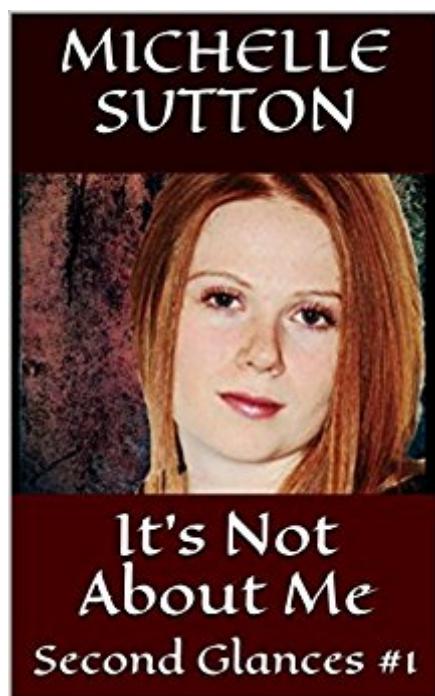


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A beautiful girl with plans to go to college has her life shattered one night in a horrific act of violence. Her boyfriend blames himself and his older brother steps in to pick up the slack. As she heals both inside and out, she finds her heart torn between the love of two brothers.

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Customer Reviews

Why is everyone calling this book edgy? I don't get it. Actually I do. When you compare this book to most of what's out there in YA Christian fiction it definitely grabs the envelope and pushes. But I know very few 15-25 year olds living in opaque bubble these days. Do you? Compared to the state of the world kids live in today, this book is mild. The content might shock some readers of CBA fiction but few teenagers and young adults would describe this book as edgy. My sons went to private Christian school through sixth and fourth grades respectively. After my oldest son's first day in 7th grade he said, "Well, Dorothy, we're not in Kansas anymore." Over the next three years he

saw and heard things Michelle's book doesn't even come close to. We're fairly judicious with the movies and TV we let our boys watch, but the reality is the majority of Christian kids are getting messages vastly more provocative and gritty than Sutton's on TV screens every day and movie screens every weekend. Oh, and there's this new invention called the computer and the Internet where they're getting even more "edgy" content. And the message being proliferated through those channels isn't choosing God's way of life, it's that sleeping with your boyfriend is normal, drinking is cool, etc. Sutton has created real characters she puts in real situations and let's them react with real emotion and struggle. But instead of them going the way of the world, hope is given for a better way. God's way. The way of lasting love. We don't need cotton candy pretend land books for teens and young adults. We need more books like Sutton's that will inspire young people to make different choices than the world wants them to take. Edgy? Yes. And no. Let's keep pushing that envelope.

This story shows you how awesome and amazing God is. Tony, Dan and Annie had so many obstacles they had to face, but when they learned to surrender them over to the Lord then healing, forgiveness and restoration took place. Michelle Sutton was able to make me feel the emotions of each character and was able to make me love and have compassion for the ones who were unlovable at times. Highly recommend this book.

Review - It's Not About Me by Michelle Sutton
Summary
Annie is in love with Tony and hopes to spend the rest of her life with him after going to college. Tony, however, is ready to jump the gun and "act" like they're married before they tie the knot. Annie has to almost fight Tony - as well as her own hormones - to stay true to her faith. Tony's older brother, Dan, has an eye on Tony's and Annie's relationship and questions whether or not his little brother is worthy of such a beautiful, sweet young lady. Annie's life is on track when a tragic attack leaves her clinging for life. Tony is too disturbed to visit Annie, so Dan steps in to fill his brother's shoes and provide support from Tony's family. In the process, Dan finds himself completely smitten with Annie. His hopes for her recovery become intermingled with strong romantic feelings. When Annie is finally able to comprehend what happened to her, she is warmed by Dan's compassion. But hold up? What about Tony? Tony's fighting his own demons, including guilt about the circumstances surrounding Annie's attack. And Dan wonders if he is overstepping his boundaries by falling in love with the girl that his younger brother all but abandoned.
My Review
Whew! Hang on - Michelle's book has plenty of drama to keep you turning pages! The fun thing about this book was that while the characters were often confused - trying to balance what's right with strong physical attractions - the reader can root for any one of

the characters all the way through. I felt sorry for Annie because she really didn't want to hurt anyone's feelings, but she finally learned to listened to her own feelings and be true to what God requires first before making serious decisions. Michelle really captured the voice of a young adult who is coming into her own spiritually and with regard to relationships. I won't tell you who gets the girl, but I can say that the man I was voting for didn't win. Dang! It was fun while it lasted, and I highly recommend it to readers who enjoy lots of twists and turns in a plot. It's perfect for young adults and the young at heart! The icing on the cake is a powerful message that exemplifies Romans 8:28.

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