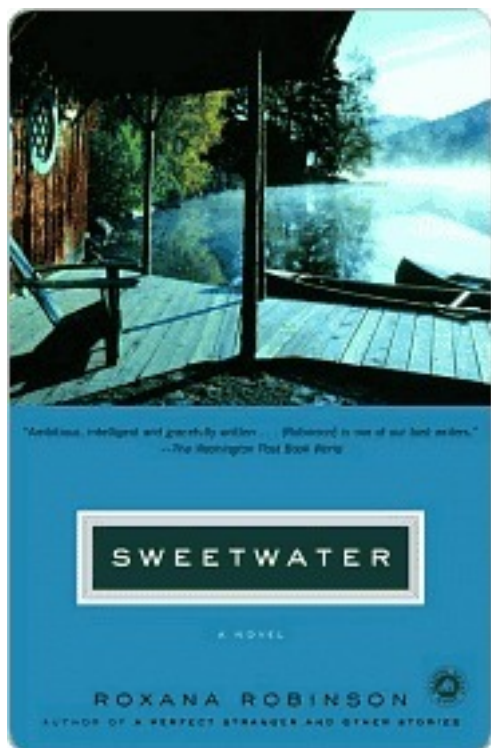

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Description

In this brilliant, luminous novel, one of our finest realist writers gives us a story of surpassing depth and emotional power. Acclaimed for her lucid and compassionate exploration of the American family, Roxana Robinson sets her new work on familiar terrain—New York City and the Adirondacks—but with **Sweetwater** she transcends the particulars of the domestic sphere with a broader, more encompassing vision. In this poignant account of a young widow and her second marriage, Robinson expands her scope to include the larger natural world as well as the smaller, more intimate one of the home.

Isabel Green's marriage to Paul Simmons, after the death of her first husband, marks her reconnection to life—a venture she's determined will succeed. But this proves to be harder than she'd anticipated, and the challenges of starting afresh seem more complicated in adulthood. Staying at the Simmons lodge for their annual summer visit, Isabel finds herself entering into a set of familial complexities. She struggles to understand her new husband, his elderly, difficult parents and his brother, whose relationship with Paul seems oddly fraught. Furthermore, her second marriage begins to cast into sharp relief the troubling echoes of her first. Isabel's professional life plays a part as well: a passionate environmental advocate, she is aware of the tensions within the mountain landscape itself during a summer of spectacular beauty and ominous drought.

In her cool, elegant prose, Robinson gracefully delivers a plot that is complex, surprising and ultimately wrenching in its impact. As the strands of family are woven tightly and inevitably together, and as the past painfully informs the present, the vivid backdrop of the physical world provides its own eloquent dynamic. **Sweetwater** is a stunning achievement by a writer at the peak of her craft.

From the Hardcover edition.

Insightful reviews

Brenna: The description was beautiful and very precise, each word chosen with a lot of thought. Unfortunately the plot was depressing and predictable and I strongly disliked all of the characters. The protagonist denied her own agency at every turn and was so weak you wanted to slap her, and the men surrounding her were all jerks. The author was also way too heavy-handed with the nature symbolism, which got completely ridiculous at the end.

Kathleen: Isabel entered a new marriage on the rebound, trying to move on from the dramatic death of her former husband, Michael. Part of the book details her first marriage, her son, her measures to have another child, and the other part is in the present, married to Paul, and spending some time with his parents at their family home in the Adirondacks on a lake. Enter Whit, Paul's brother and rival, and everything changes. Emotions in this book run high and Robinson draws out minute details in the plot...the reader is riveted to the spot, not turning until she turns to something else. She enhances all the five

senses in the telling of this story. One of her best!

Diane Yannick: Read this book as I liked Cost by this author. It was a good read and I cared about the characters. I thought it was going to be the same old married woman falls in love with husband's brother theme but it was more than that. The flashbacks of Isabel's life with her depressive first husband were engaging. Just not too sure about the way the author worked out the ending. Was a little too much tying up loose ends after a slowly unfolding novel.

Kate: now not great. Good, well, type of good, in a predictable type of way. What I did like: i admire the Adirondacks, so I cherished the scenes at the lake. and that i loved the dysfunctional people: the alcoholic better half's mother and the bipolar first husband. She was once obnoxious, he used to be unpredictable, yet either driven humans into action. regrettably those characters have been at peripheral. What i did not like:1.) i did not very like Isabel and that i have no idea why 3 relatively fascinating men, (OK, fascinating and one dolt) stored falling for her. 2.) It was once preachy too, in particular whilst Isabel lists, for a number of paragraphs, all of the purposes she loves water. (Well, do not we all?) 3.)Is it quite attainable that seemingly pleasant brothers grew to become so estranged over an incident that was, well, form of trivial? 4.)In spite of the author's try to wrap yes info in secret (like the demise of husband #1), it was once predictable.In the movies, while a personality coughs, even if weakly, you could pretty well expect them death sooner than the credit roll. In a e-book the place the characters are caught with one another in a wasteland cabin for 2 weeks and at the first evening at dinner the debate is that the summer time has been too dry and there are fires simply to the north, you could pretty well anticipate the publication finishing in an inferno. Nuf said.

Sarah Messick-Milone: want i'll use part stars. This one is a 2 1/2.

Meg Petersen: I beloved this. It used to be good written and interesting. i might have given it 4 stars, with the exception of the final couple of pages with the airport scene which must have been cut. rather well written though, and that i beloved the interaction among ecology and the occasions of the novel. Wasn't wild concerning the major character, though... get extra spunk...

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