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The Silver Suitcase



Synopsis

It's 1939, and Canada is on the cusp of entering World War II. Seventeen-year-old farm girl Cornelia is heartbroken when she learns that her beloved soldier, Henry, has been killed in a train wreck. Alone and carrying a heavy secret, she makes the desperate choice that will haunt her for years to come. Never telling a soul, Cornelia pours out the painful events of the war in her diary. Many decades later, Cornelia's granddaughter, Benita, is in the midst of her own crisis, experiencing several losses in the same week, including her job and the grandmother she adored. The resulting emotional and financial stress takes its toll on her and her husband, Ken, who is also unemployed. On the brink of divorce, she discovers Cornelia's diary. Now the secrets of her grandmother's past will lead Benita on an unexpected journey of healing, reunion, and renewed faith.

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Customer Reviews

A beautifully written story about the burdens that women can carry. The story spans 70 years, 3 generations, and a heartbreaking secret that only faith can mend. The lead character suffers the loss of loved ones, one by one and loses her faith in God. The ending is the best part but not because the secret is out but the wonderful way in which her faith keeps on giving.

Books are strange, wonderful things aren't they? Some people love the whole book, others only parts of it, some people don't like any of it. I started reading The Silver Suitcase on my Kindle, at the 40% mark I decided that this was a book that I need in physical form because I'll be reading it

again. I liked the diary format in this one and I teared up several times. In one respect I connected with Cornelia, but that would give it away. Was the disappearance of the suitcase and act of God? Could be, diary pages showed up in places that they were needed. I'll reread this one.

This is a beautifully written story that brought tears to my eyes. The characters were well-developed as was the story. In sum, it's a story of family secrets and faith. I'm not an overly religious person but I was very much drawn into this story and finished it within a couple of days. I have gone through some personal traumas, and this book gave me a glimmer of hope that things will be okay. I especially loved the ending. What a nice way to tie everything together!

I thought it was going to be about how people lived through WWII in Canada (which is my fav read) But surprise it was about faith. How sometimes we get mad at God but deep down we know he's looking out for us. We need something to impact us & remind us he's there. Sometimes we live to find out why things happen & sometimes it's after we are gone. But God always uses all our trials & turns them into good. I loved how the story went back & forth between the granddaughter/fam her mother somewhat, but the most interesting was the grandmothers life..My mother would tell me how things were during the war falling in love sometimes getting pregnant & how in those days such secrecy not to bring shame. I also loved the diaries the grandmother left behind in the silver suitcase (love books with diaries letter even emails) & was sad when the suitcase was stolen. But God used it for good & so many people's lives were effected for the better after it was stolen. I enjoyed this book especially the secrets (which I sort of figured a few) but also the love for fam was the most impacting. It was a good read esp when you're going through a trial of you're own you are brought to awareness of God that he is still working in your life even if you don't feel it. I only wish we learned more about the granddaughters father. Other than that I totally enjoyed it.

The first half of this book was very good. Then so many new people were added, it was hard to follow, but I will read it again, and hope I can make better sence of who was who, and maybe I will have a better understanding of why so many new people were added.

Cross generational story of a family that compares yesteryear with current times as to societal beliefs, moral standards and overall way of life through the generations. Was a good read for me, but does tend to be a bit religiously preachy off and on throughout book with quoting the bible, scriptures etc.

Only 3 stars for this novel.. Half the story is 5 stars and the way it is written is also 5 stars. But in my opinion, it loses strength towards the end, which is twisted and far-fetched.

This story is set over a long time period with the loves and trauma of the different generations held together with the power of God by way of one woman's daily writing in her diary. As a result, hope, love and faith grows in each family's member relationships. I found myself with tears of joy through much of my reading this book. read the book. It is awesome. Kermit

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