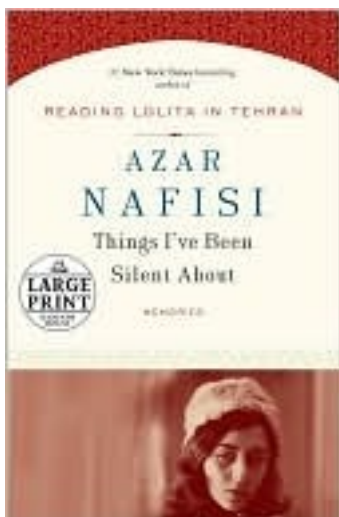

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Description

In her bestselling *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, Azar Nafisi wrote about growing up intellectually adventurous in the midst of the Iranian Revolution. In *Things I've Been Silent About*, she ventures into matters even more private, yet still deeply knotted into political and social upheavals in her homeland. As in her previous books, Nafisi renders her family's story rather than simply laying out its elements. Her father and especially her mother emerge as full-blooded people, both talented and tormented. An absorbing memoir about a distant culture that seems so close.

Insightful reviews

Elle: This is a really excellent memoir--although take that with a grain of salt, since I don't often read memoirs. That said, I enjoyed it a lot, and found it to be a good introduction to the fifties through the 2000s in Iran, the same way a novel often is to any other time in history. It's incredibly personal, and it holds a very high value as literature. Nafisi's perspectives on family, literature, and politics are all invaluable and articulate. I know that doesn't say very much, but it's very hard to explain what you can take away from the book. I'm a little concerned about the accuracy of the timeline (ironic, given the accusations, nevertheless true, lobbed at the author's mother). What I read in most places is that Nafisi was born in '55, but the way she tells her story, she was much older during the years her father was mayor and incarcerated for dubious crimes by the Iranian authorities. Either way, the most touching and significant bits of the book are those about her family and her relationships, and I think most intelligent people can derive a good deal of significance and moral value from having read it.

Mary: this makes a good enrichment for her book "Reading Lolita in Tehran". she talks a lot about the reading and her study of literature, and her teaching--but the main thrust of this book is personal--her upbringing in an educated middle-class home, with Islam culturally part of the family's life, but mostly secular. Her family quite dysfunctional, especially her mother, frustrated herself and unable to move beyond it, not realizing how much she traumatized her daughter and the younger brother, not to mention her long-suffering husband. The failure of communication and understanding is glaringly obvious--probably a part of the culture to some extent. The horrors of the revolution, the islamization of society, and the persecution--so many friends imprisoned, executed--and most leaving the country. Interesting to compare this book to Shirin Ebadi's "Iran Awakening".. Ebadi is a devout Muslim, who with her legal training is able to interpret the Koran in a much more enlightened way than the clerics. She chose to stay in the country, whereas Nafisi finally had to leave for the sake of her children and herself.

Evelyn: I suppose I expect memoirs to take me somewhere I've never been, and teach me about a life I'll never lead. Without question, this book fulfilled both criteria.

The author describes her parents highly dysfunctional marriage, in particular her incredibly difficult mother (and thus her own, not especially easy childhood/adolescence) and somewhat ineffectual, overly romantic father, against the backdrop of Iran in the '50s, 60's and 70's. Nafisi

also writes about her education outside of Iran, in the UK and the US, her own failed first marriage, and her second marriage, which brought her back to Iran just as the Shah was deposed.

I found the memoir readable and consistently interesting, particularly the images of life in contemporary Iran after Komeini's ascent. And I found Nafisi's transcendence of her mother's incomprehensible behavior commendable if likely somewhat whitewashed.

Kim: I learn Nafisi's most sensible recognized book, analyzing Lolita in Tehran, whilst it used to be first released in 2003. whereas I liked the work, it didn't depart me with a wish to learn anything by way of Nafisi. I trendy the writing, yet I had conceived a dislike for the writer. i can't simply clarify why. However, it looked as if it would me that there has been anything unapproachable approximately Nafisi - an highbrow arrogance, might be - which made me not able to hot to her. a couple of weeks in the past I grew to become excited about a dialogue approximately Iran in a GR team which inspired me to place apart my unfavourable response to Nafisi and browse this book. interpreting it hasn't made me like Nafisi a lot better. However, it has given a chance to examine why I had that reaction. It has additionally given me a chance to improve a few empathy for Nafisi. there are various issues that i love approximately this book. First, there is its style. Nafisi's prose is beautiful: elegant, lucid, intelligent. She weaves Persian and western literary allusions into her narrative in a fashion which illuminates and provides to the text. Next, there is the evocation of a prior Iran, with each day occasions and family members background woven into the material of social and political history. In addition, there's Nafisi's skill to re-create in her writing a kid's standpoint and reactions to the occasions occurring round her. there is additionally - i feel - a real try to be sincere and to write down an account of her lifestyles which fits opposed to the cultural valuable to maintain relatives secrets and techniques in the family. What i love much less concerning the e-book is Nafisi herself: her elusiveness, her brittleness, her remoteness. To me she comes throughout as rigid, uncompromising and probably as anyone who may take care of competition - or extra really with sadness or the thwarting of her will - in a way simply as unsatisfactory as her mother's. In addition, Nafisi makes some extent of claiming that this paintings is set truth-telling. even supposing i feel that she has written with honesty, there are nonetheless a few issues which i do not believe are well-explained. one in every of them is Nafisi's choice to marry the 1st time. Escaping domestic makes sense, yet provided that Nafisi's kinfolk supported her hope for additional education, it isn't transparent why she did not decide to research overseas with out getting married first. I learn plenty of books approximately Iran. it is a kingdom and a tradition that i admire and with which i'm familiar. 8 years after examining analyzing Lolita in Tehran, i am completely happy to have eventually bought a bit extra knowing of Nafisi and the relations dynamics that have encouraged her. I additionally comprehend what prompted my preliminary unfavorable response to her writing. With that understanding, I will not be reluctant to learn what she writes within the future. A post-script: i have spotted whatever odd. Nafisi's GR biography web page states that she used to be born in 1955. However, on condition that she was once in highschool on the time her father used to be imprisoned in 1963 and used to be married for the 1st time whilst she used to be in her overdue kids and her father was once nonetheless in criminal 3 years later, a 1955 birthdate turns out a bit of unlikely.

Louise: a fascinating memoir through Azar Nafisi approximately starting to be up within the

nation of Iran. Her mom used to be a fancy and complex individual upset in her personal desires of best a romantic and significant life, frequently growing fictional tales she instructed to her little ones which she had come to think herself. those fictionalized tales weren't simply approximately her past, but in addition of her young children and her family. Nafisi's father used to be a unique form of person, usually captivating his young children with vintage stories just like the "Persian booklet of Kings" and others. However, her father started to see different girls and Nafisi saved this to herself yet she didn't like maintaining secrets and techniques from her mother. This novel not just tells the story of a relations yet that of a strong historical past through the Islamic Revolution of 1978-79, which became the rustic right into a spiritual dictatorship. This is a deeply own account of 1 woman's choices, and the way she chanced on the foundation to make a greater existence for herself.

Siggy: i've been chipping away at this e-book issues i have been Silent approximately by means of Azar Nafisi - i feel i have been analyzing it for 2 months! it is a memoir charting her relationships together with her father and mother and up to i used to be drawn in via its topic - Dad's loss of life final 12 months has left me puzzling over mom and dad in our lives - the baldness of it really is revelation has left me feeling a bit uncomfortable. i am not certain in regards to the ethics of it all, the laying naked of households for the world! i feel this is often where of fiction. we will use our emotion fact with a unique forged of characters. There isn't any denying Azar has lived via fascinating times. Her father used to be Mayor of Tehran within the Shah's time and there is plenty of black and white photographs of him in nightclubs pre-Cultural revolution with elegantly coiffed women. From those worldly groovy times, Azar lives throughout the upward thrust of fundamentalism and the stripping of women's rights. Like a lot of her type she reports overseas, in her case England and the US and finally leaves Iran. It's a fantastically written publication and the tales contained inside it are compelling.

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