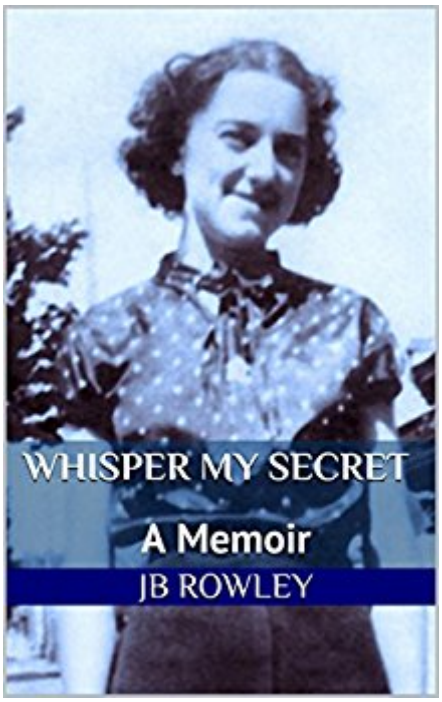
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Customer Reviews

I read this book and the companion, "Mother of Ten." As others have said, I too, felt compassion for Myrtle. I can’t imagine how difficult it must have been for her to be such a loving, nurturing mother, whose children adored her, only to be accused of being unfit and have them literally ripped out of your arms and put in an institution. She held a wish in her heart that her children would be well taken care of and loved. She didn’t have the power, the money or the influence to get them back. That heartache was hidden behind every smile and lessened the twinkle in her eye. Sadly, her children’s lives were harsh, cold and full of abuse and neglect. A fact which probably would have killed her, had she known. This story touched my heart and haunted my dreams.

I really enjoyed this book. It totally took you to a time, not so long ago, that is completely foreign to us now. The things that people, (make that mostly women), had to endure due to the collective consciousness of the time, is overwhelming. I felt Ms. Rowley did a lovely job in portraying the pains and limits of this era. You felt for her characters and were "pulling" for them. The sequel, Mother of Ten, left me greatly disappointed. I’m sure if I hadn’t read this, I would have put it down close to the beginning, but this was an enjoyable read, and a look at such a different time -- with such a different set of rules that it’s hard to believe it was just a few generations ago.

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys true stories. More information about who raised her first three children would have been appreciated, but good to know they did not seem to resent her. Compassion for Myrtle against her holier than thou Mother-in-law.

A sad story about a young woman who marries a selfish man who takes advantage of her, finds someone else and has her children taken from her. Unbelievable pain of loss on Myrtle’s part. Luckily the second part of the book brings happy times and a new life. Very interesting story of a woman’s life fro a young woman to a mature one.

I had no problems following the true parts of the book and the written (made up, (for lack of a better

word) parts...The end result may be acceptable to most who knew Myrtle, but imagine the pain she felt deep down inside and carried all of those years.....You can have 50 children and they will never replace the one who was taken...This poor mom.....This was heart wrenching...Her children being taken away....Back then you had no recourse, to prove you were a fit mom...If your husband said you weren't, then their word was law...How horrible...I cannot say how angry ÃƒÆ'Â Â is makes me...I wonder if Agnes ever felt remorse for her role in this...I wonder was it she, who raised the kids?....Who did they end up going to?

If the story was just about Myrtle (mom) and why she lost her first three children, I would probably rate the story a four. But....This family secret was unearthed after Myrtles death. There was no perspective on her remaining children's feelings about this, about how they feel towards their mother and if they searched for their siblings. I felt incomplete after finishing the book and frustrated that the author would decide to stretch the story into another book that I am apprehensive about even reading.

I had trouble being really interested in the book until well into it. But then found it to be a read well worth my time.

I enjoyed reading this story, even if some of it was written as to how it could have been. I feel the author did a good job amd kept my attention and interest in the book. I looked forward to night when I could continue reading.

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