn't given anyone in years - trust. And it was captivating to see that happen. The way she let down her guard around them and allowed herself to feel happy was amazing. It definitely was hard not to smile when witnessing Owen's lighthearted monologues and his banter with Liam. Those two immediately won my heart. The interaction between Liam and Helen had those incredibly tender undertones, full of restrained longing and attraction. And though contrary to my expectations there was no sex between Liam and Helen, this book couldn't have been better. It was a quick read, but it didn't feel like anything was missing. What made this book very different from other NA reads was the lack of visual description. With Helen being blind, we don't get to find out how she looks like or how handsome or hot Liam might be. Moving beyond this superficial knowledge, we instead get a much more lasting and tangible impression of situation - the smells, the atmosphere, the emotions and thoughts, the sounds. And it works. It doesn't matter how anyone looks like or what they were - they touch your heart and steal a bit of it by who they are on the inside. Liam says at some point that "Books are medicine for the soul. They heal the eternal parts of a person." This is such a book and it's a book I wouldn't want to miss. 5 engaging-the-senses-and-the-heart stars. Book 2: Clarity 2 picks up where the first book left off and throws the reader into the turmoil and despair that Helen is experiencing. Her life seemed to allow her some goodness and beauty, just so it all could be consumed by darkness yet again. And with everything that she is confronted with, there is enough darkness to go around. Her life is turned into a living nightmare and not for the first time - but this time it isn't just her safety that she fears for. It'd be easy for Helen to just give up and run back to her solitary life. There are moments when this is all she wants to do. But she always finds the strength to carry on - the strength that is buried within herself. Sometimes it is the fighter within her that coaxes the strength out of the deepest parts of her soul. Other times she needs a bit help from Liam - a gentle push in the right direction. And it is her trust in Liam that allows her to accept his guidance. Just like in the first book, I found her character nothing short of amazing, strong and admirable. Her ability to smile despite all the darkness and her willingness to dare to live a new life despite her long seclusion and the evil that lurks nearby earned my deepest respect. And so did Liam. This guy truly proves himself to be the definition of a good guy. He doesn't treat Helen like a child or like she's inferior because of her disability. Yet, he knows to give her the right support concerning the horrors of her past and her different needs because of her blindness. His creativity and deep understanding of her personality allow him to find the right ways in order to help her to keep going and to not give up. He knows how to push her just enough without asking too much of her. He believes in her more than she believes in herself and he has no qualms about letting her know that. He isn't hesitant to show his growing feelings for her and God, is he sweet and sexy doing so. It's impossible not to crush on him. They manage to get close and to acknowledge their growing attraction to each other. Even though they have known each other for a short time, there is no denying that they are meant for each other. Just as their lives seem to be turning towards happiness, the darkness threatens to ruin everything yet again. This book is amazing. Again, the lack of visual descriptions is refreshing and allows to focus more on the emotions. This enabled me to fully live in the story. Live in it so much, that the cliffhanger at the end nearly broke me into pieces. Thankfully, I had the third book already waiting for me. 5+ fighting-against-the-darkness stars. Book 3: Jesus Christ, just when I think Loretta Lost's "Clarity" series couldn't get any more breath-taking, she accomplishes just that with book three in the series. You know it's going to be a perfect read, when the book starts out with words, sentences, paragraphs full of poetry and emotion. Loretta Lost has a way with words, a talent to create such intense stories, that her books can bring you to your knees, make your heart ache and your soul fly. I felt incapable of anything other than just laying my bed and thinking about the story I just read. Holy wowzers. This book picks right up where book two ended on one hell of a cliffhanger. We're confronted with Helen's fear and inner turmoil. And it is nothing short of heart-breaking. For page after page I was holding my breath, fearing the worst might have come true. How Helen manages to stay sane is beyond me. But it seems after this tragic situation, her life is starting to lead her down a good path. One that brings love and happiness. Rightfully, after all she has experienced she is wary, often waiting for the other shoe to drop. But eventually she takes the plunge to experience life more fully - despite everything that is in her way. As in the books before, I adored her. She's such an incredibly strong female character. Not flawless by any stretch, but extremely self-aware and likeable. When her happiness is again put at stake by the danger of losing the things she just allowed herself to

embrace, my heart broke for her. I was sobbing so badly. If anyone deserves a break, it is her. No doubt. How she can still love and forgive is beyond me. Liam is there for her through thick and thin and although his behavior seems a bit off at times, he is always attentive, sweet and caring. He seems like a prince - always there to either save Helen or help her save herself. He so easily fits the role of the knight in shining armor. But not everything that glitters is gold and some princes have a frog side as well. And when it is revealed that there is more to Liam than he has shown us or Helen, I wanted to strangle him with my own hands, right before cutting off his family jewels and feeding them to rabid dogs. The pain, disappointment and betrayal that Helen felt, I could feel too. But I must admit that when it was tearing Liam apart to realize what he has done, I wasn't crying just for Helen anymore. Reading the last few pages to find out if Helen and Liam lose everything were nearly unbearable. I stayed up late and woke up the next day with bloodshot eyes and a bird's nest where my hair used to be. And it damn sure was worth it. The end was amazing. Not a cliffhanger, but open enough for me to supply the details. I loved that. 5+ not-letting-me-sleep stars. Three great books in one bundle. And the next book is better than the former. This is and will be one of my all-time favorite series.

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