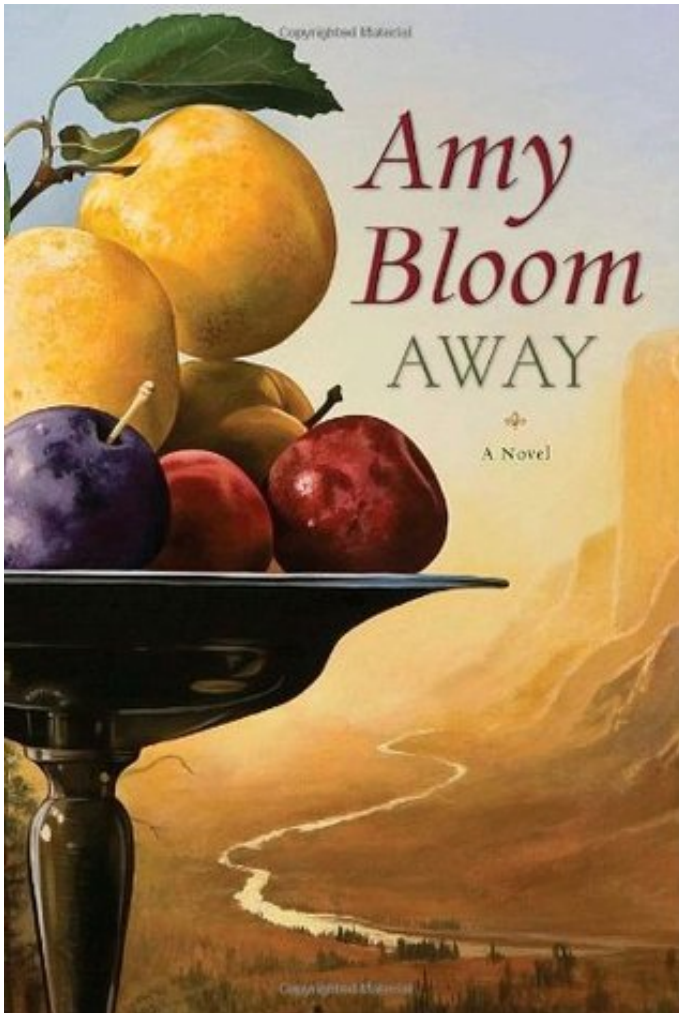

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Away



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Description

Panoramic in scope, *Away* is the epic and intimate story of young Lillian Leyb, a dangerous innocent, an accidental heroine. When her family is destroyed in a Russian pogrom, Lillian comes to America alone, determined to make her way in a new land. When word comes that her daughter, Sophie, might still be alive, Lillian embarks on an odyssey that takes her from the world of the Yiddish theater on New York's Lower East Side, to Seattle's Jazz District, and up to Alaska, along the fabled Telegraph Trail toward Siberia. All of the qualities readers love in Amy Bloom's work--her humor and wit, her elegant and irreverent language, her unflinching understanding of passion and the human heart--come together in the embrace of this brilliant novel, which is at once heartbreaking, romantic, and completely unforgettable.

Insightful reviews

?Karen: While a bit slow in a few sections, I enjoyed this book immensely. Other reviewers have said the writing was a bit disjointed but I only noticed it once and then I still was able to piece together what had just happened. Lillian's quest to cross America and get to Siberia had her meeting some very engaging, unusual characters. I could see this as a movie with scenes from the New York theatre life to Seattle's Skid Row to adventures in Alaska's wilderness. I would like to read more of Amy Bloom's work.

Beverly: The voice in this novel is impeccable. The main character, Lillian, is so human that I feel I *really* do know her. Her adventure gets moving in the second half of the book, and the novel changes from a compelling story of an immigrant escaping to safety to an un-put-downable tale of Lillian's struggle to return to the source of her pain. I've read few novels that make me feel like love has been honestly explored, but this is one.

Bloom descends briefly into the full lives of characters who have had some effect on Lillian. At first this jarred me out of the narrative dream and annoyed me, but the fact is, I can't stop thinking about these characters a week after I returned the book to the library. To my way of thinking, that means Bloom was in complete control and has done something more meaningful than merely letting me linger in the narrative dream. I'm not quite sure what that is yet, but I like it.

Rosa: This book is really interesting. Considering the basic plot - Russian Jewish woman whose entire family was slaughtered before her eyes escapes to America with literally nothing, establishes a fairly comfortable life here, then completely abandons it to go back to Siberia, due to a rumor that her young daughter whom she previously thought dead might still be alive - on plot alone, it seems like exactly the type of book my mother-in-law would read in her book club. However, when I looked at the reviews on this site and on Amazon before starting the book, I kept seeing complaints about how slutty the main character was, that she basically sleeps her way through her journey. So I was all prepared for nonstop sex, and while there was lots of different kinds of sexual encounters, it didn't seem overly smutty to me (although once again, if I had been expecting the usual immigrant fiction type book at the start, maybe I would have raised my eyebrows more). Anyway, the intriguing thing about this book isn't about the sex, but

about the way that it's written. Bloom has a really interesting writing style - she jumps back and forth in time with no transitions, and she'll send off a minor character from the main narrative by telling you how they live out the rest of their lives (including how they die and whether or not they die happy). It was somewhat reminiscent of Gabriel Garcia Marquez, the way she dealt with time. I also really liked the way the book ended - a lot of questions are answered, but it wasn't a silly well-tied up Hallmark movie ending, either. She does other interesting things with language that I enjoyed - for example, she's not one of those authors who spends pages and pages detailing what the room looks like, how the character sits down in a chair, etc. She gets right to the point of the scene. Some reviewers complained about having to read a paragraph several times to understand what actually transpired, and I did have to do that a few times, but I liked it - I felt there was an actual purpose to her writing it that way. Overall, I enjoyed reading this book a lot, and I'll bet my mother-in-law is probably going to read it in her book club anyway, smut or no smut - ah, to be a fly on the wall the day they get to the girl-on-girl scene!

Debby: I thought of giving this a 1, yet honestly it was once simply the final 1/4 of the e-book i did not like. the remainder of the booklet was once OK. this can be a tale approximately Lillian, a girl who flees Russia in early 1920's following a Russian pogrom the place her complete relatives is believed to were killed. Lillian turns into a "kept" girl by way of a Yiddish theater big name and his father until eventually she learns from one other Russian immigrant that her daughter should be alive and dwelling in Siberia. the remainder of the e-book consists of Lillian's trip via many trials to make her way to Alaska after which get to Siberia to discover her daughter. as soon as Lillian is "finally" on her approach via Alaska, that's the place the tale starts off to show out like a poorly edited motion picture with a few thoroughly unimaginable parts. Then comes the "out of nowhere" finishing that simply didn't make sense. probably I ignored whatever (though I listened to the final 10 mins of the CD 3 times. i am nonetheless without a clue as to what the finishing is all about. So frustrating!!And i believe this publication was once up for prizes too. Really??So, for those who learn this booklet and truly GET the ending, permit me comprehend OK? :)

Jo: existence used to be busy and that i carried this publication round for weeks, slightly beginning it. ultimately placed the time apart and browse it. It wasn't a plausible story; the most personality hadn't been constructed sufficient for me to think her lengthy journey. Then, all of a sudden, the booklet was once done, fairly abruptly. It was once as though the author's variety of phrases or pages have been up or her cut-off date used to be due and he or she wrapped it up and despatched it in. could were great to have sought after more, yet I didn't.

Connie: 3.5 starsLillian Leyb needed to create a brand new lifestyles for herself in the United States after her Jewish relations was once slaughtered in a Russian pogrom in 1924. She begun as a seamstress at a brand new York Yiddish theater. while she gets the inside track that her younger daughter Sophie may possibly nonetheless be alive in Siberia, she undertakes a rail journey throughout America, then heads north to Alaska. She plans to move the Bering Strait to discover her daughter. This is a story of patience the place Lillian has to make difficult offerings so as to continue to exist as an immigrant. goals of the evening of the pogrom hang-out her through the journey. She interacts with colorful, wrong humans from many cultures in the course of her trek, a few of them enduring their very own losses. She is rescued by way of those that were via demanding instances themselves. Lillian reveals friendship and being

concerned in unforeseen places. I loved Amy Bloom's lush descriptions and vibrant characters. The writer used to be additionally a training psychotherapist, and she or he unearths the humanity in everyone--prostitutes, pimps, convicts, unskilled immigrants, and northerly loners alongside the Telegraph Trail. This used to be an interesting novel of a dangerous journey.

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