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To the outside world, Charlotte is the privileged daughter of the local vicar. Behind closed doors, however, she is the prisoner of her controlling father. As she grows up, Charlotte longs for freedom, but her captivating innocence leads her into trouble. Sent to Ireland to hide a shameful pregnancy, she discovers that once again her father has deceived her. She is forced into a convent's harsh and humiliating regime, where she must eventually give up the one thing that makes her life worthwhile.

When Charlotte returns to England, older than her years, she chooses to forget the past. Becoming a London midwife, she longs only to help other women at this hardest and most joyful moment in their lives. But her deep compassion, and desire to prevent anyone else suffering the same horror she did, leads her into a darker and more dangerous place.

The Empty Cradle Details

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Shirley Revill says

Storytelling at it's best. Really enjoyed reading this book.

Roslin Rose says

Fantastic book the first of this author, i just couldn't put it down. It has made me go right to the beginning and start to read all her books

Richard Jones says

Brilliant

I would recommend this book to anyone it had you gripped from start to finish. I will definitely read more of this authors books.

joanna wright says

Brilliant read, couldn't put it down

Selena Peters says

This was a really lovely read telling the story of Charlotte. It covers her strict upbringing, being taken to a nunnery, Magdalene Sisters style, homosexuality and touches into "Vera Drake". Beautifully told it held my attention all the way through, leaving me weeping at the end.

linda attwood says

Fab read

This book was one of the best reads I've had for awhile who ever reads it next enjoy. Excellent brilliant.

Caroline Montague says

Fantastic story from Rosie Goodwin. I could totally understand why Lottie made the decisions she did,

although it saddened me.

Zoey Cortese says

A lovely story that was easy to read...the ending was a little sad but it also gave me happy tears.

Dianne says

A well written, easy to read book. Covered a lot of different issues.

Lynda Meyers says

this was a really interesting story and unputdownable.I found it really sad towards th end.both Charlotte and her husband were a victim of th times.

Trudie says

a truly heartbreaking story of Charlotte's life, hard to read in places too but a real page turner

jennifer lambert says

Excellent read

I was hooked from the very first page till the last one. I really do believe they should make this into a film absolutely brilliant.

Tracy Bethell says

excellent,would reccomend

Steph says

I deliberated over whether to give this book 4 or 5 stars so il go with 4.5...not 5 because there were parts of the story that just plodded along n there was nothing much to read about,almost as if whiling away some time until enough time had passed were the story could get going again.

But anyway I loved this book and it was such an easy read that I never put it down till it was finished.

Charlotte aka Lottie is such a likeable character from the start back as a fifteen year old naive restricted vicars daughter. Who becomes pregnant at 17 and who goes on to lose the one thing in life that has meant anything to her.

Charlottes time in the convent was horrific though obviously nowadays a lot has been reported on the goings on in the convents for pregnant girls and the evil they suffered at the hands of the nuns.

The story is told over a lifetime and follows her ups and downs and her career as a midwife and her personal life.

There are many sad moments and times and you can't help but feel sorry for Charlotte,for all that she misses out on in life as a result of her past. On the outside she appears happy and content but she will never be complete,never be happy and that's really sad.

From the start it was really obvious what was going on with her father and I really wish he had got his comeuppance in the end.

The story takes an unexpected turn coming to the last part of the book that you really aren't expecting and it's all pretty much down hill from there and so cruel.

Charlotte is just biding her time and it's horrible to think that she never found true happiness.

But then the story takes another twist and though I didn't like the way it ended for obvious reasons it was nice for Charlotte,she was finally happy.

Makes me feel sad for her even though she's not a real person but she could be and probably is in theory n that's what makes it so heartfelt.

Sue says

Fantastic read, sad in some places. And to think things like this were true!
