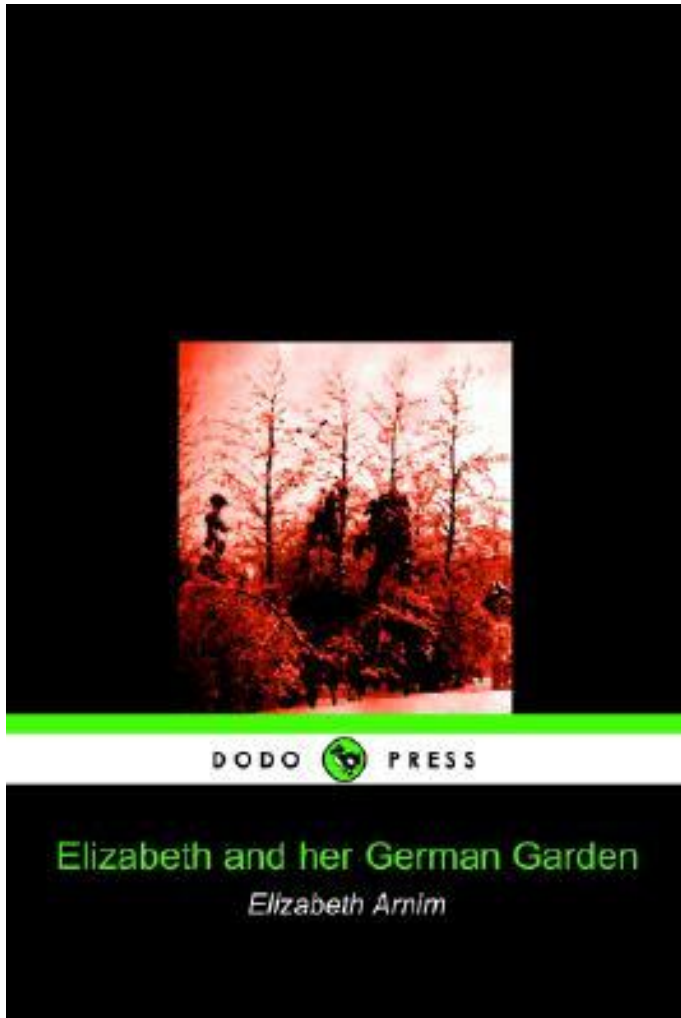

Elizabeth von Arnim

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Description

Large format paper back for easy reading. First, highly successful and semi-autobiographical novel from noble born British novelist, about a rural idyll

Insightful reviews

Jae: I initially thought this author's writing would be a little too flowery for me, but not a bit of it. This is the second book of hers that I've read and I love her writing style. Yes, in this one, as would be expected, it's heavily descriptive of her beautiful garden, but "heavily" is surely the wrong word, because there is such a lightness of touch, and all interspersed with the most witty observations of characters and people generally. Elizabeth von Arnim is a real find for me, and I'll definitely be reading more of her books.

Afton Nelson: A charming memoir of young mother and wife Elizabeth Von Armin. She's content with herself, her family, her books and her garden and I could relate. Lots of highlight-worthy quotes if only I'd had my own copy and not the library's.

A favorite on New Year's resolutions: "And I find my resolutions carry me very nicely into the spring. I revise them at the end of each month, and strike out the unnecessary ones. By the end of April they have been so severely revised that there are none left."

On taking control of your life: "If your lot makes you cry and be wretched, get rid of it and take another; strike out for yourself; don't listen to the shrieks of your relations, to their gibes or their entreaties; don't let your microscopic set prescribe your going-out and comings-in; don't be afraid of public opinion in the shape of the neighbor in the next house, when all the world is before you new and shining, and everything is possible, if you will only be energetic and independent and seize opportunity by the scruff of the neck.

Annchen: Elizabeth von Arnims Roman über ihren Garten auf dem Landgut Nassenheide nahe der Ostsee mag die perfekte Lektüre im Frühling sein. Vorausgesetzt man begibt sich dazu selbst in die Natur, bestenfalls in einen farbenfroh blühenden Garten, setzt sich dazu bequem in einen Sonnenstuhl und genießt dazu nach englischer Art eine Tasse Tee. Dazu nicht vergessen, alle Sinne für die Kostbarkeiten der Natur offen zu halten, um bestens vorbereitet in diesen Roman einzutauchen. Denn genau darum geht es. Die Autorin schwärmt in angedeuteter Tagebuchform und autobiographischen Zügen von eben ihrem kleinem Paradies, ihrem Garten. Sie schildert detailliert, wie sie ihn nach und nach für sich entdeckt, erobert und gestaltet, wenn auch leider größtenteils nur passiv. War es schließlich 1898 einer Dame in dieser Stellung verpönt, derart niedere Tätigkeiten auszuüben. Diese Enttäuschung und der Unmut über die den Frauen durch die damalige Gesellschaft zugewiesene Position ist ein immer wiederkehrendes Thema in ihrer Erzählung, personifiziert durch den "Grimmigen", ihren Ehemann, der Frauen und Kinder auf die gleiche Stufe stellt. Überdies verliert sie sich in hier und da ermüdender Weise in Einzelheiten ihres Genusses oder bei der Aufzählung sämtlicher Pflanzen- und vor allem Rosenarten. Spannung entsteht erst wieder, als ihre Idylle durch dauerhafte Besuche diverser Damen gestört wird und sie sich wieder nach Ruhe und Zeit für

sich sehnt.

Auch wenn die Detailliebe bei den botanischen Beschreibungen mich störte, verstand es die sinnliche, humorvolle und charmante Schreibweise der von Arnim mich für sich einzunehmen. Eine wunderbare kleine Garten-Romanze!

Jane: the place I received the book: bought on Kindle."I do in actual fact believe that the benediction that's consistently looking forward to me in my backyard could through levels be extra deserved, and I could develop in grace, and patience, and cheerfulness, like the chuffed plants I a lot love."This little gem of a book, the 1st novel through Elizabeth Von Arnim I had read, either extremely joyful and intrigued me. it's a few girl known as Elizabeth who has moved, together with her husband and children, to their state property in a distant part of Germany. Elizabeth dislikes the interior with its responsibilities, servants and different interruptions, and spends as a rule studying in her garden. She doesn't really garden, being a lady; she says on numerous events that she needs she may simply get a spade and dig rather than having to offer instructions. I acquired a really sharp impact of the constraints on a lady's existence within the overdue 1800s. In describing her garden, Elizabeth supplies the reader glimpses of her personal previous and present, and of her husband (dubbed "the guy of Wrath") and her "babies," her 3 younger daughters. It happened to me sooner or later that if Elizabeth Von Arnim were alive today, this may now not were a singular yet a blog, simply because that is precisely what it resembles. As a singular it particularly does not have lots of structure, yet its appeal comes accurately from the juxtaposition of the liberty and sweetness of the wildlife with that of a prosperous aristocrat who can't get away all of her duties. Elizabeth Von Arnim was once obviously a really cosmopolitan woman, and that indicates within the novel. In fact, from examining the radical I'd have concept her an aristocratic German raised, as many were, through English and French governesses. we have a tendency to put out of your mind that the Gilded Age society used to be tremendous good traveled and spoke numerous languages. yet I learn in her biographical be aware that the radical is "semi-autobiographical" and perhaps this is often a method during which the writer distances herself from the text. that is what intrigued me, and if I will discover a biography of Von Arnim that untangles fact from fiction, I will certainly learn it. After the preliminary chapters that are extra concerning the backyard than something else, there's a outstanding November bankruptcy within which Elizabeth returns to her father's house, a teach trip away, and finding out to not name upon the cousins who inherited the valuables (which used to be entailed, which means that she misplaced her father and her domestic on the similar time) wanders round the backyard within the damp fog. The episode ends wonderfully while she thinks she has encountered her personal ghost. Then follows a iciness episode the place Elizabeth has to entertain guests, an in depth good friend and a lady foisted upon her. right here we see the extra acid, worldly aspect of Elizabeth, and examine extra in regards to the guy of Wrath who has obviously earned his nickname. although it may well quite be claimed that Elizabeth acted very bitchily towards her undesirable guest, I did locate myself sympathizing with her. This variation did have a number of errors, in particular within the rendering of the German phrases with which Von Arnim liberally sprinkles her prose. Readers who don't know German will need to search for a footnoted version with translations, or have an digital translator handy. I have downloaded the following book, *The Solitary Summer*. I feel I have develop into a fan.

Becky: I had by no means heard of Elizabeth Von Arnim before. simply in case you imagine you're commencing to come up with a definite interval of literature, a few gem like this pops up and ship you reeling down a few new pathway of literary wonder. This is a comparatively brief story, written in a diary layout that facilitates at the mirrored image of a girl with regards to life, family, and sometimes utilizing her backyard as a foil for her spiritual sentiments. You research much concerning the place of ladies in German society within the overdue 1800's, and also you examine loads of women's kin to at least one another, their families, and church. It's highly assorted from English women. That by myself makes is interesting, yet it's lots more. It's witty. extraordinarily witty. It's so whimsical. Elizabeth's reflections and observations are wry and hilarious; you could think the girl sitting in entrance of you cracking jokes with a immediately face until eventually to damage right into a huge smile moments later. you could suppose her intelligence and reliable humor seeping throughout the textual content into you. She often made me laugh. i believe like she quite received me. On most sensible of that her descriptions of her backyard are not anything lower than poetic It particularly wishes you need to pass lay within the grass outside. it's going to offer you a brand new appreciation for inhaling the candy heavy scents of plant life in bloom, and the texture of the sunlight in your skin. Thank god it's spring!!! rather can have learn one other numerous hundred pages and been happy. i like gaining knowledge of a brand new writer and may certainly look ahead to downloading her different works from Gutenberg.

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