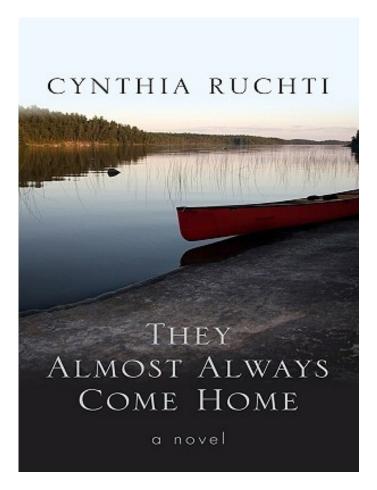
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Description

When Libby's husband Greg fails to return from a two-week canoe trip to the Canadian wilderness, the authorities soon write off his disappearance as an unhappy husband's escape from an empty marriage and unrewarding career. Their marriage might have survived if their daughter Lacey hadn't died...and if Greg hadn't been responsible. Libby enlists the aid of her wilderness savvy father-in-law and her faith-walking best friend to help her search for clues to her husband's disappearance...if for no other reason than to free her to move on. What the trio discovers in the search upends Libby's presumptions about her husband and rearranges her faith.

Insightful reviews

Debbie: "They Almost Always Come Home" is a Christian general fiction novel with a lot of suspense. The characters were interesting and complex, and they dealt with realistic problems. The world-building was excellent, especially for the wilderness trip. The story came alive in my imagination, and it felt like these events really could have happened.

The first thirty-two pages were mostly Libby thinking about her situation and doing little but worrying about the various possibilities of what could have happened to her husband. It's tantalizing, but so little real, solid information was given about how this state of things came about that it felt a bit slow-paced to me.

However, after that, other people started interacting with Libby and she became more active in dealing with the problem. From that point on, the story was fast-paced and the suspense built nicely so I had a hard time putting the novel down. Near the end, we get Greg's perspective of his trip and what happened, which was nice and was worked into the story at a very good spot.

The target audience appeared to be Christians or those with a Christian background. The characters were Christians trying to figure out how to deal with a God who doesn't always give you what you think you need the most. It's not preachy (and there were no conversions), but it definitely had a strong Christian element to it.

The novel was written in first person, present tense ("I run" instead of "I ran"). (Married) sex was implied. There was no bad language. Overall, I'd recommend this novel as exciting and insightful clean reading.

I received this book as a review copy from the publisher.

Susan B: Libby's lacklustre marriage is on the verge of complete disintegration when her husband, Greg, disappears in the Canadian wilderness during a solo canoe trip. The authorities conduct an investigation and have searchers fly over the area of Quetico Park he was supposed to be in, although they suspect he's not run into trouble, but deserted his wife.

Despite their marital problems, Libby knows Greg is too faithful and loyal to leave her. Taking the search into their own hands, she, her father-in-law Frank, and her best friend Jen, decide to follow Greg's route to see if they can find him, or at least discover what happened to him.

This is a fascinating and well-written story on the subjects of love, loss, and faith. While the author seems to have only one other story in print, I look forward to reading it along with any future books she may write.

Melissa: Well written

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Well written it keeps you interested and is a quick read. It was interesting in a way that keeps you guessing how it will end.

Autumn: i am not a massive Christian Lit fan, yet this one wasn't too bad. i presumed Libby's personality used to be a bit morbid and impolite at the outset yet finally she bought a bit extra confident in her outlook. i presumed there might have been slightly extra rationalization as to what occurred to their daughter contemplating it used to be this type of large occasion of their lives. Overall, I did turn out liking the tale and was once proud of the ending.

Lacy Williams: you recognize these books that vary your life, follow you lengthy after you have reached "the end," and also you be aware of you will learn them over and over? this is often one among them. Women's fiction isn't my favourite style - i am a romance junkie - so I constantly start analyzing those books a bit "skeptical"... well, via approximately web page 3 Ruchti had grabbed me along with her character's voice and the original starting of this tale. "I could not placed it down" sounds so cliche, however it is SO actual approximately this book!THE STORY: Libby Holden and her husband Greg have a twenty-three yr lengthy marriage - yet it really is at the rocks, because of a tragedy of their previous and turning out to be distance among them. Libby's even been considering leaving. So while her husband fails to come back from a Canadian desolate tract trek - his first solo journey - her first response is to imagine *he's* left *her*. till the facts starts off coming in...From the beginning, the reader is aware that Libby is being affected by an occasion within the past, and that it truly is brought on a tremendous distance among her and her husband - and the reader feels each poignant emotion *with* Libby. that is the means Ruchti writes - deep so you *are* the nature and what occurs to her adjustments your middle too. The visuals during this publication are SO descriptive and jampacked with deeper meaning; they make your breath stick on your chest. there's in order that a lot i will be able to say approximately this publication - it's a fast-paced, emotional curler coaster that's simply wonderful. Highly hugely recommended. i'll be procuring copies of this booklet for Christmas presents this year.

Sarah: regardless of its visual appeal as general Christian fiction, this ebook shocked me with quite reliable writing. it might have used with a discount of 50-75 pages of introspection correct out of the center as that obtained quite tiresome after rather a lot whining, yet by the point I bought to the tip of it, i actually could not positioned it down. i used to be additionally happy that this publication activities no "happily ever after" finishing as is so universal to its genre. Instead,

the finishing confirmed actual finesse. In fact, I shocked myself through virtually desirous to provide it 4 stars. If it hadn't been fairly so unnecessarily long, i'd have.

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