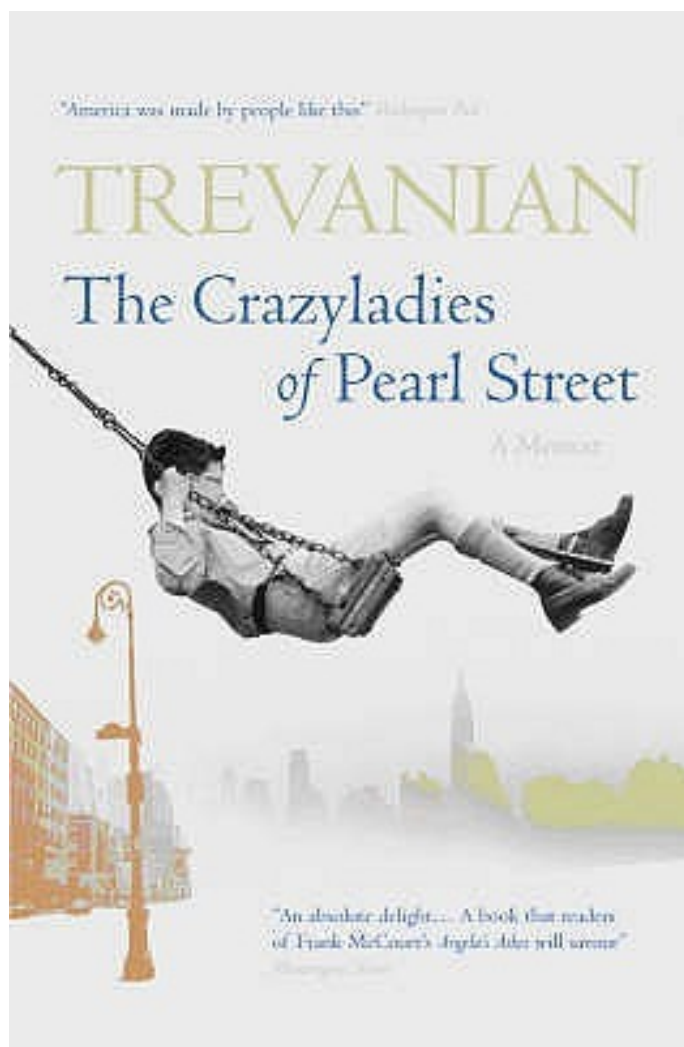

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Description

Legendary writer Trevanian brings readers his most personal novel yet: a funny, deeply felt, often touching autobiographical novel destined to become a classic American coming-of-age story.

The place is Albany, New York. The year is 1936. Six-year-old Jean-Luc LaPointe, his little sister, and their spirited but vulnerable young mother have been abandoned--again--by his father, a charmer and a con artist. With no money and no family willing to take them in, the LaPointes manage to create a fragile nest at 238 North Pearl Street. For the next eight years, through the Great Depression and Second World War, they live in the heart of the Irish slum, with its ward heelers, unemployment, and grinding poverty. As Jean-Luc discovers, it's a neighborhood of "crazy ladies": Miss Cox, the feared and ridiculed teacher who ignites his imagination; Mrs. Kane, who runs a beauty parlor/fortune-telling salon in the back of her husband's grocery store; Mrs. Meehan, the desperate, harried matriarch of a thuggish family across the street; lonely Mrs. McGivney, who spends every day tending to her catatonic husband, a veteran of the Great War; and Jean-Luc's own unconventional, vivacious mother. Jean-Luc is a voracious reader who never stops dreaming of a way out of the slum. He gradually takes on responsibility for the family's survival with a mix of bravery and resentment while his mom turns from spells of illness and depression to eager planning for the day when "our ship will come in." It's a heartfelt and unforgettable look back at one child's life in the 1930s and '40s, a story that will be remembered long after the last page is turned. Look for these Trevanian classics from Three Rivers Press: "Shibumi, The Eiger Sanction, The Loo Sanction, The Summer of Katya," and "The Main,"

Insightful reviews

Peggy: Honestly this was one of the worst books, I have ever read.

The typographical errors and the inconsistencies of the plot were at best annoying. The author changes descriptions of past events to fit in with whatever story he happens to wander into in that chapter. The father has either left the mother when she is pregnant with Anne-Marie or after she is born depending on which page you are on. The Grandfather either helped out the mother a lot and brought lollipops to Jean-Luc and Anne-Marie or he died in a car accident two weeks after the father left the mother for the second time. (When she was either pregnant with Anne-Marie or AM was an infant-a little young to pick out a Safe-T-Pop color. Either the mother and father eloped or the mother was mad at Aunt/Cousin Lorna for leaving Ruby's wedding reception.

Aside from the willy-nilly time line of the (weak) plot, the contradictory nature of the book made it just short of unreadable. I would give it a half star if that were an option but one star is too much so I am giving it zero.

Nate: A memoir of sorts of Trevanian's childhood. It was a good book overall, but I felt that it could have been great-he was definitely onto something, but it just seemed to fall short for some reason. Well one adjustment that he definitely needed to make was the omission of about 100 pages of the imaginary army adventures.

Reliving those adventures must have excited him a lot since he detailed them extensively.... and often. Sadly for the reader these were not exciting. They are actually the exact opposite of exciting-the word awful comes to mind. Just as soon as I'd be getting into the book he'd start battling Nazis again: my eyes would roll into the back of my head and the pages would start to turn at a much slower rate.

I was sad to learn that the author died before he could write about his post-teenage years in life (where this book ends). I feel like the story is incomplete. Like this was part 1 of a trilogy, but now the other parts will never be made (I don't know if he even had plans to append other novels to this one).

So I liked the book, but wouldn't really recommend it as a must-read to anyone. It's good, it's interesting, but there are so many other better books out there. If it's in front of you sure, knock yourself out, but don't go out of your way for it.

Jim: I return often to a well-worn theory that says "the world is made of two types of people..." and then you complete the dichotomy with "people who like X, and people who don't." It most commonly comes to mind when thinking about Japan, but now I think about Trevanian in the same way.

I simply can't imagine how one can't read his writing and not think it's as good as anyone can ever write.

Despite the off-putting title, this is just as good as any other of his novels, but its effect is multiplied (at least for me) knowing the subject is himself, and that this is his last work before he died in 2006. The observations, and internal thoughts and dreams, and stories of being young -- are all universal and welcoming. To hear of the world through the reverse lens of a very wise man inhabiting the mind of an eleven year old boy is a nice trick. Maybe more than anything, the way this book gives insight into Trevanian's life and world view is a real treat to a deep fan.

The review is without value other than to point the way for other potential readers, and to capture the thoughts and feelings for enjoying later.

wally: this used to be the 1st tale through trevanian that i picked up and it wasn't the last. an interesting learn and next reads of all issues trevanian have me asking the question: how'd this man get round so much? jean-luc lapointe, his little sister and their mom in albany new york. 1936. again within the day. jean-luc's mom is a hoot, think me you! a word she uses. they're all watching for their send to come back in. the outdated guy has deserted them and lifestyles is hard. issues happen. an excellent solid of characters and them all come to lifestyles in the course of the eyes of jean-luc. stress-free read.

Margaret: wealthy with tales in the total, like excellent tiny movies.

Tamara: I disagreed with my ebook membership in this one too. all of them disliked it, i admire it a lot. i assumed the characters have been attention-grabbing and that i loved it being from the childs element of view. It used to be definitely miserable yet actual and gritty. It came about in

Albany in a space i'm acquainted with when you consider that I dwell within reach so I beloved that too. i'd suggest it as the publication fairly made me suppose like i used to be correct there within the melancholy as a toddler understanding the world. i did not love the characters unavoidably yet I cherished the best way the writer invoked my emotions in the direction of them.

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