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Strange Nervous Laughter

Do you love reading about love? Well then, this is for you.

Strange Nervous Laughter by Bridget McNulty

I loved this book, which is about love.

It follows six different characters – a bouncy cashier who finds her higher calling (motivational speaking), an undertaker who is a little too interested in toenails, a whale-whisperer, a dreamer, a garbage man with an unusually attractive presence (but not on a good way) and a Guinness Book of Records rep, who has serious cynicism issues – as their lives bump and intertwine during the hottest summer Durban has ever known.

How does it stand out from the other sixty zillion books on love? The local element was lekker, but mostly because the book is really well written. The characters are odd and engaging, the plot lyrical – dreamy in parts and slick-funny in others – and the dialogue makes you care about the characters, something frighteningly few writers get right these days. (Well, I cared about them. But then, I am also a little odd.)

Get it. It's a great read... light without being silly, deep without being forehead-furrowing.

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