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Suzann (Zoozle) Zimmerman and her mother might as well be from different planets, for they have no emotional connection. A close look at dysfunctional families and Borderline Personality Disorder, "Stairs of Sand," is a funny, fast-paced, realistic portrait of a perfectionist mother and a free-spirited daughter.

"Stairs of Sand" opens with Zoozle reaching the lowest ebb of her life. She makes a first suicide attempt.

Her way forward or back depends on her mother's willingness to work with her, her grandfather's love, and her own strength of character to change her world view. Can she? Will she?

A family story with unique characters and a setting that moves from Washington state to the most southwesterly city in the US, Imperial Beach, California.

Stairs of Sand Details

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Richard Quis says

Ms. Granfors does it again. The author who introduced us to "mama's rules of surfing," "today's as important as forever," now chronicles a dive to freedom you will never forget. Mother and daughter slug it out while trying to overcome the rages and impulsiveness of Borderline Personality Disorder. It reminds me of the movie Into Temptation when the penitent in the confessional befuddles the priest by asking "Father, can you forgive a sin I haven't committed yet. I wish to commit suicide on my next birthday?"

Wait till you see what a guardian angel can do

Tfalcone says

Mother daughter conflict over drug addiction.

Val Wilkerson says

Mother/Daughter relationship story, every other chapter is written by the mother. Interesting read, makes you realize how many problems could be taken care of if people talked to each other more, and if people listened to what was being said. The mom is a perfectionist, the daughter more of a free spirit, they dread seeing each other as it always results in a conflict, throw in some uncles and a fabulous grandfather into the family picture and its a great story.

Jennifer says

This book is about a mother and daughters relationship. Zozzles mother doesn't understand what she is going through, and she doesn't want to take the time to find out. At the same time, zozzle doesn't understand where her mother is coming from. Its going to take a family loss to bring it all together. This story is full of family secrets, and family turmoil.

I thought this was a great story! I read it all in one sitting. It was nice seeing the outcome in the end after everything that the Zimmerman family went through. I felt like I was right there with them at the hospice, and I cried when grandpa Joe died. Who knew a passing could be such a blessing and bring so many family members together.

I would definitely recommend this book

Melodie says

Stairs of Sand is the story of Suzann and Jolene, and the complexities of the mother/daughter relationship. The

book grabbed me right off with Suzann's desperate jump off a ferry. As she struggles to find her footing after years of drug addiction, there is the push me pull you of her relationship with her mother, Jolene.

Jolene, comes with her own set of challenges. A perfectionist high school English teacher with a borderline personality, she is frustrated and exasperated that Suzann cannot get it together. She sees herself as a martyr, and is a master of avoidance.

On the surface, I was positive that this relationship was doomed. And I was frustrated with both of the main characters. But as the story played out, I became very invested in seeing how this seemingly doomed duo would find their way to a better place with one another. There is an interesting set of minor but important characters and it all blends together to make for an engaging read.

Maplesyrup says

Even though I only raised sons, I understand the pain between Jolene and her daughter, Suzann. I thought about how much it would hurt her mother to have Suzann a) change her name to Zoozle and b) throw her whole life and career away on drugs. I hate drug use and drug sales and everything about drugs. But the book made me think about the secrets this family kept from one another.

There were some weird chapters that went back and forth between voices without being renumbered, once or twice in big, crucial scenes. I read an ARC edition.

I really liked this story even though I never knew a family as crazy as this one. It was a fast read about interesting people. My favorite characters were Grandpa Joe, Phillip (and his dog) and Chloris. Zoozle and Jolene are the main characters, but they sure think a lot of mean things. I guess that's what makes them so real.

A+ for originality. If you like Anita Shreve or Anne Rivers Siddons, you will like "Stairs of Sand" when it comes out in July.

Evangeline Han says

I thought that the story was a little unfair to Jolene. Yes, she isn't the perfect mother (perfect mothers don't exist anyway), but this doesn't give Zoozle the right to constantly think bad about her. I found myself being constantly annoyed and turned-off at Zoozle's behavior. She definitely wasn't a character I liked. Phillip is my favorite character. His patience and understanding made him very likeable. It was a pity he isn't a very major character.

Since this book doesn't have plenty of action, what captivated my attention for most of the book was Jolene and Zoozle's relationship... two lively characters with a rocky relationship. The sourness in their relationship is expressed well by their thoughts and words. Still, there were some short "lapses" where I lost interest because of the lack of action. I also wished that we were given a chance to know more about the other characters besides Jolene and Zoozle.

Angela Metzger says

I read the first page of this when it came in and Im hooked all other books have been put on the back burner. I really am enjoying this book so far.

I finished the book last night, sad that it over..What a good story for a book 2

I did really love this book, the ending was a bit hurried but what a good read. This book has a lot of sad parts but ends with a wonderful happy ending. A story about change and personal growth. what a wonderful read.

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