

My Box-Shaped Heart by Rachael Lucas

5 Stars.

Love is out there for everyone.

Holly is sixteen and her mum is a hoarder. She has all the wrong clothes to be fashionable and she isn't one of the in-crowd but she loves swimming. There she meets Ed, a good-looking boy, who also has secrets. A friendship and then romance begin to blossom but can they survive the angst of growing up in a small town and sharing their embarrassing secrets with each other?

This is a young adult book which wasn't really my thing as I am a jaded 50-year-old. But it was a well-written book with strong characters and a good fast storyline. Holly is a sweet and caring girl coping with her mother's issues, and Ed and his mother are in hiding from his abusive father. The author writes with sympathy and knowledge of the problems young people must cope with.

A good read for any young adult looking for a bit of romance in their books.

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