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Powerful, hard-hearted Leonard Mears ruthlessly presides over his wife and children, exiling them from the outside world and brutally punishing any disobedience. But he is also a man with a dark secret; an illegitimate daughter that he forced his sister to bring up. The girl is now a young woman who, unbeknown to him, is determined to find the father that abandoned her.

James Peterson, a gifted young man, runs Mear's factory with more success than Leonard's own sons. He lives for the day he can have his own business and make his fortune. Only then will he be able to declare his love for beautiful Isabel Mears who he means to release from the gilded cage her father has created. But then the lonely, lovely Sally comes in to his life, turning his heart and dreams upside down.

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Charmaine Saliba says

I really enjoyed it. A fast-paced novel and I loved Sally, James, Maureen and Lizzie so much, while I really hated Leonard and Jack. This novel is set in the 1888. It is one of those books that you want to finish but you won't. It seems like that I had just said goodbye to a dear friend. Sally will remain with me, loved her determination and courage, she is a strong young woman that touches the heart of those who meet her. A heartbroken story, that made me cry, and also laugh. With twists that left me speechless.

On her father's funeral, Sally learned by her mother Anne that in reality she wasn't their daughter instead Anne's brother. Anne also told to Sally that all those years she hated her because her husband loved Sally more than her. Now that he finally is death she won't tolerate Sally anymore. Sally found out her biological father's name and went to find him, when finally, she found him, she was horrified to learn that he is a cruel man who keeps his family in a gilded cage. To her rescue, came James and immediately felt a bond with her and wanted to protect her. James has his own dreams, he wants to start a business so he can become rich and can marry his sweetheart Isabel, his employer's daughter, but, as time goes by James is living in turmoil, he is becoming attached to Sally too. How on earth is possible to love two women at the same time?

Maryann says

Took me a whole day to finish this book. Gosh the book is full of so much tragedy that the reader could almost lose hope. Almost. The characters all have something in common and that was their determination. Determination to escape, to live a free life, determination for money, for revenge, for dominance. Everyone had their goals, both evil and pure. It was a definite page turner, seeing as I finished it all in one day. I couldn't bring myself to put it down. No matter how the situation worsened for the heroine and for the hero, the author somehow managed to keep the reader fervently hoping that all would be well. And there were some characters whose deeds were almost unforgivable but the plot and circumstances these characters were placed in allowed the readers to empathize with the characters except for one that is, the main Villain, Leonard. It's a beautiful novel and I'm actually thinking of reading it again.

Lucy Crook says

This book is probably my favourite one so far of Jo Cox books. It had me hooked till the last page.

Susan says

This is the first Josephine Cox book I have read. I found her style of writing rather dull but once I became used to it found the characters believable and the story flowed.

Carobe says

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Tilly says

I didn't really enjoy the book, the storyline was great but the way she wrote it didn't seem to fit; for me.

Tita says

Tal como a sinopse nos conta, Leonard Mears é um homem cruel e que escondeu que teve uma filha bastarda (Sally) que obrigou a irmã a criar. A par deste acontecimento, é também um homem que controla a sua família, entre os quais se encontra Isabel, a sua filha legítima mais velha.

A história em si até me agradou, com Sally a descobrir da pior forma que é filha bastarda e a tenta encontrar o seu pai verdadeiro, descobrindo que é um homem horrível. Gostei também de James e da sua mãe, pessoas muito bondosas e com um coração enorme.

No entanto julgo que faltou um pouco mais de desenvolvimento, quer da família Mears, como também da própria revelação, que acabamos por assistir apenas superficialmente.

É uma história cheia de dramas e tragédias, que não me agradou totalmente. Para quê tanto drama em torno de Isabel? Apenas para desencadear o "acontecimento" que irá mudar a situação? Achei demasiado.

Quanto a personagens, tal como referi gostei muito de James e da sua mãe, da Sally e até mesmo da Isabel. Leonard é o vilão completamente odioso e que eu só pensava "mas não há ninguém que o mate?". E quanto às restantes personagens, como a esposa e os outros três filhos de Leonard e os empregados, achei que faltava um pouco mais de caracterização.

Outro ponto que não me convenceu, foi a redenção da tia de Sally e o perdão desta pois pareceu-me rápido demais mas pronto, se calhar sou eu que tenho mau feitio a mais =P

Algo que me irritou um bocadinho foi a tradução / revisão. Pois de todas as vezes que se refere "há algum tempo" (ou suas variações), encontramos "há algum tempo atrás". Um erro que, infelizmente, é muito comum. Tenho ideia que encontrei mais um ou outro, mas como não registei, já não me recordo.

Shirley Revill says

I needed lot's of tissues for this book. Really enjoyed. Recommended.
