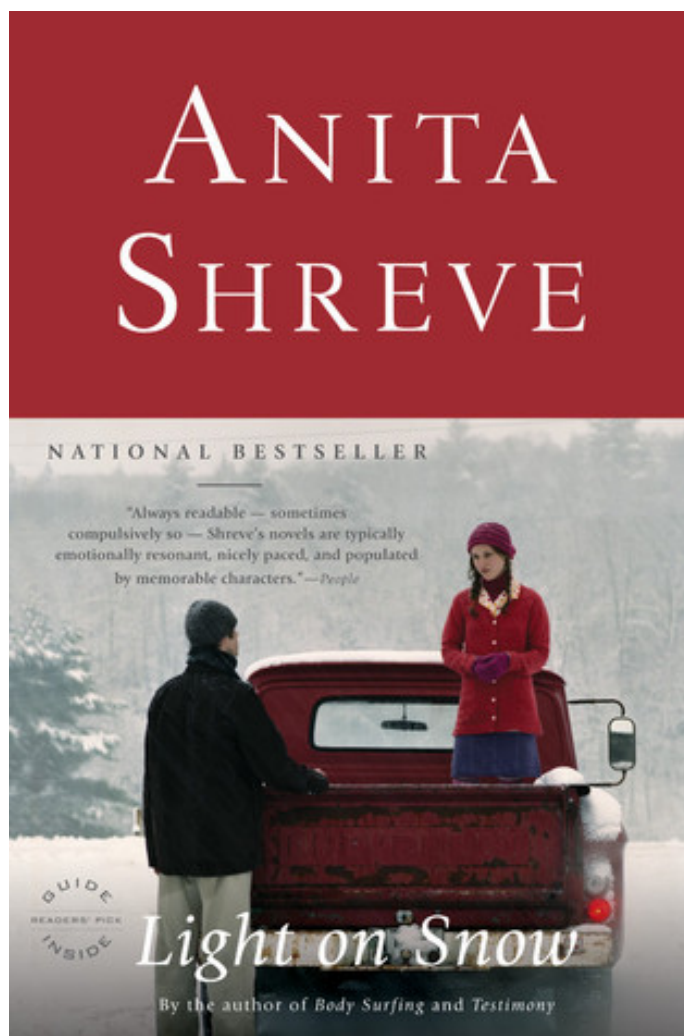

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Description

What makes a family? That's what twelve-year-old Nicky Dillon wonders after she and her widowed father discover a wailing abandoned baby in the snow-filled woods near their New Hampshire home. Through the days that follow, the Dillons and an unexpected visitor who soon turns up at their door—a young woman evidently haunted by her own terrible choices—face a thicket of decisions, each seeming to carry equal possibilities of heartbreak and redemption. Writing with all the emotional resonance that has drawn millions of readers around the world to her fiction, Anita Shreve unfolds in *Light on Snow* a tender and surprising novel about love and its consequences.

Insightful reviews

Jayne Bowers: I felt the cold air, saw the falling snow, and tasted the sweet hot chocolate that Nicky loved to drink. That's how powerful the descriptions of events and sensations were. I was there when Nicky and her father found the bright-eyed newborn and with Nicky and Charlotte as they trudged back to the place where the baby had been abandoned. I was with Robert Dillon in the dreary police station as he was being interviewed by Warren...and with Nicky as she waited for her father. The descriptions of scenes were so vivid and authentic that I felt I was there.

And the people? Shreve's characters seemed as real as you or I: Robert with his debilitating grief, Nicky with her pre-adolescent innocence and eagerness to LIVE, Charlotte with her sad naiveté, and the grandmother with her hustling/bustling activity in the kitchen on Christmas Eve. I could even picture James, the baby's father. Yes, he was confused and despairing, BUT HE LEFT A BABY TO DIE before going on a skiing trip with his friends.

Woven throughout the novel are themes of love, death, sadness, hope, loneliness, and the need for connections. The past touches the present as the reader imagines the loss of baby Clara and the birth of baby Doris. Although the book doesn't end exactly like I wanted it to, it ends like "real life," and the reader is left pondering what punishment lies in wait for James and what future Charlotte, Doris, Nicky, and John will have.

Diane Chamberlain: One of my favorite Shreve titles. I loved the teenaged character, and I adore Shreve's writing.

Jess: What does it take to be a family?

"A cry of an angle nestled by darkness, hidden inside a quite and white snow.." Nicky and her father (Robert Dillon) made a trip to the woods that night. An unwinding moments turns into saving a new born child. They found her, inside the bag, surrounded by blankets full of blood. Is it still alive? Is it still breathing?. nicky was horrified of what she and her father saw. As she pushes her vision to see whats inside those blankets, little eyes, tiny lips and loud wail.. It was a baby.

The Immediate response was to rush the baby to the hospital, and give her the medical care she needs. actually, nicky wasn't sure if it was a she or a he. The doctor came and told them, she was fine —now nicky is sure that's a girl— just a little bruise, and some of her fingers and toes need to be cut out. but the baby will survive. At home, nicky can't stand the thought that she became the ultimate hero today, she just saved a baby! and she's pretty sure everyone—including her classmates- will talk about it tomorrow at school.

Saving the baby wasn't easy for them. and meeting the real mother was totally not the thing they want. A week after the tragic night. A woman appeared at their doorstep and claiming that she is the mother of the baby that was found in the woods. Nicky's father think — What kind of trouble we got ourselves. Charlotte(the mother's name) tells how the incident happened. she was blind sided by her boyfriend, she thought the baby was with her after she gave birth at motel room, but immediately after the crucial bearing of the child, her boyfriend dump the baby in the woods. Then she woke up at her room, saw her boyfriend crying and says, the baby was dead. It was a great story to believe Robert thought. but she's a father and he knows, charlotte was telling the truth. She stayed with them for a couple of days, but Robert was sure that charlotte can't be with them forever, so he let her go away, to find a new life. But the police showed and arrested her. Nicky couldn't swallow the fact that charlotte was being arrested by the police, when all she just came from was to claim her baby. But charlotte already accepted what will going to happen. She broke the law, and almost killed her baby. She thinks, that is what she deserves.

Review:

Anita Shreve not just gave the readers a classical story, but a generous lectures and lessons about family, love, responsibilities and commitments. It catches the heart of every father, child and mother that is suffering from a dysfunctional situation. It does not confuse me that it became a bestseller. Gripping, touching and a multi-tear jerker book. Will keep those eyes wake until the last pages touch your finger tips. applaud for another master piece.

Claire: completing both the 4th or fifth Anita Shreve booklet and i am simply wrecked, as usual. It occurs a similar method at any time when so far. I start reading, the tale is determined at the East Coast, Vermont, New Hampshire, via the ocean, and that i imagine to myself, hmm, i don't believe i will be able to relate to this. the nature turns out cold, or strange, alien. Then a number of web page turns and i am enraptured. Shreve has a expertise that I want I had, the expertise of describing whatever that's indescribable to such a lot people. day-by-day moments or emotions that sweep through and are forgotten simply as fast, taken for granted, ignored within the swirl of superior emotions. She tells a narrative from the interior out, analyzing the bones and interiors, describing the mundane from a unique perspective, revealing feelings which are so frequently pressed deep and hidden inside, even to ourselves. She does it within the so much loving, accepting way. I continuously think really human whilst I learn her stories, and that appears like the main appealing factor to be in all our flawed, foolish glory. There are constantly moments the place i am analyzing along, somebody is jogging or cooking or cleaning, placing on a blouse or taking one off, after which BOOM, Shreve makes an remark so incisive that it makes my chest think like it is caving in. It frequently occurs on the finish of a chapter, as

though she instinctively knew to provide the reader your time to technique that little beautiful bomb. Her tales aren't exceptional or lurid or maybe very complicated usually, however the reward is all within the writing and the sentiments of the characters. She expresses what they're feeling, what they're experiencing, how their lives locate that means within the tiny, daily things. How they love and make love, how love ends and begins, how a tiny little aspect could make your middle explode with eager for an individual gone. Her characters have a past, and a gift that we share, after which they always, regularly have a future. you could inform that she loves them as though they're actual people. She can't endure to go away them hanging, and neither can we.

Shawn: I used to like to learn this author, after which received soured by way of her last...well...six books. i discovered this one in a used e-book shop and made up our minds to offer it a try. i used to be fairly pleasantly surprised. A father and his younger daughter dwell in upstate New Hampshire---its the lifeless of winter, and so they dwell in a distant location, in order that they take their snowshoes out and pass on walks each evening. As they stroll within the woods one night, they listen a wierd noise. they suspect that it would be a wounded animal, and visit investigate, basically to discover a baby baby, left to die within the snow. They rush the newborn to the emergency room and store its life, however the occasions that occur after turn out altering either one of THEIR lives, as they battle through diverse making an attempt occasions to accommodate the invention of this younger baby. This publication was once a good looking speedy read, yet very soaking up as all of the characters are facing their very own internal demons. the writer is actually sturdy approximately making the characters come to life, and also you are drawn into this sad, and real looking story.

Margi: i couldn't positioned this publication down. i used to be completely engrossed within the storyline, plot and characters. This was once a compelling, touching but effortless read. It tugged at my hearstrings as I shared the pain, grief, loss and loneliness that jumped out at me. it's not that i am gifting away a lot right here except it truly is instructed from a 12 yr old's standpoint as she displays again on a time in her existence whilst she is an adult. As she is telling the tale it shifts forwards and backwards which helped me achieve a greater figuring out of why Nicky and her father have been soreness the grief, loss and loneliness that they were. i like to recommend it while you're searching for a ebook that you'll consider for the characters as you learn their tale and give some thought to approximately what you are going to do and the way you are going to cope of their situation.

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