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Mother Of Ten (Whisper My Secret Book 2)



Synopsis

#1 BEST SELLER IN AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND! What happens to children who are robbed of family? Myrtle's first three children grew up without any knowledge of their mother after Myrtle was forced to give them up when they were still toddlers. Not only were the children deprived of contact with their mother, they also grew up devoid of any knowledge of each other after being placed in separate facilities. In this sequel to *Whisper My Secret*, JB Rowley explores what happened to the three half-siblings she never knew. As one of the children of Myrtle's second family, JB also offers a personal view of a mother making a new life without her first family. Although the devastating loss of her first three children remained with her, Myrtle became a caring and committed mother of seven more children living in near isolation in the Australian bush. This mother's strength of character is matched in her first three children who survived and thrived despite being cheated of the nurturing that should have been their birthright. Their stories are sad, sometimes heartbreaking but ultimately courageous and inspiring.

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Customer Reviews

A continuation of Myrtle's story & the secret she held onto throughout her life. There were some areas (mostly in the first 3 chapters) that were a little bit disjointed. I was wondering whether JB Rowley was trying to catch people up and reflect over the last book *Whisper My Secret 1*. There was quite a bit of information about the orphanage systems and societal views. The horrendous lives children in orphanages led form images of beings plodding through 'life' trying to remain hidden within small shells attempting to get through the years drawing as little attention as possible. Abuse suffered by these children and their suffering continues today, cannot be imagined by many. My heart goes out to them all. While written in a somewhat different manner of *Whisper My Secret 1* (which was much more of Myrtle's story), *Whisper My Secret 2* tends to read as a research paper with some personal information thrown into the mix. There were so many things that I would have liked to know. I do recommend that readers prepare themselves by reading *Whisper My Secret 1* before reading *Whisper My Secret 2*. By doing so I think I became very emotionally involved and connected to all of Myrtle's family. I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in societal views through the years, readers who are interested in how life was lived, what children & their mothers have endured within the system, and how woman's rights were so horrifyingly absent in regards to their bodies, lives, and children.

Victoria, Australia. Orbost (township). June ÆBrigidÆ (sister, narrator) had stabbed Maxie (8, younger brother) with a pencil that had went clear through. Bobby (brother) was sent to get help. The story continues. As a retired MH crisis/school social worker, & a child, & a former foster care teen, this story touched my heart again. A very funny thing; I still have #2 pencil lead in my left hand & left leg thigh from being stabbed in grade school (late 1950s) by 2 other students. I did not receive any type of compensation for reading & reviewing this book. While I receive free books from publishers & authors, I am under no obligation to write a positive review. Only an honest one. A very awesome book cover, great font & writing style. Wow, a very well written down-under memoir book. It was very easy for me to read/follow from start/finish & never a dull moment. There were no grammar/typo errors, nor any repetitive or out of line sequence sentences. Lots of exciting scenarios, with several twists/turns & a large set of unique characters to keep track of. This could also make another great down-under family memoir movie, or better yet a mini TV series. There is no doubt in my mind this is a very easy rating of 5 stars. Thank you for the free Proto Press;

This biographical book was hard to put down. All along we felt for the children in the family. However, it really was the mother who was the heroine of the story. She had a secret to keep and a family to raise. She was courageous when she needed to be. When a husband dies and there is a family to raise on your own, you automatically become a hero to those children. The author has an inside view of orphaned children in Australia also. Some of the stories written were hard to take. Children should be protected in their childhood. This story was an eye opener for me. I felt for the mother and what she had to do to survive in Australia at that time.

I read the first part of this story previously and was interested in this book for that reason. I was moved with compassion for the young mother who was forced out of her family home by a scheming mother in law and her own husband. The painful memories which she took to her grave speak to the inner strength of this woman. Her first family survived and eventually bridges the divide with her second family. If you like to celebrate the human spirit I highly recommend these 2 books.

When a child has to be left without a parent to hold and love them, then, we as a society suffer. The excellent research followed in the book and the understanding vision of WHY that is so thoughtfully given, pull at the heart strings. I did want things to be different but I was thankful that the three children were accepted as family by their mother's family. Something all teachers and care givers of children need to heed when they look into the eyes and hearts of all children.

At first I had trouble with the first this book in this series because of the premise...I'm glad I kept reading. My heart breaks for the people that suffered this fate; mothers and children alike. This author has an amazing way with words and a very enjoyable, readable way of writing. If you enjoy history, or just an interesting story, you should read this book.

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