



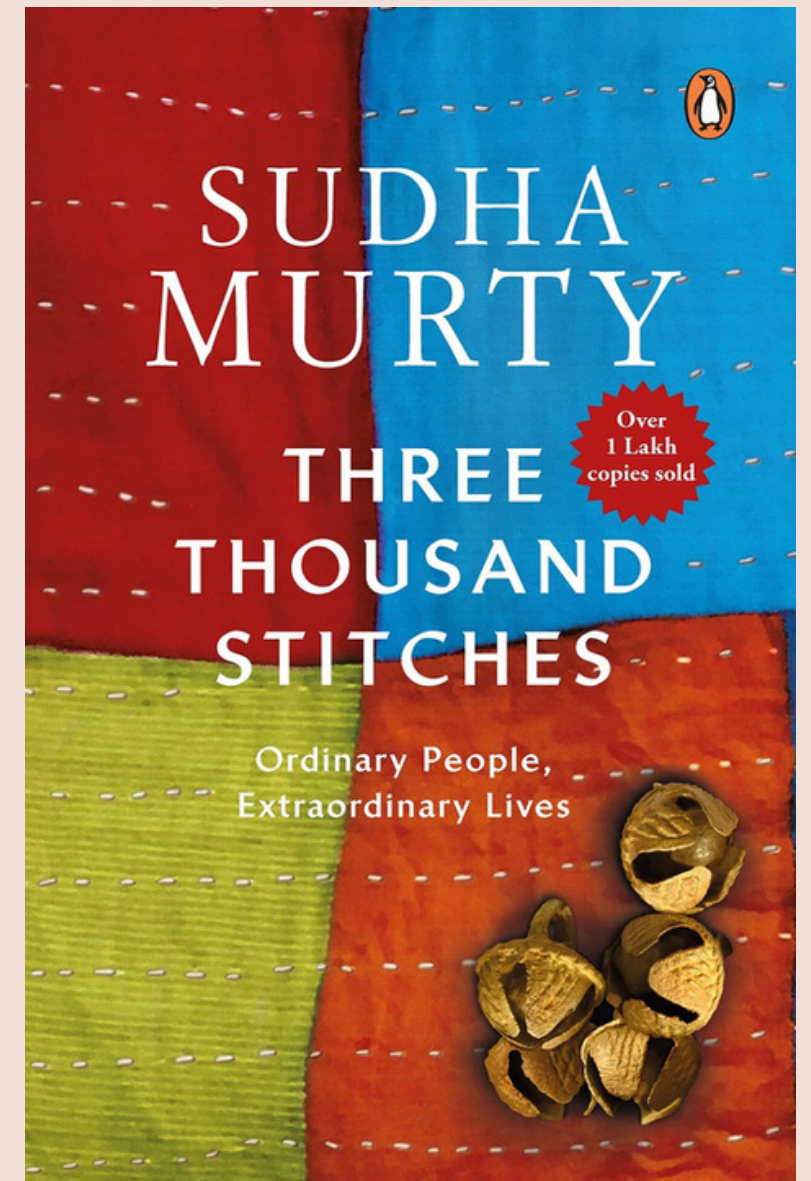
BOOK REVIEW

THREE THOUSAND STITCHES

The book, three thousand stitches is much like its title a couple of events on the same canvas, each adding some value to the canvas. It helped weave and in the end, giving a texture that is fine and course in parts.

Snippets from the journey travelled by the chairperson of Infosys Foundation, are scattered across 11 stories, each having some profound message. The title story is about the lives of devadasis, or sex workers as they ended up being called, from the northern belt of Karnataka, who became the first subject of work for the young sudha. A heartwarming story—of her humiliation, her outer and ultimately, her acceptance among these appressed and violated women, is one of the high point of this collection. Equally touching is the instance she recollects from her father's young days as a doctor,

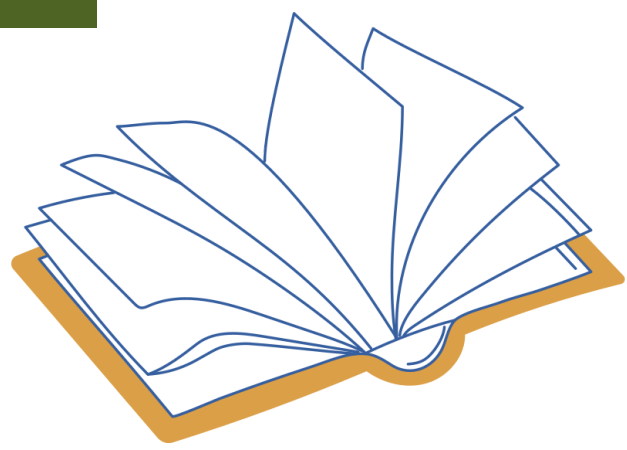
when his one deed of duty and Kindness returns with life-altering interest many years hence. The full circle of life and its talent gifts come to before with these two lovely stories. The stories are mostly warm and simple; and in turn, trigger sleeves of thought as she broaches the issues of alcoholism, conservatism, exploitation and discrimination. From being a professional achiever, she chronicles her trial and travails, and offers advice, sometimes way too bluntly and sometimes, in garbs of conversation. One is likely to learn something new and at the same time. Prown at her firm assumptions, especially in relation to long-standing traditions and religious tenets. The writing aids the reading and the unvanised prose tempted me to finish this book in one go. It's a good read, with plenty to chew on and some humour to ease the tension.



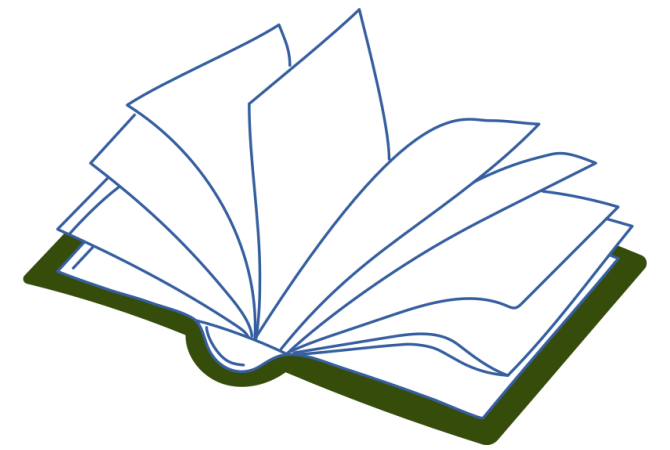
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BOOK Review



BOOK TITLE:

How to be a woman

AUTHOR:

Caitlin morgan

BOOK DETAILS

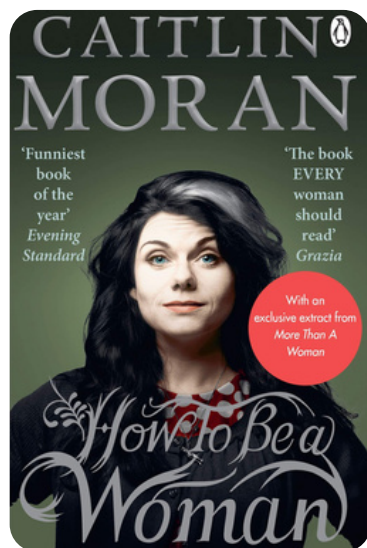
Genre : Memoir

Page Length : 320 pages

First Published : July 17, 2012

Language : English

Recommended : Strongly recommend



QUOTES FROM THE BOOK

- "For throughout history, you can read the stories of women who - against all the odds - got being a woman right, but ended up being compromised, unhappy, hobbled or ruined, because all around them, society was still wrong. Show a girl a pioneering hero - Sylvia Plath, Dorothy Parker, Frida Kahlo, Cleopatra, Boudicca, Joan of Arc - and you also, more often than not, show a girl a woman who was eventually crushed."
- "But as the years went on, I realised that what I really want to be, all told, is a human. Just a productive, honest, courteously treated human."

THE REVIEW:

How to be a woman is a memoir of British writer, journalist and music critic Caitlin Moran. She takes you on an amazing journey through the various adventures of her life. She documents her journey from her teens to early thirties. She includes her views on feminism and womanhood along with some sensitive topics such as menstruation, body shaming, feminism and modern day fashion along with her very relatable incident that many others might have faced. She shares how she was tormented for her dressing sense in her early teens and later was fat shamed. She also shares her experience when she was in a relationship where she was exploited and came out better and later married her coworker named Pete. She shares about when in her mid thirties when she had to abort in her third pregnancy due to financial issues and the emotional toll it took on her and the judgment she got. Towards the end of the book she shares her wonder about if she has or not learnt on "how to to be a woman". She believes that every woman is a feminist unless they reject the notion of personal freedom. She defines the true meaning of feminism as wanting equal importance in society as men, but not the man hating attitude of some people. She recites difficult to understand modern day problems in a humorous and relatable way.

Past Secrets

REVIEW BOOK



Novels have always played an essential role in portraying women in the society and *Past Secrets* by Cathy Kelly is no exception. Cathy tackles the pressuring issues of feminism and women's empowerment and highlights their importance in our ever-evolving world.

"*Past Secrets*" is a tale of resilience, love and empowerment. It highlights the theme of women independence in a very creative manner. The main characters are three powerful women who remain strong despite their difficult lives. This book explores the wide themes of independence, self sufficiency and feminism. It portrays that the journey to independence isn't without any hurdles. These women have weathered the storm of loss and emerged stronger than ever before. Whether it is losing your husband or having a crisis with family, these women have been through all of that. Despite that they stayed strong and channeled their grief into their power. Feminism might not be the main theme of the novel but it is an important aspect of it for sure.



Frances Hodgson Burnett

Secret Garden

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Frances Hodgson Burnett was an American author of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. She was born on 24th November 1849 in Cheetham, England. Her excessive contribution in the writing industry has made her one of the most popular authors in the world.

Her early life wasn't as dreamy as her stories. She faced a lot of personal tragedies as well as financial struggles.

However, her affection for storytelling paved the way to her success. She passed away on October 29, 1924, in Plandome, New York. Frances Hodgson Burnett's legacy continues to inspire and entertain the readers of all ages.

As long as you have a garden, you have a future, and as long as you have a future, you are alive."

"The Secret Garden" is a classic work of literature that has the power to transport readers to a world of wonder and discovery. It shows the parallelism between human spirit and nature. It teaches us the importance of kindness and companionship. This is one of those books which makes you adore nature even more. The

character development in the novel is outstanding. Mary, Colin, and even the gruff gardener Ben Weatherstaff undergo significant transformations. Their growth led to self-discovery and the healing potential of the natural world. It's a heartwarming tale that illustrates the cyclical and complementary nature of life's ups and downs. It conveys the message that our future exists as long as nature exists and as long as our future exists, we stay alive. Frances has shown the importance of nature and our dependency on it in a very witty way. "The Secret Garden" leaves a lasting impression on its readers, encouraging them to seek the beauty in the world around them and within themselves.