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See the world of *Fifty Shades of Grey* anew through the eyes of Christian Grey.

**In Christian's own words, and through his thoughts, reflections, and dreams, E L James offers a fresh perspective on the love story that has enthralled millions of readers around the world.**

Christian Grey exercises control in all things; his world is neat, disciplined, and utterly empty—until the day that Anastasia Steele falls into his office, in a tangle of shapely limbs and tumbling brown hair. He tries to forget her, but instead is swept up in a storm of emotion he cannot comprehend and cannot resist. Unlike any woman he has known before, shy, unworldly Ana seems to see right through him—past the business prodigy and the penthouse lifestyle to Christian's cold, wounded heart.

Will being with Ana dispel the horrors of his childhood that haunt Christian every night? Or will his dark sexual desires, his compulsion to control, and the self-loathing that fills his soul drive this girl away and destroy the fragile hope she offers him?

**This book is intended for mature audiences.**

## Grey Details

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## From Reader Review Grey for online ebook

SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

Of course I'm looking forward to reading.

Naturally I'm able act cool about it.

But on the inside I'm beside myself... all giddy...

After all Christian Grey has an honorary place...

...in my book history. He brought be from HR to CR and from there I found GR.

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Faye, la Patata says

*AM I THE ONLY ONE CREEPED THE FUCK OUT HE TALKS LIKE THIS PENIS IS A SEPARATE, LIVING ENTITY?*

MUSIC TO MY DICK?! THE FUCK?!

LOL k

See more from buzzfeed here.

**Edited to add again:** Just like *Midnight Sun*, the manuscript for this one was stolen a week before release and is feared to have been sold to the highest bidder in the black market. If it was really stolen, that was unfortunate. As much as I loathe the series, that's a douchebag move. However, I'll rip the book a new one if I find out this was only noise/marketing to hype the book even more.

**Edited to add:** Apparently, so many pre-ordered this it's already a bestseller, before it's even published. Humanity, why?

A REMAKE OF FIFTY SHADES FROM CHRISTIAN GREY'S PERSPECTIVE?!

Who the fuck needs that?! Weren't the three books enough, for god's sake?! And seriously, doesn't the author have any other ideas to write than the same story?!?!

Just imagine:

**THE SAME SEX SCENES.**

**JUST WITH MORE EMPHASIS ON HIS THROBBING MEMBER.**

I really could've gone on with my life peacefully without knowing we'll be "graced" by this same story again. At this point, I see it nothing more as a **cash cow**.

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**Raeleen Lemay says**

ok so this is the Midnight Sun that Twilight fans never got

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**Emily May says**

Oh, fantastic! A Fifty Shades of Grey told from Christian's perspective is just what the book world needed.

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**Baba says**

**ETA: I need this book as much as I need dog shit on my shoes. Meaning, not at all. Beware of Christian's inner goddess god.**

**Yeah, milk that cow. Pathetic. \$\_\_\$**

Christian and Ana should buy a dog or a cat, so James could publish Fifty Shades of Animal Dungeon. Sorry cats and dogs.

I don't even remember anymore but...are their parents still alive? Imagine, she could publish their POV's too.

**So.**

**Fuck to the no!**

**\*gag\***

**ETA: June 20, 2015. The excerpts I added can be found here:**

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/scottybryan/i...>

Scott Bryan was so kind and tweeted about his terrible nightmare.

**Before we go anywhere, you should know that many chapters of the book open like this.**

**Baba: Frankly, if I had a cock it would have shriveled to pea size, that's for sure.**

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## **Khanh, first of her name, mother of bunnies says**

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### **Manny says**

Evidently this is intended as an homage to *Midnight Sun*, which given the roots of the Fifty Shades series is entirely appropriate and thematic. What I don't understand is why E.L. James didn't arrange for a crazed fan to hack into her computer, steal the draft and leak it over the web, causing her to abandon the project in disgust when it was still in an incomplete form. What's *wrong* with her? Doesn't she *care*?

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If you can't beat them, join them. No more carping and criticizing: clearly there is nothing much to it, and I have decided to become a world-famous erotic novelist as well. Here, rescued from its obscure position as message #43 in the comment thread, is the first page of my new bestseller, which I have provisionally entitled *My Grey Life*. Amazon will soon be accepting pre-orders.

After a tempestuous night with an A-list movie star I probably should not identify, I rise early; my companion, exhausted by our naughty games, is still asleep, and I decide to let her get some well-earned rest. I do my usual workout at my fully-equipped private gym - those six-pack abs don't maintain themselves, my trainer always reminds me! - and then retire to the study where I plan to spend half an hour improving my mind. But I have only read a couple of pages from my signed first edition of Weyl's *Quantenmechanik und Gruppentheorie* when the door opens, and the housekeeper, a former Miss Honduras, arrives carrying a breakfast tray. As she smiles and leans over to put it on my Louis XIV escritoire, I ask my cock what he thinks of the bountiful assets she is so generously displaying. Imagine my consternation when I receive no answer. The little bastard has escaped again! He evidently made off while I was trying to decipher Weyl's rather terse explanation of spherical harmonics. It is the second time this week.

My housekeeper notices my expression and asks me what's wrong; I shamefacedly confess my predicament, and together we search the room. We eventually run the miscreant to ground, hiding behind a massive armoire. Conchita, who seems to know what she is doing, goes down on her hands and knees and manages to coax him out, using a saucer of milk and an old copy of *Hustler*. I tuck him back into my underpants and resolve to double her salary with immediate effect.

As you see, it's not as simple as you might think being a hunky billionaire with a sentient penis. But I relish the challenge and wouldn't have it any other way.

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### **Aestas Book Blog says**

**Just announced: FIFTY SHADES from Christian's POV!**

**OMG!!!! How exciting!!! Releasing June 2015!**

EL James announced that: *"For the readers who wanted to read Fifty Shades of Grey from Christian Grey's POV -- on June 18 (Christian Grey's birthday) the book GREY: Fifty Shades of Grey told by Christian Grey will be released!"*

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**Darth J says**

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**Kelly (and the Book Boar) says**

I actually downloaded this from the library as a potential back-up plan to get me out of jury duty. Turns out it wasn't necessary because Friday I received word the case had settled and my super qualified and totally not-judgey services wouldn't be necessary after all. Buuuuuuuuuuuuut I figure you can't make bad decisions all year unless you start on January 1 so I decided to read this today.

My reaction upon the announcement of yet another Stephanie Meyer rip-off and a "Grey" story rather than a "Rising Sun" release left me with a pretty strong reaction . . . .

Surely this can't be serious . . .

But now that I'm finished I have to say this was way better than the original. Having the book written from Christian's perspective definitely made him seem less creepy - even though his conversations with his . . . .

Rather than some sort of "inner goddess" were just as insufferable.

Obviously by my rating I still found it to be "just okay," but hell 2 Stars is better than the zero I'd like to give the first three in the series so I'm calling it a win. No need to troll me, I'm more than happy to admit Christian Grey is just not my cuppa (but as I said I appreciated the ownership of his fuck-up-edry way more this go 'round). I also just don't get off on the sexytimes contained in this series. They are soooooooo not sexy. I thought it was because I was a prude delving in to "Mommy Porn" when all the other horny geezers were reading this years ago, but now that I fly my freak flag prominently it's just the scenes themselves. For as "edgy" as they are supposed to be after reading the 17,469th copulation it pretty much became . . . .

Oh and dare I forget that I wasn't aware of Christian being from England. E.L. James - your beta readers and/or editor failed a bit with the "have a lie in" and other very British phrasings that weren't switched around for us 'Muricans. Since you still sold eleventy trillion copies it seems I may have been the only one to catch that faux pas.

If you're a fan of Grey, stay a fan and don't apologize to anyone. Reading is fundamental - whether you're reading young adult, prize winners, comic books or smut. As Martha would say . . . .

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### **Claudia Ramírez says**

Yo no suelo ser cruel con la cantidad de estrellitas que doy, pero ahhh... ESTE LIBRO. DIS BOOK.

No sé ni por dónde empezar, es que hay tantas cosas que podría discutir. Primero que nada, el libro desde la perspectiva de Christian definitivamente NO era necesario, menos después de tanto tiempo. Una parte de mí pensó que tal vez la autora innovaría, PERO NADA, es la misma novela, con alguna que otra escena nueva... y eso hizo que en partes se tornara aburrida la lectura.

Segundo... ME ARREPIENTO DE HABER CONOCIDO CÓMO PIENSA CHRISTIAN. OMG. Hubiera preferido quedarme con la imagen que Anastasia tiene de él (hombre maduro, sexy, serio), porque pff, Christian Grey es un chiste. Sus pensamientos son peores que la diosa interna de Ana. Y es que un minuto puede pensar cosas dignas de un puberto pervertido y en un segundo pasa a modo adolescente enamorada: ¡Ana me mandó un beso! ¡Ana me miró! ¿Será que le gusto?

Y no sólo es eso... su forma de pensar era a veces ridícula... y tenía demasiadas conversaciones consigo mismo (que esto no tiene nada de malo, yo a cada rato hablo sola, PERO no es algo que hubiera esperado de Christian Grey. Tenía otra imagen de él, vaya).

Tercero... la novela se me hizo ETERNA, me tardé horrores en leerla y al final ya sólo estaba leyendo por acabar, no porque realmente me interesara. Lo que sí es que las escenas de sexo las leí muy rápido y sólo "por encimita", porque qué flojera, eran casi IGUALES a las del primer libro, sentía como si ya las hubiera leído.

OMG ESO SÍ, me reí muchísimo con todo el libro, ES QUE PARECE UN CHISTE.

¿Me pregunto por qué la trilogía entera no la percibí así? Será que era una lectora menos experimentada en el 2012 (?)... o tal vez mis gustos han ido madurando... o tal vez no sé... pero yo a la trilogía le guardo un poco de cariño, y este libro llegó a hacerme dudar de dicho cariño, hahaha. Ya qué.

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### **karen says**

my inner goddess is screaming out the safe word, but e.l. james is acting like we never set ground rules.

rutabaga

RUTABAGA!!

**RUTABAGA!!!!**

it's like she doesn't understand how BDSM works!!!

oh, wait.

come to my blog!

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### **Christy says**

#### **4 stars!**

*Fifty Shades of Grey* is a series I will always hold near and dear to my heart. I've been an avid reader most of my life, but Fifty was the book that jump started my reading. It got me to start reading more romance, and with that, I joined groups on goodreads and found so many indie books I may have never discovered and made many friends I'm sure I would have never crossed paths with otherwise. I'll keep this review fairly short, most people have read Fifty Shades so there is no need to rehash that story. It's a book you either love or hate- there doesn't seem to be much in-between. I happen to love it.

*Grey* is a retelling of the first Fifty book from Christian's perspective. If you're looking for an epic new story or all kinds of new material, you'll be disappointed. Besides some extra looks into Christian's past, there isn't much new. I knew this going in and I was okay with it. I still enjoyed this one. I think the fact that I listened to it over a week or two opposed to reading it helped tremendously. The narration was FANTASTIC. Zachary Webber voiced Christian perfectly. If she brings the rest of the books out from Christian's pov I will most definitely be listening to them on audio!

I would recommend this book to:

~Fans of the *Fifty Shades of Grey* trilogy

~People who don't mind retelling of the same story from a different perspective.

If you are neither of the above, this probably won't be the book for you. But if you ARE both of the above I

recommend you give this a go and highly recommend picking up the audio!

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## **Jasmine says**

### **DNF @ 5% aka Chap 3**

My perception of Christian Grey is officially ruined and it seems that I've been living a lie.

I tried, I really did. But Grey's inner monologue was written terribly which butchered his character and had me eye-rolling at the absurdity of the way he talks in his head (the repetitive "baby" term nearly had me belting out a Bieber song). He sounded like a juvenile ~~kid~~ guy with these strange italic monologues and the inappropriate usage of exclamation marks. Just an example from the a few pages itself:

(view spoiler)

And another:

(view spoiler)

And another:

(view spoiler)

And it just continues in a never ending loop of alternating between 'italics' monologues and 'normal' monologues (what even????!). I'm sorry EL James but this trilogy was much better off without this book. By 2 chapters alone, it has obliterated all the supposedly controlling, confident and dominant appeal for the Christian Grey that I've come to known. Now he sounds like an annoying pompous piece of a man with the most irritating inner monologue that sounds like a clingy woman or equivalent to a 5-year old kid.

It's completely unappealing and honestly, I can't even take his POV/this read seriously at all. It feels like a really bad horrible joke of a read. I don't want to sound insensitive but frankly, the writing was so poorly

done that it has been reduced to at an amateur level. So I'm calling it quits to preserve my sanity.

P/S: Flipped to the last page and found out that this book only covers the first book in the trilogy.

P/P/S: This book is almost 500+ pages long.

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**Navessa says**

Fuck no.

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