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As he pulled up and shut down the engine, he took a deep breath to calm himself, and in that instant, the flash of anger he had felt the night he was torn from his mother returned. He shook it from his mind, slid out of the seat, and went up the stairs to the front door. Ida opened the door and threw her arms around his neck with exactly the same loving abandonment he had seen her often leap into his father's arms so many years ago. She hung onto her boy, hung on tight with her face buried in his shoulder and sobbed. He wrapped his arms around her tiny waist, fighting hard for control. He couldn't help himself. Her tears and unrestrained love swept away his resistance. He stood up straight, lifting her off her feet. They stood there, mother and grown son, in the open doorway, holding each other in an endless embrace as their tears rained down.

Ida's Story reveals the story of an incredibly resilient human being born in a Boston ghetto in the late 1870s who fights to survive, educate herself, and protect her family in the midst of the rampant political and social corruption of the early 1900s, the wide-open crime of mob violence of the Prohibition era, the economic destruction of the Great Depression, and the devastating tragedy brought on by the rise of Nazi Germany as it engulfs the world in the chaotic senselessness of World War II.

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Lisa Cameron says

I LOVED IT! TY ZSO MUCH STEVEN SEGAL FOR GIVING ME THIS COPY? IT IS SUCH A CANT PUT DOWN! I THINK ITS A BOOK THAT ALOT OF DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS AND READING LEVELS CAN EQUALLY ENJOY? I THINK IAN GOING TO START READING IT OVER AGAIN TONITE? TRY READING THIS BOOK ITS A WINNER!!!! Thanks again Steven segal keep them novels coming :)

Sharon Robinson says

A very gripping and exciting story. Was hooked from the first page. So true to life. Was interesting learning the history of a lost time in our past. So few people know about this side of early America. Shows how strength and the ability to bend with the wind can sustain us in our deepest, darkest hours. Shows the corruption that was rampant, but better hidden, from our earliest years as a country. How inhumane the humane can be.

I should also state that I received this Free as a First Reads.

Ponch says

This book was emotional intense. This poor women went through so many horrible times in her life and it is amazing the strength that one person can have. I highly recommend this book.

I received a free copy of this book through GoodReads.

Cindy says

I thought I was going to enjoy this novel more than I did. Ida's story has a slow beginning that stays slow throughout. The overuse of narration and lack of dialogue made it difficult for me to continue reading- Segal told more than he showed.

Donna says

Ida's Story is about Ida Benitstine born in Boston ghetto in the late 1870's. This is a story where Ida must fight to survive, educate herself and protect her family against the crime and corruption of the early 1900's. Ida endures so much in her lifetime. She finds the love of her life in Henry Segal and bears 6 children, 2 girls and 4 boys. She tries so hard to protect them against all adversity. Ida remains strong through all the difficulties she meets.

This book is a wonderful read. I hated to see it end. Wished there was a sequel to this book. Also, it would make a great movie.

I had won this book on the Goodreads giveaway and am very happy that I did. I thank Mr. Steven A. Segal for a wonderful story.

Deb Ristow says

I was lucky to have received this book as a First Reads winner. The author, Steven Segal, wove a wonderful tale of a young girl and her life story from her humble beginnings in the ghetto to her marriage to her one true love to the trials that she endures along the way. The hardships that Ida endures throughout her life story enhances the development of her character- Ida changes from a young child to a strong woman who has such an influence on her children and the people that they become. I really enjoyed the references of historical events and the way the author incorporated them into the story. Segal truly did a wonderful job drawing you into Ida's life from the very beginning all the way to the end.

Aurora says

<http://sveta-randomblog.blogspot.com/...>

Marsha says

What a great story. Thumbs up to Steven for such a captivating story. I literally could not put this book down. A must read for anyone who loves books about overcoming adversity!! I can't recommend this book enough. You will not be disappointed!!

Chelsea says

It was a touching family story but I felt parts of it went too fast and others too slow. I also found it difficult to remember the time period things were taking place in until some little tip threw off the image in my head. Overall the story was interesting, but not sure it was a favorite. Received through Goodreads First Reads.

Karen says

I was so, touched by this book. The story of Ida's life is one of such great depth that I read this story across 3 nights and was breathless each night from the emotions I dealt with while reading. This was a wonderfully written story and I was fortunate enough to win this one in the giveaways. This was an amazing read.

Peggy says

Beautifully woven tale of family dynamics. Strengths, flaws, and craziness, put together masterfully to bring into the family and allow us to become joined with each family member.

Linda Marie Marsh says

I've given this book just three stars ..tho it is a really good story , it needed to be split into a series...or perhaps Book 1 & 2 ?

The story is fictional non-fiction lol....the author writes of his family, and fills in the holes with what likely did happen. It begins in Boston... what is now, the mostly Italian North End...and was,at the turn of the century a predominantly a Jewish enclave. It's a fascinating combination of looking at the authors ancestors as well as historical events, the changes in both over time.

The story does take place in different places around the country but centers around the matriach, IDA and her tribulations in raising her children as a single mother. Her sadness, her strength, her indomitable spirit. Well-worth the time spent reading but because it IS a lot in one book- like i sad, needs to be told in two.

FAVORITE PASSAGE: " Life takes its toll, whisking away precious loved ones with a whim - leaving behind its emptiness....It offers no remorse, only shattered peices to be picked up and carefully put back on a shelf as best they can. It leaves behind only remnants of what existed before- FRAGMENTS TO BE STORED IN MEMORIES."
