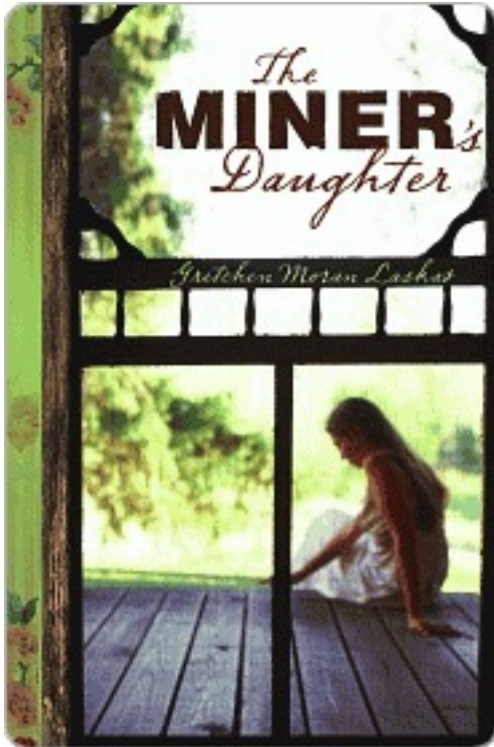

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The Miner's Daughter



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Description

Perhaps there is always a mark, when another person touches you, an invisible thread connecting you to them.

Backbreaking work, threadbare clothes, and black coal dust choking the air -- this is what a miner's daughter knows. Willa Lowell fears that this dust marks her to be nothing else, that she will never win against the constant struggle to survive. Even the fierce flame of her family's love -- her one bright spot against the darkness -- has begun to dim.

Willa yearns for a better life -- enough food to eat, clothes that fit, and a home free of black grit. She also yearns for a special love, the love of a boy who makes her laugh and shares the poetry she carries in her heart.

When a much brighter future is suddenly promised to her family, Willa knows it is a miracle . . . until she discovers that every promise has a price. But she also discovers that the real change has burned inside her all along -- if only she is strong enough to mine it.

Writing in a style that is as breathtaking and lyrical as it is powerful, Gretchen Moran Laskas draws from her family's past to bring to life the story of a girl struggling against seemingly insurmountable odds. *The Miner's Daughter* will touch readers' hearts and stay with them long after they've read the last word.

Insightful reviews

Dalis Rietz: This book is really great, it is talking about the hardships that people had to go through during The great Depression. How everyone in the family has to pitch in some how and all work together.

Willa tried so hard to keep in touch with her father and her brother when they go off to hawk's nest. Trying to keep the family running while finding a new friend to talk and hang out with (Ms Grace).

This book kept me at the edge of my seat, and always was wanting for more, couldn't put this one down!

it's great check it out.

QNPoohBear: I was somewhat reluctant to read this book because I feared it would be predictably sad, but I was curious because my uncle was a coal miner in West Virginia. I was pleasantly surprised by this novel. It's uplifting rather than depressing as Willa struggles to take care of her family and figure out what she wants out of life. I especially liked how roles for women were portrayed and how Willa learns about life through books.

Julie: This was an interesting read, getting a look at the Great Depression from the perspective of a family of coal miners in a rural town. I liked Willa as a narrator for the most part, and I think

the author did a good job of showing her growth as she matured into a young woman looking for a little more than what her life had to give up to that point. I liked that things weren't tied up into a neat little bow at the end - Willa still has a wide future before her, full of choices.

Kristen "Kirby" : ****3.5 stars****In the Miner's Daughter, we're brought to Willa and her family members whereas they're struggling with the consequences of the good Depression. The Riley mines the place Willa's father and brother paintings were hit relatively demanding and meanwhile, the entire family has fallen onto Willa's shoulders; her mom is unwell and pregnant. Willa yearns for a greater life, one choked with plenty, attractive crimson dresses, a whole bunch new books, and easily an opportunity to make a difference... Is she in a position to leaving her family members and duties behind??The Miner's daughter used to be very inspiration driven. There wasn't a lot motion and a deeply concerned romance occurred in an issue of three or four brief pages. However, it was once fascinating to examine the internal turmoil Willa was once feeling and study the numerous methods these within the melancholy used to make issues final (newspaper in mattresses, etc).. And, whereas this type of fiction isn't my area of expertise nor my cup of tea (bookclub read), I stored pondering there should be a greater fictional retelling of the Depression's impression at the mining out there.. I felt just like the Miner's Daughter by no means particularly dived lower than the surface. a narrative used to be passed to me, I learn it in a number of hours, and i will most likely quickly ignore it. the tale did not have the ability to earn an enduring impression.All in all, The Miner's daughter used to be easily okay. i am not at an advantage after studying it, I wasn't deeply absorbed, nor did i believe a whole lot pity for Willa and her family. I learn it and that was once that; over and performed with.

Victoria: a watch opener as to how tough existence used to be in Virginia for households who labored the coal mines.I loved the image it painted of lifestyles for these in poverty and the way households coped. I additionally loved the additional half with Pres. Roosevelt's spouse coming to work out stipulations and taking motion to alleviate the poor.I loved the book.

Nora W: The Miner's Daughter via Gretchen Moran Laskas used to be an relaxing tale a couple of younger woman who lived during the nice Depression. the tale used to be additionally in regards to the wish her and her relations stored thoroughout this tough time. it really is a few woman named Willa who lives in a small mining city known as Riley. The melancholy hit Riley hard. The mines closed down and everybody used to be out of work. Willa's father and brother now can't aid their kinfolk of seven. to aim to assist with the money difficulties her father and brother circulation away totry to discover work. Willa additionally meets this great and pleasant missionary. They turn into solid acquaintances and Willa now has an individual she will be able to visit for adivce and help. Willa reveals herself spending extra time on the library, run by means of the missionary Grace. whilst Willa's dad and brother got here domestic they have been either ill and this pressured Willa to need to attempt to retailer her family members from being kicked out in their house. whilst her kinfolk is out there a greater destiny it virtually turns out too sturdy tobe real yet Willa learns that every little thing comes with a price.I felt that this ebook did an exceptional task of acuratly depicting what occurred to such a lot households throughout the nice Depression. I felt that my favourite personality was once Willa merely as a result of the bravery that she indicates simply to support her famuily. i admire how she used to be so selfless and did every little thing whereas her father and brother have been sick. Willa's

brother Ves used to be additionally a pleasant personality that used to be purely looking for his family. He looked as if it would be similar to a protecting bodyguard that may no longer enable his kinfolk be touched by way of the terrible depression. This e-book made me are looking to retain studying to determine what occurs to the relatives that the writer made you fall in love with.

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