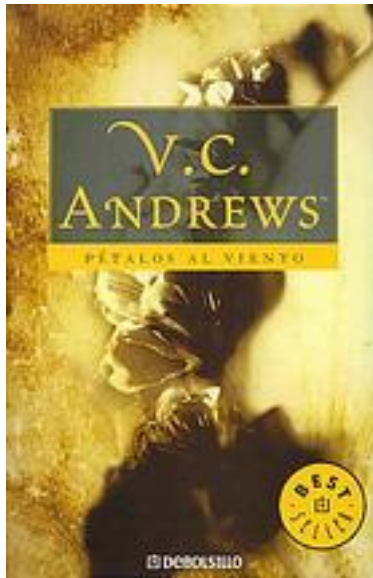


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## V.C. Andrews

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## Description

Cathy discovers that she has the power to revenge those childhood years locked in an attic with her brother and sister.

## Insightful reviews

Cicely: Mothers do not let your daughters read this book! I remember being so enthralled by it as a teen, that I just had to give it a read as an adult. Turns out it's AWFUL! HORRIBLE! DISGUSTING! What do young girls learn from this book? Well, apparently it's okay to be raped as long as you love the person raping you, or at least can live with them long enough to learn to love them. (Seriously, Cathy is raped THREE TIMES in this series, by three different men! One of whom is her BROTHER! And she has relationships with all of them! SICK!) Oh and if your spouse is abusive to you it's probably because you just don't love him enough. So go ahead and stick around while he cheats and hits you because hey, it's not like you deserve any better. And whatever you do, never let go and move on from your past. Because it's just not possible to have a good future when you've had a crummy childhood. So go ahead and dwell on that for the rest of your life.

Seriously, it's awful. Just awful.

Deborah Markus: Holy guacamole.

I gave four stars to *Flowers in the Attic*, because apparently I'm shallow and weird. So it was kind of a relief to find myself thinking "This is OFFENSIVELY bad" on a regular basis as I read the sequel. (It only earns two stars because of the ending -- see below.)

How offensive?

Let's see. The kids from *Flowers* have managed to run away from the attic they were trapped in for so many years. They're on a bus (destination: Anywhere But Here) when their little sister Carrie becomes violently ill. Fortunately, the children are noticed by a large, motherly, helpful black woman. (Well, what other kind of black woman *is* there? These are white kids in need, after all.) She persuades them to let her take them to her "doctor-son, who is very best doctor."

This is written in a note -- the woman can hear, but can't speak. And the doctor in question isn't her son. He's her employer, a white man.

Ew.

Doctor-Son White Guy is thrilled to see the kids. He once had a wife and son, but he lost them in a tragedy that's only hinted at. (It's spelled out later, and of course it's nothing normal like a car crash or something. This is a V.C. Andrews novel, after all.) He sees these beautiful, mysterious, haunted-looking children as a godsend -- a ready-made family he can love and care for. Plus, he already has the hots for Cathy, the narrator. Which makes sense. She's absolutely

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beautiful. And 15 years old. And he's in his 40s. It couldn't be perfecter!

I did mention offensive and ew, right?

Really, Cathy's continuing attraction to her brother Chris, and his to her, is the least icky relationship in the whole book.

Cathy has a *lot* of relationships in this book. We're not talking love triangles. We're talking every guy over the age of 10 falls for her. I'm not trying to sound slut-shamey, because it's not about how many guys she, ahem, engages with in this book. It's that they're all absolutely horrible, and she's fine with that. She forgives sexism, rape, abuse of every kind, and a guy who swears she's the love of his life but cheats on her nonstop. And not just garden-variety cheating. (This **is** a V.C. Andrews novel.)

*I'd never before thrown in his face that I knew about his debaucheries with very young girls. It had hurt at first when I found out, but now I knew he used those girls like he used paper napkins, to casually toss away when soiled, and back he'd come to me, to say he loved me, needed me, and I was the only one.*

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Later, when he's "apologizing," he says, "Why do you try to bring out the worst in me? I only use those girls to spare you."

Her reply is, of course, to kick in him the junkyard as hard as she can, then call the cops and ask exactly how much evidence she needs to turn in a serial statutory rapist.

Oh, wait. This is a V.C. Andrews novel. Her reply is, "If they don't mind, then I don't mind."

Just...I can't even...

It gets worse. Okay, maybe not worse, but it stays at that level of icky-creep throughout.

For instance: This same guy is physically abusive. But it's okay, because he feels really bad about it afterward. And then she feels bad for provoking him. After he inflicts injuries that are so bad they threaten her future career as a dancer, she takes all the blame:

*"He kept begging me to say I loved him, and I never would. I kept a deceptive parasol over my head, to keep dark doubts in my mind, and I refused to see anything that was noble and fine about him but his dancing. I didn't realize that to love me, even when I denied him, was noble and fine in itself."*

But...with the...

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And it isn't as if this is written in a cautionary-tale, "don't let this happen to YOU" tone. It's more like, "Hey! This is how guys are. What are you going to do? Be nice to your man, ladies. Maybe he'll be nice back. Probably not, but it's your fault if he isn't. Oh, and have a nice day!"

The ending is, I must admit, awesome in a General-Hospital-meets-*Rebecca* kind of way. But I truly don't believe it was worth plowing my way through 400+ pages of horrifyingly regressive storytelling. Did you know that "people of another race and color" have "the same sensitivities, hopes and fears we all have"? Oh, you didn't? Well, maybe you should read this book after all.

And then you can also learn that "an aggressive, domineering woman is one of God's most fearsome creatures." Cathy is told this after she explains that she wants to learn some skills to see her through life so she'll always be able to take care of her children even if she's left on her own. (Spoiler alert: yeah, THAT works out really well.)

I am not even remotely tempted to read any more *Flowers* sequels. So that's something, anyway.

And now if you'll excuse me, I have to go and get my brain back.

Trudy: My books are tattered and dog eared... I couldn't put these books down when I was in high school. Read the whole series twice. Which says alot at a time in most teenagers lives when they are repulsed by reading anything that isn't required by school.

So, just when you think the kids are going to be all right - after escaping Grandmama's evil clutches - they go and find bigger and better ways to mess up their lives... and I root for the remaining Dollangner kids all the way.

Chris is unshakable in his love (and not the normal brotherly kind) for his sister, Cathy. Cathy is, however, unshakable in her need for revenge on her mother and grandmother. They are growing up, and while Chris and Carrie go away to school. Cathy stays at home with Dr. Paul (the man who ends up taking them in and saving them). No good is to come of any of this... A train wreck for sure, but you know human nature - we can't not watch it...

Laura: i wished to claw my eyes out whereas examining this book. It used to be so horrible, and but I needed to end it simply because i will by no means go away a publication unfinished. It was once tough and painful. each bankruptcy used to be redundant. Cathy and the boys that LOVE her, Cathy and her lengthy golden hair, Cathy and her plies and "supple" leg muscles. Cathy talks for 400-something pages concerning the revenge she will get on her mother...and she has all of those random run-ins along with her and does not do anything. The revenge she ultimately does get isn't really candy at all. Suck it VC Andrews. Or greater yet, suck it Catherine Dollanger for being this sort of poon. And for losing my time. BOO.

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Ann: 1. Catherine Dahl is an effort blessed with the brights of Becky Bloomwood, the vengefulness of a personality in a Shakespearean tragedy, and the connection savvy of Bella Swan. other than rather than considering she smells like impossible to resist beer nipples, males can't face up to RAPING HER. SHE IS A RAPE MAGNET OF LOL PROPORTIONS. 2. yet I form of need to know IF SHE finally ends up LOCKING HER SONS within the ATTIC???Fuuuuuuck. How am i able to locate it inside of myself to proceed hating Twihards if I retain examining this dramaturd series?(One superstar for bookrape, 3 stars because, like stable outdated Catherine, I in some way discovered how to get pleasure from it)

Chester Dean: Ésta es la segunda parte de una serie de five libros llamada Dollanganger. los angeles primera, creo yo es la más well known de todas, y es Flores en el Ático. Yo, leí ese libro hace tantos años que temía no recordar detalles importantes, pero al inicio del libro como que dan una explicación worldwide de lo importante que pasó en el primer libro y lo recordé todo (al menos lo importante) y continué perfectamente la lectura. En Flores en el Ático, conocemos los angeles historia de Cathy, Chris, Carrie y Cory. Cuatro hermanos, que después de la repentina muerte de su padre, su madre, que había sido rechazada por su familia por haberse casado con el hermanastro de su padre, fue recibida de nueva cuenta en Foxworth Hall, la mansión de la familia. Pero sus hijos no. Sus hijos tenían que ser encerrados en el ático para que Corrine (la madre) no perdiera los millones de dólares que recibiría de herencia cuando su padre muriera. Los niños pasan mucho tiempo en ese frío (o caluroso, dependiendo de la estación del año) ático. Los pequeños no crecían de forma common por no recibir los angeles luz del sol o el aire, y los hermanos grandes, bueno, les tocaba hacer el papel de papás en plena adolescencia y eso los empuja a experimentar cosas que los hermanos no experimentan juntos. En Pétalos al Viento, vemos a los hermanos crecer, convertirse en adultos, y conocemos a una Cathy rencorosa y despiadada, dispuesta a todo para destruir a esa familia que le hizo tanto daño a sus hermanos. Los años la convirtieron en una mujer sumamente hermosa, capaz de tener a cualquier hombre a sus pies. Pero el pasado también los angeles convirtió en una mujer insegura que necesita tener el amor y adoración de un hombre —o simplemente un hombre— a su lado para poder sentirse bien, poder sentirse segura, plena y feliz. Aunque ni su necesidad por un hombre y su tendencia a enamorarse lograrán interponerse entre ella y sus planes de venganza. Leí Flores en el Ático hace diez años porque mi mamá tiene una edición súper viejita, y recuerdo que me gustó muchísimo, porque fue la primera vez que leía algo tan fuerte. Tenía 20 años y no había leído ni la mitad de libros que he leído ahora, así que mi criterio no estaba aún bien planteado. Por eso, cuando vi las nuevas ediciones de la serie, quise inmediatamente leer Pétalos al viento. los angeles pluma de V.C. Andrews es sublime, describe todo de forma elegante, clara y precisa. Me fue muy fácil imaginar las situaciones, las emociones y la escenografía mientras leía. Como escritora no tengo queja alguna. Pero el problema, ahora diez años después, es que no soy muy tolerante ante las mujeres necesitadas de afecto masculino. Simplemente, me cuesta comprender a una mujer que no puede valerse por sí misma, ni disfrutar de estar sola, o de no ver las cosas buenas de la vida por el easy hecho de no ser amada por alguien del sexo opuesto. Me enferma. Así que Cathy, la cual es los angeles narradora de la historia, me llegó al nervio. Quise aventar el libro contra los angeles pared cada que hacía alguna exclamación comparable a "La vida me resultaba desprovista de sentido sin un hombre" (cita exacta del libro). Así que no aprobaba muchísimas de sus decisiones, muchísimas de sus formas de actuar o de pensar. Por ejemplo, el 90% de los hombres en su vida durante el libro, eran patanes que la trataban

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mal, pero ella, mágicamente, se enamoraba de ellos. Sé que debo pensar en el trasfondo de los angeles historia, en lo difícil que fue su infancia, en los angeles forma en los angeles que creció y todos sus traumas, pero simplemente no puedo aceptar una manera de pensar tan dependiente. Pero a pesar de todos esos momentos en los que giré los ojos en exasperación, el libro me atrapó desde el primer instante, y cuando me sentaba a leerlo, no podía parar. Es un drama, en toda l. a. extensión de l. a. palabra. Pasa algo malo y a los dos días pasaba algo mucho peor. Pero fue justamente eso lo que me impedía dejar de leer, siempre quería saber qué iba a suceder después. Así que, aunque por momentos pensaba que iba a detestar los angeles historia, terminé dándole tres estrellas, que es l. a. puntuación que le doy a los libros que me gustaron y disfruté, aunque no me hayan cambiado los angeles vida. Hay un toque de intriga hasta los angeles última página, de hecho, irónicamente, me quedé con todas las ganas del mundo de leer el siguiente libro por l. a. forma en que éste acabó. Quiero ahora saber cómo continúa el drama. Así que... ¿lo recomendaría? ¡Claro! los angeles verdad es que es un libro que engancha. No esperen encontrar las respuestas de l. a. vida en él, ni un contenido filosófico. Esperen simplemente encontrar una historia atrapante y llena de conflictos. Y aunque por momentos lo haya sentido como una telenovela, l. a. forma de escribir de V.C. Andrews rescató mucho los angeles experiencia para mi, porque de verdad que es exquisita.

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