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Jacaranda Vines was once the greatest vineyard in Australia, but the death of its owner, Jock Witney, leaves the business in shambles. As the Witney family fight over the future of the winery, Jock's young granddaughter Sophie makes a voyage of historical discovery through the Australian outback, hoping to learn more about her family's past. Set between the 1830s and the modern day, Jacaranda Vines is an exploration of ancestral ties, bitter rivalries and the importance of sharing family history.

Jacaranda Vines Details

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Suvi says

Olipa mielenkiintoisesti kokoonlaitettu tarina viininviljelyksen alusta ja haasteista! Piti jännitystä yllä loppuun saakka.

Linnea says

Feelgood roman.

Octabis says

Still a great book by Tamara McKinley. I love all those great descriptions of Australia's wildest parts

Peter Wilson says

Always a pleasure to go back in time and a different country to find out how people got by.

Shelly - The Illustrated Librarian - says

A trashy soap opera of a novel. Fairly entertaining, but trashy.

Family drama abounds in this sweeping story of a family running a winery in Australia. Jock Witney, evil patriarch, is dead. Cordelia, his 90+ year-old widow is trying to keep the family business from being divided and sold off. The business is Jacaranda Vines, the most successful winery in the country.

Jock & Cordelia's children and grandchildren want to sell off the business, take the money and run. They've all had enough of Jock's bullying over the years and want nothing more to do with Jacaranda Vines.

Cordelia sees one hope of keeping the family business together--her granddaughter Sophie. Cordelia and Sophie head out on a driving trip across the outback to a neighboring winery. During the journey, Cordelia imparts the family history to Sophie, going all the way back to the 1800's when the first member of the family came over from England and set the first vines to growing.

The soap opera ensues from there. Family muckraking, romance, natural disasters, secrets, love and hate make up the tale. The author is successful with her descriptions of the countryside, and the scenes of characters fighting the elements are quite thrilling.

Overall, an entertaining, albeit trashy, read.

Andreea says

beautiful...touching...everything you are looking for

Debra says

A family saga set in Australia. We hear simultaneously the modern-day story of Jacaranda winery and the olden-days story of the family's first settlers in Australia.

Sandra says

I like books about Australia. This is a good one..

Toni says

There are a lot of characters in this story - but once they were all introduced I was captured. I loved the way the author took the reader from present time to the past - and both times were always a page turner! Three stars is not really enough to score, 3.5 and sometimes a 4 star would be more accurate. Like all good novels I was very sad when I realised I was coming to the end of the story - there was so much more I needed to know. I think I need to read the whole book again - as the characters and their faults and endearing ways remain very much on my mind.

Once more I look forward to reading the other book this author has written. Thank you.

SIMON Karine says

Bon, je le confirme pour moi c'est un 5 étoiles.

Avis aux amateurs des grandes saga familiale, façon Dallas ou Dynastie, riche en personnages variées, aux caractères bien trempés, le dépaysement de l'Australie sauvage de la fin du 19ème siècle et du début du 20ième siècle.

Je pense que je relirai très prochainement un livre de Tamara McKinley pour retrouver son style que j'apprécie fortement.
