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Rambler Rose is the story of coming of age in coastal California during the 1950s and 60s. It's about family relationships, American pop and political culture, and race and religion. The setting of California in the mid 20th century is a character unto herself. Other key members of the cast include Teri Metcalf's mother, father and stepfather. Girlfriends, boyfriends and lovers appear in supporting roles, along with an assortment of colorful relatives. Through her narrative of experiences with people, places and things, she explores how those connections shaped her development and her understanding of the world.

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Lori Tatar says

I receive a copy of Rambler Rose by Teri Metcalf from Goodreads. I almost hate to review it because I want to give it a good review, but know that to be fair, I must give it an honest review. The book simply was not engaging. There is so little dialogue, it is almost entirely a narrative of the author relating her early life, up through young adulthood, and how she and her mother related to each other. The 300+ page monologue is simply a woman relating her life story, which is very similar to many others, and offers little if anything to make it interesting, although I am sure it was interesting as she lived it. I found this autobiography boring and the author's voice monotonous. She gets praise for writing it all down, though, as most of us don't do that despite our intentions.

Lucille DeRogatis says

I won this book in Goodreads ARC and I enjoyed it. I wasn't so sure when I started the book. It seemed contrived and some of the situations were repetitive, but once I got the characters straight the whole family dynamic revealed itself and her life became more interesting. I particularly enjoyed her experiences in catholic school and the nuns. As a former catholic school student, I could relate to the actions of some of the nuns and the rebellion these actions produced. Rambler Rose was a book of feeling and love for family even at their most unlovable. A great achievement.

Shelbi says

I've always loved reading memoirs of famous people because it gives you a look into an extraordinary life that I never knew they led. Rambler Rose was different. Teri Metcalf is not a celebrity (although at one time she hoped to be a movie star) and I had no previous knowledge of who she was and what she had done. Her memoir read like a story, with vivid descriptions and packed with dialogue, as if she was fully reliving the moments of her past. Metcalf is raw in her novel, speaking of difficult times in her life, and great times. She conquers subject matter honestly and bravely. Her openness and willingness to revisit her life (childhood to young adult) makes a seemingly ordinary life extraordinary.
