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When Lloyd Cotton hears that Sheila Barnes is consistently beaten by her daddy, he offers her a room and a job cleaning up around his dairy farm. Despite physical deformity, poverty, and years of abuse, Sheila manages to see the silver lining in every cloud—and her bright spirit touches everyone in the Cotton family, including young Annette who finds an enchanting Best Friend. Stoney Barnes, the handsome boy who milks the cows, is especially taken with Sheila. And when they marry, it seems that God has finally given her the good graces she deserves.

But in a cruel twist of fate, Sheila's body is found in the cornfields. Soon the little town of Zebulon, Mississippi, is awash in scandal. Who would want the innocent young woman dead? Her alcoholic father, her opinionated husband, or perhaps the faithfully married Lloyd Cotton, about whom unsavory rumors swirl?

Surprising secrets will crack open a rural community, and more than one family will suffer in the telling.

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Nicki says

Beautifully written!

Gloria says

sigh

You ever have those times where you go through a glut of books-- all of them duds? Here's to hoping the first thing I pick up in the new year will capture and hold my attention.

Nancy says

Interesting style of writing, relating the story using different character's perspectives on each event. The book is worth reading as a genre style but not for the story itself. Nancy

Lkelleys says

My friend Kelly gave this to me to read and it was wonderful.

Emily Herring says

Bev Marshall was one of my college professors, so I felt obligated to read it. I really enjoyed it, but I just felt so angry at the end. I do love how Bev used each character's voice as a narrator. It definitely kept things interested. I would recommend this book to others.

Jill says

I really liked this book. The characters are real and interesting. The author is local, and in talking to her, I learned that this book is based on her own family history and the event was real. Her grandfather is the owner of the dairy farm. The tragedy is heartbreaking and you hope for a good resolution.

Laura says

A well played out mystery, surprise at the end.

Brenda says

Great character development. I'm sure I met these characters many times as a social worker.

Abby Rosmarin says

Oh I wanted to like it. I really did. But it just seemed to be one gigantic flop. The pity character was too pathetic, Marshall tried too hard to make each point-of-view written different (which, in the end, always failed and they always started sounding the same), and I just found myself rolling my eyes at the end of it.

Chana says

Because the subject matter is disturbing, verging on appalling and disgusting, I would like to be able to dismiss it as a literary work. However, it is not to be dismissed. The story flows along flawlessly, realistically and vividly.

T.S. says

A great murder mystery!

Donna says

Here is a mystery set in the early 1940's, one of my favorite eras to read about. The story was "voiced" by different characters in Zebulon, Mississippi who were, in one way or another, involved in the life of the young woman who was murdered. I enjoyed this author's second novel very much also. There are some "rough" places in the story due to the subject matter, but it reads very well.

Jen says

I liked this book, but had a hard time getting into it. It was recommended by my mom and usually we have similar tastes_ however she said she read this in just a day or two and it took me much longer
