

Ten Things Ive Learnt About Love



About to turn thirty, Alice is the youngest of three daughters, and the black sheep of her family. Drawn to traveling in far-flung and often dangerous countries, she has never enjoyed the closeness with her father that her two older sisters have and has eschewed their more conventional career paths. She has left behind a failed relationship in London with the man she thought she might marry and is late to hear the news that her father is dying. She returns to the family home only just in time to say good-bye. Daniel is called many thingstramp, bum, lost. He hasn't had a roof over his head for almost thirty years, but he once had a steady job and a passionate love affair with a woman he's never forgotten. To him, the city of London has come to be like home in a way that no bricks and mortar dwelling ever was. He makes sculptures out of the objects he finds on his walks throughout the city: bits of string and scraps of paper, a child's hair tie, and a lost earring. Daniel experiences synesthesia, a neurological condition which causes him to see words and individual letters of the alphabet as colors. But as he approaches his sixties his health is faltering, and he is kept alive by the knowledge of one thing that he has a daughter somewhere in the world whom he has never been able to find. A searching and inventive debut, *Ten Things I've Learnt About Love* is a story about finding love in unexpected places, about rootlessness and homecoming, and the power of the ties that bind. It announces Sarah Butler as a major new talent for telling stories that are heart-wrenching, page-turning, and unforgettable.

Our Reading Guide for *Ten Things I've Learnt About Love* by Sarah Butler includes Book Club Discussion Questions, Book Reviews, Plot Summary-Synopsis About Sarah Butler: Sarah Butler is in her early thirties and lives in Manchester. She runs a consultancy which develops literature and arts projects that But Sarah Butler's moving inaugural novel, *Ten Things I've Learnt About Love* (The Penguin Press), paints a more heartfelt portrait of love. quote from Sarah Butler:

There are people in my situation who stick to the same place, who draw an invisible line around themselves and wont go outside of it. Published by Picador 31 January 2013. 292pp, hardback, £12.99. Reviewed by Lesley Glaister. *Ten Things I've Learnt About Love*, Sarah Butler's debut novel, alternates between the voices of Alice – a woman in her late 20s struggling to come to terms with her father's Ormond Street Hospital, and has taught creative writing for the British Council in Kuala Lumpur. *Ten Things I've Learnt About Love* is her first novel, and will be available to buy from Amazon's Fiction Books Store. Everyday low prices on a huge range of new releases and classic titles. 1 day ago – spacey than made me comfortable. Like a flag. Sign into Goodreads to see if any of your friends have read *Ten Things I've Learnt About Love*. Alice has just returned to London from months of travelling abroad. She is late to hear the news that her father is dying, and arrives at the family home. *TEN THINGS I'VE LEARNT ABOUT LOVE* is released on 31st January 2013. When Geoff Westby at Picador suggested I could go along to the launch, my debut novel *Ten Things I've Learnt About Love*, weaves a story of love, loss, rootlessness and homecoming across the streets of contemporary London. Each week, we'll let you know about the new releases the editors of *O* and *Q* couldn't stop reading. *Ten Things I've Learnt About Love*