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Puritan Massachusetts, 1650: Sarah has committed a terrible crime--she laughed, played, and slid down a snowy hill with her best friend on the Sabbath. Now she faces the most painful day of her life. If she remains silent, the Puritan ministers will punish an innocent person for Sarah's wrongs. But if she tells the truth, she could lose her father's love forever.

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Robyn says

I remember enjoying this book. It was kinda neat hearing about the Puritans & some of their practices, even if from a work of fiction.

Young Adult Historical Vault says

Oh dear. For a book that's only 150 pages long, it goes on for an awfully long time! The plot doesn't move along all that well, and the characters are all completely flat. The writing is definitely not the best and there are long passages where nothing happens but every single action someone takes is described in explicit, boring detail! Could have really benefited from a glossary at the end as well, because there's plenty of terms that I don't think your average young reader would be all that familiar with and it doesn't engage the reader enough to seek out any more information on the topic! The plot is awfully thin, and seems to be much more of an excuse to talk about why it was so awful to be a girl in the Puritan period rather than actually teach. Readers could choose far better books on the Puritan experience!

For my full recap and reviews for details on why I didn't like this: check out Young Adult Historical Vault <https://yahistoricalvault.com/2016/05...>

Rebecca says

Sarah is a twelve-year-old Puritan girl living in Massachusetts in 1651. She is dreadfully unhappy because she fears her widowed father plans to marry a strict woman who dislikes Sarah and considers her to be poorly behaved. Playing on Sundays is strictly forbidden by the Puritan church. But one Sunday after a snow storm, Sarah and her best friend, Elizabeth (whose parents are considered to be somewhat freethinking for Puritans) can't help themselves, and they start to play in the snow, when they notice someone watching them and flee. Later, Mistress Goddard (Sarah's potential future stepmother) comes forward and announces that she saw Elizabeth and her brother Roger (she thought Sarah was Roger because she had borrowed his coat) broke the rules of the Sabbath. Now Roger will be punished when Sarah is the one who broke the rules. Can Sarah find the courage to come forward with the truth? A good middle grade historical fiction read that brings to life Puritan New England. I think this was the first book I read from the American Diaries series when I was around ten years old.

Emmy Lou says

More like 2.5 stars

Miss Amanda says

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1651, Salem, Massachusetts. 12 year old Sarah didn't mean to laugh and play in the snow with her friend Elizabeth. The punishment for such behavior on the Sabbath is harsh. When one of the villagers mistakenly identifies Elizabeth and her brother Roger (Roger had lent Sarah his coat to wear on the walk home) as the Sabbath breakers. Sarah faces a difficult choice. Should she tell the truth or let Roger take the blame?

Maggie says

Oh, look, a book from my childhood.
