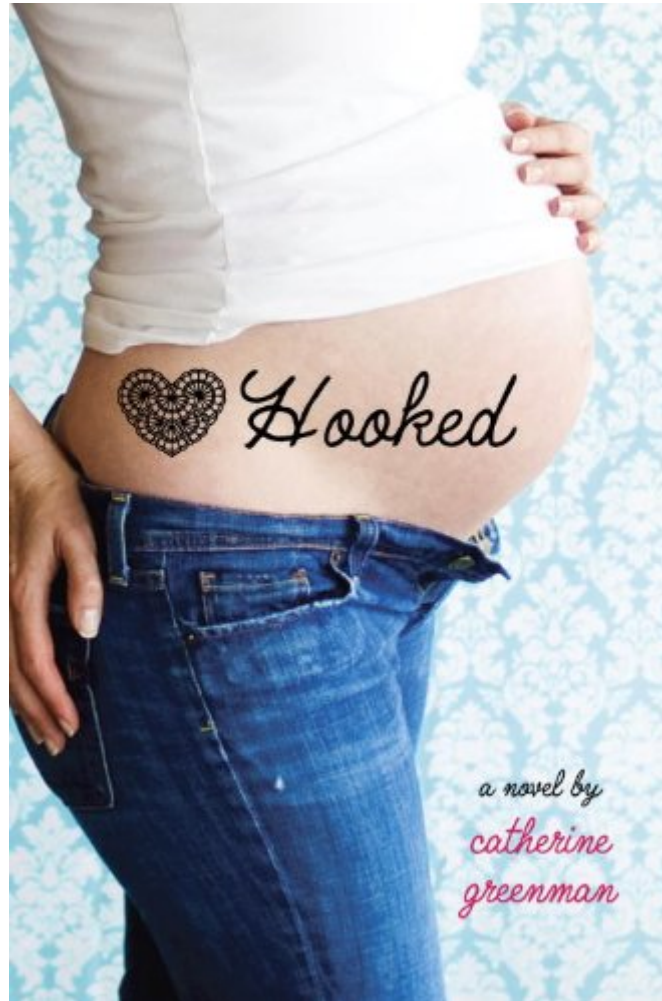




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Synopsis

Thea Galehouse has always known how to take care of herself. With a flighty club-owner mom and a standoffish, recovering-alcoholic dad, Thea has made her own way in her hometown of New York, attending the prestigious and competitive Stuyvesant High School. But one chat with Will, a handsome and witty senior, and she's a gonerâ "completely hooked on him and unable to concentrate on anything else. Always worried that she loves Will more than he loves her, Thea is pleasantly surprised when their romance weathers his move to college and Will goes out of his way to involve her in his life. But then, Thea misses a period. And that starts Thea and Will on a wild ride that neither of them could have possibly prepared for. When they decide to keep the baby, their concerned parents chip in what they can to keep Will in school and give both teenagers a comfortable place to raise their child. But when a freak accident leaves Thea shaken and threatens to upend their little family altogether, Thea is forced to turn to the last place she would have chosen for comfort: her stiff, uncompromising father. This smart, touching first novel brims with realistic, beautifully drawn characters, and reminds us that love is never as easy or predictable as we might like it to be. From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

Hooked is a strange book. The synopsis hinted at a kind of epic romance and relationship between Thea and Will, and is one of the reasons why I picked it up in the first place. Coupled with the hook of teen pregnancy, I was ready to completely lose myself in it. However, the relationship is totally devoid of any real romantic, or even other, kind of connection between Thea and Will. It felt really awkward when they meet, get together, Thea finds out she is pregnant and after deciding to keep the baby, they play at happy families. I also never felt like I really got to know the characters. They were pretty bland and unmemorable, apart from their bad points. Will has very little loyalty or bond towards Thea or the baby. Obviously having a child was not yet in his life plan, but he pretty much uses any excuse to be negative and bordering on negligent towards both of them. He blames Thea for every little thing that goes wrong, and in fact when something does go quite terribly wrong he immediately turns on her. And yes, perhaps this is a realistic reaction from a character who has been forced into something by circumstance, but I just wanted him to man up and take some responsibility. I was hopeful that Thea's family dynamic would instead be the part of the plot that gripped and moved me, but despite the fact her parents are dysfunctional, it all felt a little over-blown and hyped up unnecessarily. Sure, Thea's father was a difficult character, but it's not like there was a huge, intense blow-out between them, and he stepped in to rescue her without much drama at all. Overall, Hooked was a disappointment for me. It felt like the characters were just going through the motions, there was very little emotion or drama and both Thea and Will were actually very supported, both financially and emotionally by their families, just not by each other. The idea of Hooked was great, and had so much potential, but the characters and the lack of sense of realism really underwhelmed me. It's like the author was continually hinting at something that could have been, but never really was.

This was a gritty yet funny at times contemporary. I think that we get a unique view into being pregnant and being a teen mom, and I think that it's an important message. As much as Thea tries at times, she cannot romanticize the idea, especially when her boyfriend Will makes it where she can't stay with him for a while. Though I liked this book and what it tried to convey, I was left feeling like there is nothing that will make me remember it a year from now. I still think that it's worth reading. I think that all aspects of characters were done well, Thea was fleshed out, and she had

things I could relate to, perfections and faults alike. Will was dreamy at first and then gave a real picture of what happens a lot when a girl gets pregnant and there is a child brought into that relationship at such a young age. Thea's parents are far from perfect, but I really liked how her dad stepped up in the end whereas I wouldn't have expected that. I got to read about a dynamic that is not all that present in the books I read, the father daughter one. I also like the stages the book goes through, we get to see the beginning and development of Thea's relationship with Will, and how she is completely hooked on him-to the extent that she doesn't really pay much attention to anything else. What a familiar feeling that is though, the new relationship and the obsession. This book took on a whole other dimension with Thea's crocheting. It interested me because I can crochet a bit, and it played a role in a book of helping her to distract herself and also in the end helping to find herself some. The ending wasn't tied up completely, but I think that is also life, and hers really was just beginning, so I think that is fitting in its own aspects.

Greenman wrote this book wonderfully. I was extremely pleased and it is definitely one of the best books I read all summer.

Honestly this book was amazing. A story of a girl who finds herself while figuring out how to be a mom, at the same time finding and following her own dream! A little slow but in a way that had you on the edge of your seat waiting to turn the page.

That's it. Hooked. I finished in within a couple of hours. I would definitely recommend this book. It is amazing.

I bought this book with Christmas money. Not exactly what I expected but was a good read none the less. All and all I would highly recommend it.

I just read Hooked in like 2 1/2 days....it was a very very very good book!! I would read it again and again!! I would definitively recommend this book if you like books with romance in it!! I would have to read another book by Catherine Greenman! She's my new favorite author!

In my opinion, I thought the author rushed the beginning. After the first two chapters, I was finally able to get into the book, then after she had the baby, it got boring and I had a difficult time finishing the book. I wouldn't recommend this book or the author.

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