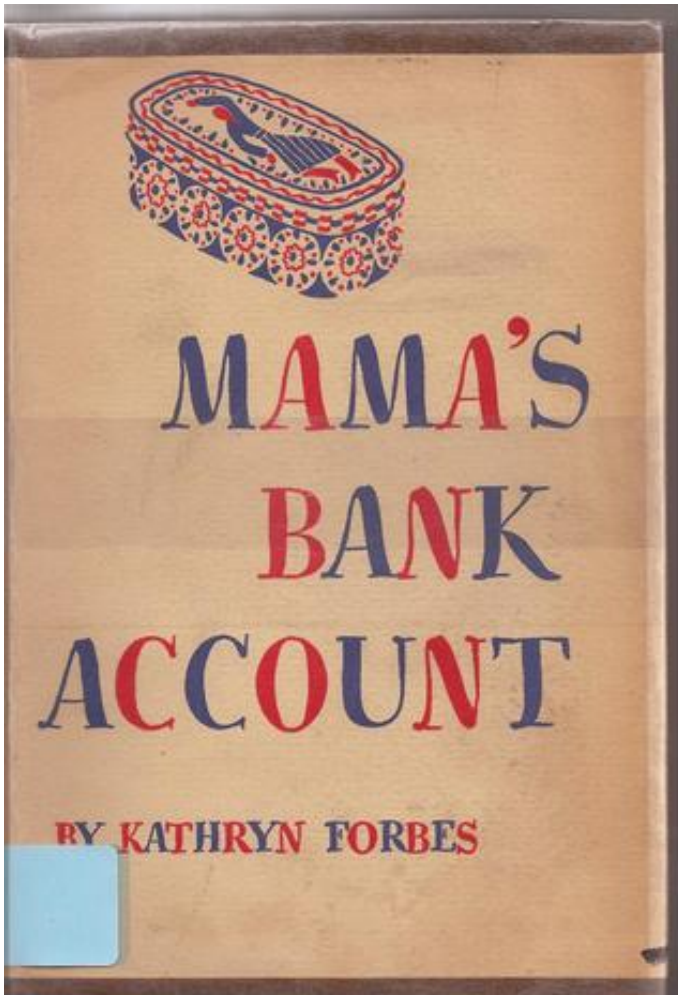

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Description

The charming adventures of the Mama of an immigrant Norwegian family living in San Francisco. This bestselling book inspired the play, motion picture, and television series I Remember Mama.

Insightful reviews

Kate: Sometimes when I am down I long for the era of polite books for grownups - books that don't need sex, violence, heartbreak, or 50-cent metaphors to entertain. Forbes' memoirsque style is sweet as she shares the travails of a Norwegian immigrant family in San Francisco. The title story is the nicest. Big thanks to the librarian who stuck this old book club edition (sternly marked No Renewals with a long-ago stamp) on the end-cap display for me to find. There is something friendly about paper so old the edges are soft.

Lawrence: I hope that there is always room for stories about people who are good, productive, and intelligent and have just a bit of a hankering for justice. Add love of family and of most other people - including cheating boarders - and you have Mama, a woman who, in spite of fear and financial and social disadvantages, sees good where she looks and where she puts in her hand.

In a series of short, witty stories, Ms. Forbes takes the immigrant Mama and Papa and their American-born children through the years of the children's growing-up into their young adulthood. Despite its shortness, the book has unity over a long span of time --- long because measured by the children's growing up. One of the great strengths of this book is that Ms. Forbes shows how the children respond to Mama by becoming persons of integrity.

(I know there is a movie based on these stories, but I remember mainly the TV series of the 50's called "I Remember Mama". I wonder if the program is on DVD now.)

Alicia: I fell in love with this book in the first chapter. I didn't want to put it down. I enjoy sweet stories full of good family values. Mama reminded me of my grandmother. I was teary eyed by the end of most of the chapters. I read several chapters out loud to Dax, and he enjoyed them. I came across this title, when looking for something similar to A Tree Grows in Brooklyn. The writing is much simpler than Tree, but for me, I think the story is just as good.

Doreen: it is a candy tale of a Norwegian kin residing in San Francisco. i feel the period of time is the 1920's or 30's. Mama is the family's riding force, as is the case in lots of families. the tale is narrated by means of the oldest daughter, Katrin. The family members faces illness, tuition issues, tight finances, and the loopy mishaps that appear even funnier while utilized to first-generation teenagers with immigrant parents. either the cultural and language boundaries make for lots of humor.Mama is aware that her teenagers needs to believe secure and secure, so

every one payday she exclaims that there's lots of cash and no cause to visit the financial institution to hit up their discounts account. Actually, there's no financial institution account. Mama hasn't ever even been inside of a bank! Yet, this mama is aware what to claim and do to instill confidence, integrity, and love of relations in her children. I watched the movie, "I consider Mama", repeatedly whilst i used to be young. It was once re-run each few months, again whilst tv used to be much less of a smorgasbord than it's today.

Colleen: completely enjoyable! I wasn't certain i would just like the brief chapters yet Mama's character was once so outsized, it made up for the scanty text!

Jill Minor: In PB reprint from 1943: this trove of pleasant little gem stones approximately an indomitable Norwegian matriarch of early twentieth-century San Francisco. Mama manages 5 kids, her personal squabbling siblings, cash problems, clinical crises, and an increasing number of boarders with optimism and insight. an excellent antidote to our personal coarse and extravagant times. i used to be asserting Mama's mantra "is good, is good" and grinning ear to ear by way of the center of the book.

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