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Ida says

Ikke spesielt spennende skrivestil, men jeg kommer nok til å huske boken.

Marian says

Nå gleder jeg meg til å oppleve maleriet i Nasjonalgalleriet. Bilde jeg har kjent i alle år, men visst lite om historien bak. Lydbokutgaven av Albertine på Storytel avsluttet med VGs referat fra rettssaken mot Christian Krogh i 1887, hans forklaring/forsvarstale ble gjengitt i sin helhet.

Jasmina says

Albertine in front of the police doctor's office, painting by Christian Krohg. (Picture from Nasjonalmuseet)

I think this is one of my favorite pieces that I had to read in high school. The story about Albertine caused such a huge reaction when it was realized, that that in itself made me love this book. Why? This was released in 1886 and since it stirred up a HUGE controversy at that time, it makes you think what exactly is so horrible?

Albertine was a poor girl from Kristiania (today's Oslo) who one night gets called over to the police chief named Winther. She was served some drinks, passed out and woke up to the sight of being raped.

The theme in the book is prostitution and how the people of a higher class really was and how they were treating those who were below them. I remember my teacher once told us that this book was banned shortly after it was released and that it wasn't banned because of the prostitution (oh, Albertine also had a sister who was a prostitute, aw :/), but because it reflected a bad image upon the wealthier class at that time.

The incident that occurred that one night, basically changed Albertine. She started following her sister's footsteps, which really is just sad. At first I got the impression that Albertine was a sweet girl, but that completely changed throughout the story.

I kind of understand why there was a huge fuss about this book at the time of it's release, but I like it. Christian Krohg, as well as many other writers who had the guts, really captured the truth of the society and it's flaws.

It's a book that's worth reading. I'm so glad that we had to both read and learn about it at school!

Marie says

Dette var en av bøkene vi måtte lese i norsken på videregående, og en av de jeg lenge har hatt lyst til å lese på ny. Det er interessant og godt å se hvordan seksualmoralen har endret seg siden 1880-tallet, men også skremmende å se hvilke deler vi fortsatt sliter med i dagens samfunn.

Kristin Marie says

Krohg was an amazing painter. I enjoy visual arts, and I like the way he uses colours in his novel, as if it's a painting. It might be a bit boring for some to read, the language itself is not very exciting, but when you search for symbols, Krohg is the guy. It's almost like he's painting the book.

Lilith says

This book was banned after only one day and the ban have never been lifted.
It's about Albertine - her hopes and dreams and how she falls into prostitution.
