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Orphans Details

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Nico says

one of the best, most loved series/authors of all time. V.C. Andrews books are something so easily recognizable and new books continue to evolve to go with the times and bring in a whole new generation of loving readers

Rebecca McNutt says

Eerie and disturbing but really well-written and filled with vivid imagery. Definitely worth reading if you're a fan of 20th century contemporary.

Kim Smiley says

I liked this book. 4 girls with all different circumstances all end up at the same foster house. Janet (Butterfly) who lives w/ foster parents whose new mother wants her to be the prima ballerina she never was, thanks to a car accident. This poor girl is literally tortured with dance. I like how she ends up in the foster house.

Crystal, who was fostered into a good family, loses them to tragedy. Brooke, who is taken in by parents where the mother wants her to be the beauty pageant winner instead of the athlete she is. The end of her story is crazy, but I loved it. And Raven, whose mother is a fugitive. She's taken in by her abusive uncle and his family. She's the worst of all.

I'm looking forward to reading the sequel, Runaways. This brings all the girls together in their new foster house. I think it'll be good. I think it's funny that in 99% of V.C. Andrews books, it's the mother that's always the evil, mean person. Rarely is a father the bad character. It's usually quite the opposite.

Jendi says

The original "Flowers in the Attic" series was a guilty pleasure for me as a teenager, but I didn't care as much for the posthumous knockoffs. I was pleasantly surprised by the feminist themes and good psychological insights in "Orphans". The pre-teen heroines show a preference for quiet geeky boys over self-important studs, and battle for their independence against narcissistic stepmothers who use the trappings of traditional femininity to crush the girls' spirits. Incest is still present as a theme, but no longer romanticized. I'd actually recommend this as a YA book for girls.

Tanya says

Love VC Andrews

Michael Armijo says

My mother had read this book, so I wanted to read some stories that captured her. I learned a lot...there are four different stories here about four different orphans and how their lives were turned upside down. It's sentimental and there are some worthwhile lines that you'll find 'in between'. However, it's not classic literature by any means. I enjoyed it for the fun, knowing my mom related to the stories. I'm thankful that I made the time to read and find hidden messages for myself.

Kim Taras says

Many of her books are very predictable and repetitive, however I was looking for something that would be a quick read and require little brain power (school is using all of mine right now!). This is doing the trick so far.

Amy Johnson says

Great concept with some interesting storylines. Especially Janet/Butterfly, who is determined to earn her new parents' love whatever the cost. And Raven's story was the darkest of them all.

Dana says

3.5 stars really. I didn't love this book but I didn't hate it. Ultimately it was 4 short books combined into one, giving us 4 different experiences that these girls had prior to all arriving at this one foster home. The first 3, Janet, Brooke and Crystal all had more similar stories where they were in orphanages and eventually were adopted and their adoptive moms were just crazy women who wanted them to turn into a younger version of them or wanted them to be what they could not be. They were definitely creepy stories and had me on my toes up until the ending and I never would have guessed how exactly they came to be at this foster home. The last story however is what really lost it for me. Raven has a completely different upbringing and I feel like she belongs in a completely different book (The Wildflowers and Into the Garden for example because she's more an OWP like this group) but nevertheless we are stuck with her and her terrible mother who you guessed it gets arrested and she ends up now an orphan with her aunt and uncle who are just as messed up if not more so than any of the other 3 girls "adoptive parents" the difference is, their "parents" wanted them, this uncle wants nothing to do with her and I got the vibe he was definitely a pervert who did some nasty things to her mother to "make her a better person" when in reality it probably led her to make all the terrible choices that she did. It really is a good 4 part series, just not my favorite of VCA, but I of course am going to read the final book Runaways because I just can't stand not knowing what is going to happen to all of these girls once they meet and potentially become close at this new foster home.

Nicole Mathias says

v.c. andrews books are all absolutely amazing and very easily distinguishable from any other authors. i love the darkness, secrets, lies, very addicting, i have almost every single book!

Amy says

These four books - each about an orphan girl who finds a new family - are very similar in plot and are quick reads. Each girl has a tragic story with her new family and ends up being placed in a foster group home. This is where the story ends, and is set up quite nicely for readers to go find "Runaways" and see how the four girls survive in the foster home. I wish this fifth book in the series were included in the one large book. While predictable, I liked seeing how each orphan girl was a fighter and I can't wait to see how the next book unfolds!

Emma says

I read this a while ago and I still remember loving it. this is one of the books that got me back into reading. before this I hadn't read since I was about 8... I read this at around 12/13 and fell in love with reading all over again.

Morgan says

I don't recommend anyone read this, but I so want someone else to read it so we can talk about how ridiculous it was. After reading it I was convinced VC Andrews must be a man - come to find out, VC Andrews died in 1986, her estate trademarked her name, and a man has been ghost writing novels in her name since then.

♥Xeni♥ says

This is a 4 in 1 book. The stories of Butterfly, Crystal, Brooke and Raven all in one book. I had read them individually, but my sister had a copy of this book.

This is the only V C Andrews series that I could ever really get into. All the others just made me feel so depressed. At least these 4 orphans have a super happy ending!

See each book review for more details.

Jessica Shatrin says

Yet another high school read. Some of the characters from this book really stuck with me over the years, which is really saying something for a book like this.

Cassi Brown says

4 great stories about 4 different girls who go through different circumstances but all end up at the same foster home.

PurplyCookie says

Four extraordinary New York Times bestsellers by V.C. Andrews together in one volume. Featuring the stories of:

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Title Orphans (Orphans Series)

Author V.C. Andrews

Reviewed By Purplycookie

Ela Ortega says

a very good book

Rachael Key says

This was the first series I ever read, I love re reading all the stories of Janet, crystal, Brooke and raven...

Everytime I read there stories its like the first time all over again

Each story you become one with the girls and what they are going through and have, raven I can semi relate to when it comes to an absent mother and taking care of yourself...

But over all is my favorite series ever

M.M. Strawberry Reviews says

Overall not the worst thing Neiderman wrote. It's easy to tell that V.C. Andrew's notes ran out before this, and this series just doesn't reflect her writing. On it's own, though, it's a generic bit of teen fiction - plenty of books better than this, but plenty worse. Having the story split between four girls does keep it interesting.
