

Things I Can't Explain: **A CLARISSA NOVEL**

Clarissa Marie Darling explained it all at fourteen. Now in her mid-twenties and living in New York City, there's lots of stuff she just can't explain – like micro-relationships, the unemployment line, mompreneurs and the collision of two people in love. Then there's Sam. Where did Sam go, anyway?

From *Clarissa Explains It All* creator Mitchell Kriegman comes a re-imagining of the beloved 90s Nickelodeon series and everyone's favorite precocious teenage fashionista, Clarissa Darling. *Things I Can't Explain* answers the questions fans have been asking since the end of the series, as now grown-up Clarissa struggles to answer questions of her own and learns to cope with new relationships and responsibilities.



PRESS

Take a first look at the grown-up Clarissa Darling novel 'Things I Can't Explain'
— Entertainment Weekly

“Being a twenty something aspiring journalist with boy problems, roommate problems, money problems and parent problems sure is hard. But thankfully for all the Hannah Horvaths of the world, Clarissa Darling is coming back.”
— New York Observer

“The premise [of Things I Can't Explain] sounds a lot like Clarissa Now, the 1995 CBS pilot that never made it to series but I would have given my right pinky toe to see.”
— Entertainment Weekly

“Time to break out your loudest clothing, because Clarissa Darling is back. In a book, not a TV show. But still. Way cool.”
— The Mary Sue

MORE PRESS

We're freaking out about the 'Clarissa Explains It All' sequel

— Hello Giggles

“Clarissa made me feel like my goals were possible despite the many naysayers I’d encounter in my life. Realistic and engaging, she was the first contemporary character that truly engaged me... Judging by fans’ reactions to the news about Clarissa creator Mitchell Kriegman’s upcoming *Things I Can’t Explain*... many others feel the same way.”

— Geek Initiative

“Add in her talented computer game-creating skillz, a GUY best friend (practically unheard-of back then) who climbed in through her bedroom window via a ladder, and a pet alligator named Elvis, and [Clarissa] was everything I wanted to be.”

— Glamour

CLARISSA EXPLAINS IT ALL



In 1991, *Clarissa Explains It All* broke the world of girl-centric – and tween-centric – television wide open. Clarissa personified what so many girls at that time aspired to be: smart, funny, and wearing the hell out of some badass Doc Martens. Furthermore, for the first time in a children’s show, a kid character was treated as fully articulate and clever as any adult.

The Emmy-nominated series ran from March of 1991 to December of 1994, with a total of 65 episodes. In its original run *Clarissa Explains it All* increased the networks ratings by 50% - 80%. It was the first kid’s series on Nickelodeon or any cable network to feature a female lead, and its success created an entire new genre of teen sitcoms.

Since then, Clarissa Darling has become an icon of the 90s and a symbol of feminism in TV programming.

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