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Rose Emma Parmlee reflects on her 90 years as she compiles a diary that she began in her youth. As she records the migration of a family from England, to the new England, to Iowa, Rose exposes a family's deepest secrets, including her own unrecoverable relationship with her mother, cousins a bit too close by blood and water, and an entire lineage her siblings never knew. Through an elegantly accessible, minimalist style, like the silence and whispers of all dark secrets, Rose takes the reader into her confidence to join an epistolary journey through intricate relationships, complicated ancestries, and intertwining lives that shaped a watershed and every woman's place within it.

Her Kind Details

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Joan Mauch says

Like a fine wine, Robin Throne's book is a rare vintage that cannot be simply read and tossed aside. It must be savored and returned to multiple times. Rose Emma recalls to mind the history of every family that is lost with the aging and death of its matriarch, the repository of a clan's collective memory. It's a not too subtle reminder that in this harried age of Facebook and Twitter we need to slow down and savor what life has given us. "Her Kind" is a literary novel by a writer whose future work holds great promise.

Carol says

Thanks to Goodreads for the chance to read this book.

It was difficult to get into this book. But once hooked, it was a fascinating read. At first it was confusing with all the short spurts of diary interwoven with facts. The poetic style of writing took over and you needed to find out what else there was to the history of this women's family. Very well done for a debut novel, really enjoyed the minimalist style. Gave tons of information in spurts, so it did not feel like a history lesson, but rather background information necessary for the story.

Jodie Toohey says

While reading Her Kind, I felt like I was perched on Rose Parmlee's shoulder as she leafed through her diaries. I especially like the touch of the historical record reprints peppered throughout the book. These added credibility to the story and to the illusion I was viewing someone's personal thoughts and musings.

This is an intelligent story written beautifully; it is not an easy beach-read but the reward obtained matches the need to pay attention. The story is not told chronologically so you get the feel of flipping back and forth through something I would think would've been written chronologically. But perhaps Rose was like a lot of us writers who scribble on paper scraps or whatever else is available. So, as the reader, we are witness to Rose compiling these snippets into a cohesive unit, sorting and reflecting.

Her Kind gives a true sense of what it must've been like to live in a Mississippi River town in Iowa through several generations. In all, the story is beautiful and elegantly written, almost poetic.

Carol says

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Julia says

Engaging and engrossing, this saga chronicles many generations and several hundred years with a surprising feminist twist. A kind of jigsaw puzzle with contributions from a variety of voices that reveal well-kept family secrets along with the mood of that particular era.

The reader gets a good feel for Dr. Throne's origins as an award-winning poet from this sometimes sparse and minimalist opus.

Drink it up!

Courtney Bernard says

This story was sorta hard to follow in the beginning, but once you understood what was going on it became much easier. The story was written very beautifully , the main character ,Rose, was very funny at times, but it was a kind of dark humor that i really enjoyed. This story is one that i think some people would be able to relate to.

The style of this book!!! oh wow, I really enjoyed the minimalist approach to this story , it gave it another level.

I really did like the past characters better then the present but the overall story was one that i enjoyed.

I think anyone from the mid west would enjoy this book or likes a little history lesson as they are reading.
