

Reader Reviews  
of  
**THE GYM SHOW**  
a novel by Kelly Springer

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Amazon

★★★★★ **Great Read!!!**, March 25, 2014  
By [D. N. Pritchett Jr.](#) (Fort Pierce, Florida) - [See all my reviews](#)  
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**This review is from:** [The Gym Show \(Kindle Edition\)](#)

I am always looking for new authors to read. This is the author's first book and it is a winner. Fun read, Takes me back to an era that I remember very well. I look forward to her next book....hope it is out soon!

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★★★★★ **Great Read..Wonderful Characters**, March 27, 2014  
By [Giovanna Mandel](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

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Wonderful book with well developed characters. Too many things to mention that reminded me of my own childhood! Wonderfully entwined plot. Looking forward to more from this author!

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★★★★★ **I loved this book!**, April 24, 2014  
By [Renaye Parsey](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

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**This review is from:** [The Gym Show \(Paperback\)](#)

While reading, I became immersed in Mercyville and its residents. I would love a sequel to The Gym Show, but will certainly read any novel this author produces. Kelly Springer's style makes for a great read!

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★★★★★ **More Mercyville Please!!!**

By [Laura Flowers](#) on May 1, 2014

Format: Paperback | **Verified Purchase**

I have tried reading several books in the last few years but having three little ones has not afforded me much time to finish any of them. I could not put *The Gym Show* down and finished in just a few sittings! Definitely a page turner with well developed characters and very descriptive language in general. I cried, laughed, cheered and wanted to be sick at times. I love books that keep me on a roller coaster of emotions. I look forward to reading more about Mercyville.

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★★★★★ **My new favorite read!**

By [Laura Baer](#) on May 26, 2014

Format: Paperback | **Verified Purchase**

What a great book! Springer is a gifted writer with an amazing ability to intertwine creative prose with insightful recognition of the book's time in history. It took me right back to my own high school experience in 1970....one of uncertainty, promise, and vulnerability. *The Gym Show* will leave you begging for more.....hope a sequel is on it's way!

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## Goodreads



**William Nist** rated it ★★★★★

Jun 21, 2014

Shelves: novels

This novel is set in my old stomping grounds (Western Pennsylvania), and about the time I was in high school (1969-70). Maybe I slept through School, but I missed most of the action that forms the narrative of this work! That is not to say, I found the story of a sleepy town's High school (students, teachers and administrators) completely over the top, but when I finished I was exhausted and in mild disbelief.

I appreciated the closely observed slices of life and scenery described in this novel - the language brought back many memories. The first 100 pages were particularly vivid, but once the narrative began in full force (with a homosexual student on student rape), I must admit I was lured in. Add to the rape; seductive teachers, interracial dating tensions, disconnected school boards, and the principal of the school engaged in the darkest of crimes (but motivated by the 'welfare' of his students), and you have a full blown Peyton Place.

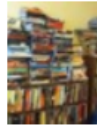
At some points in this novel, I thought the writing style was aimed at the Young Adult market, but with this serious subject matter, I was hoping that was a misconception. I did have to keep telling myself this is a period piece, because the portrayal of gay people, and to a certain extent Black people, was a bit unnerving and stereotypical. But this was set before we saw gays and maybe blacks as full and equal human beings.

This book was a win from the Goodread's giveaways, and the author sent the book to me promptly and by Priority Mail - very thoughtful. I rarely find a novel I read past page 100 or so (when I make the decision about how I want to spend my the rest of my life), but I finished this work quickly and with substantial interest. Maybe it was the final crimes that pushed me too far, for in the end the disbelief was a negative. Try it out for yourself.  
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## The Gym Show

by Kelly Springer (Goodreads Author)



Andrea's review

Jun 28, 14



bookshelves: first-reads-books

Read from June 21 to 28, 2014

I received this book through a First Reads giveaway.

I liked this book. It has good characters and a good story. It did seem like there was a lot going but the ending tied things up pretty neatly. I would definitely read the author's next book.

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## The Gym Show

by Kelly Springer (Goodreads Author)



Charlotte's review

Aug 21, 14



Read from August 08 to 20, 2014

I won this book through a Goodreads giveaway.

I really enjoyed this book. I had a vast array of emotions while reading: anger, jealousy, pity, hopefulness, remorse. I didn't read it as fast as I would have liked, but once I got to certain parts, it was a quick read that I didn't want to put down.

I would have liked to know more about Stanley and Julie, if they eventually get married. I guess I have to reread the first part to see if there are any clues.

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*Note: All reviews were completely unsolicited. Though I may be acquainted with some of the reviewers via Facebook (which I used to market the title), I have only spoken personally to Giovanna Mandel who asked to interview me for her [Amici Creatives](#) online magazine. I have not and will not pay to have my book reviewed.*

--KAS