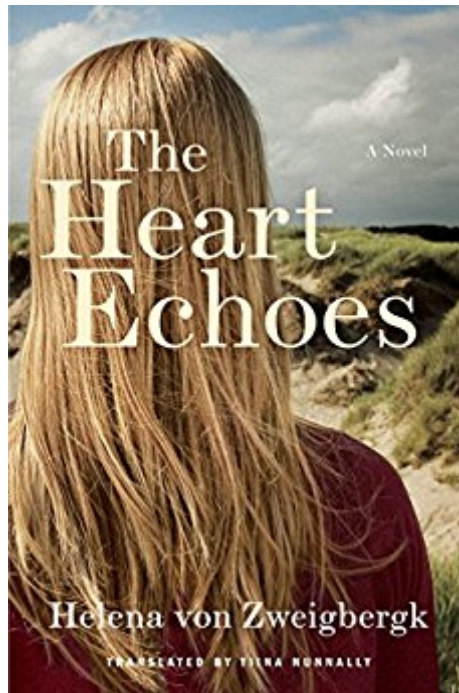




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Synopsis

Swedish sisters Astrid, Lena, and Sandra have struggled to get along since childhood, but when Lena is diagnosed with ovarian cancer, they are each thrown into crisis together. Astrid's well-ordered, predictable world is shaken by the return of her ex-boyfriend Michael, an American who abandoned her and their infant son years earlier. While Astrid has remarried and had more children, she is suffocating under her husband's kindness and cannot escape the pull of the past. Seeing Michael at their son's high school graduation reawakens her grief and rage, along with more complicated and threatening emotions. Envious of Astrid's seemingly stable life, Sandra is married to an alcoholic and drowning in debt. She turns to Lena for help at the worst possible time. Lena, fighting to stay alive, must finally confront a devastating secret she's kept from Astrid since the summer Michael left. As the walls they've built between them crumble, the three sisters must try to forgive and to rebuild their shattered bonds while there's still time.

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Customer Reviews

I like Swedish writers and settings so this was an easy Kindle First choice, but it also turned out to be a little gem. This was good family drama with fairly well-developed characters, and the resolutions felt real, if a little sad. The only part of the book that fell flat, for me, was one of the sisters' love interest with another woman -- the characters and the storyline seemed shallow at best. I can't say it was gratuitous since I don't know the author's intent there, but the same-sex relationship wasn't really necessary to the story and I would have enjoyed it more without it. Overall a good weekend read.

This book was a story of three sisters and their loves and losses. Life is good for them but it is also a struggle for them. Then there is the fact that there are secrets that causes friction between them. The death of one of them brings them to gather in a new understanding of life. I would give the book 4 Stars.

This is a very strange story! I find it hard to understand how three sisters can be so secretive and strange around each other. And their mother being so not able to understand each child. Of course since I am one of three sisters also and none of us understood each other either.

When I started this novel I found it's voices reminded me of THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN but quickly realized any similarity ended there. The richly drawn characters sweep you along in a relentless march of self examination and discovery that contain echoes of all our lives and touch us in ways I have yet to fully realize. The continued use of present tense increases the immediacy of the reading experience. This book should be on the wish list of anyone who seeks a powerful incite into the nature and meaning of family and individual.

there was not much enlightenment in this book even though it seemed that was the author's intention. however, I would probably read more of her works if offered in English translation.

Quite interesting took a minute to get into the story , lots of family Dynamic dysfunction but in the end I very much enjoyed the story.

I loved this book from page 1. The author made it as if the people were real. I was rivited right through to the last page.

Was an interesting read begins ends forgiveness pain hurt love

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