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The story of eleven-year-old Cammy, who must come to grips with the sudden death of her cousin and rival, Patty Ann. "Another wise, beautifully written book from this well-established master."--Kirkus

Being cousins doesn't mean you'll be friends....

Cammy loves her family -- except for her cousin Patty Ann. Though she knows she shouldn't feel this way, she can't help it. Patty Ann is too perfect to like, too perfect to be a friend.

Then one day something terrible happens, something that can't be changed. That's when Cammy learns the truth about Patty Ann, and about family love -- and forgiveness.

Cousins Details

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Bodhi K. says

I am currently reading Virginia Hamilton's Cousins. The book Is about an eleven year old girl named Cammy. She has a dying great grandmother that she calls Gram Tut. I am at the part when Cammy runs away from her cousins house because of an argument . Their argument was about how Patty Ann was so beautiful and good at everything she did. Finally Cammy broke into tears and ran out the door. It was thundering and raining and Cammy was scared in the cold rain. Cammy hates thunder and found some shelter. I really like this author so far because he goes into good detail of how Cammy's afraid of thunder. Cammy finally saw her brother's pickup truck and waved to her brother and got in. I can relate to this when I woke up to loud thunder and misinterpreted it by a gun shot. I felt really scared, but then I saw the rain outside my window and I wasn't scared anymore. I would rate this book five out of zero stars because Cammy has a lot of different kinds of moods. She can be sad, excited, energetic, happy, mad, enthusiastic, awesome, and even silly. This book is very Leisurely Paced and is a Fiction book. I recommend this book to you if you like books that are Leisurely Paced and Fiction.

Wan Yu(Stephanie) says

I enjoyed while I read this book,because I like how the author illustrated the relationship between the main character and her cousin; the way the author use details to described the characters' feelings. Cammy loves her family but her cousin Patty, because of her appearances and actions to others. I agreed with Xiao Wen, she said being cousin doesn't mean they are be friends. Yeah! Cousin is part of the family, and their relationship can't be deleted. this reminds me about my cousins. My relationship with my cousins aren't good but better than with my friends.Cousin isn't equal to friend. Cousin can be better than friend and friend can be better than cousin also. One difference is cousin is forever!

Bernadette says

I was wondering what was going to happen to stir up the cousins! I could not relate to this aspect of the book; I never was close to my cousins or grandmother, but I thoroughly enjoyed the humor in the family relationships in this book. The book touches on a lot of issues that would lead to great book discussions – dealing with death, under-age drinking, unemployment, language, caring for elderly family members, and prejudice. Central to the book is dealing with death – both of the inevitable death of Gram Tut and the sudden death of Patty Ann. Many people have difficulty discussing death with elderly people and I really enjoyed the way Cammy and Gram handle it in the book. The language used in the book seemed authentic as well, even down to the grandmother constantly thinking about the children not speaking "proper" English. The most striking feature of the book for me, however, was the honesty. The feelings of the characters are shared without shame, but the characters grow and mature.

James Barnett says

The protagonist of "Cousins" name is Cammy. At the beginning of the story Cammy showed jealousy toward her cousin Patty Ann. Cammy felt that Patty Ann was perfect because she was older, she had long curly hair, her clothes were all brand new, she earned straight A's in school, and she never got in trouble with her mom the way Cammy does. Cammy thought it was no reason to like Patty. Cammy is a dynamic character in this book because at the end she learned to love Patty, when Patty saves Cammy from drowning at camp. Cammy can be described as sassy, mean, and prejudice.

Mas5thgrade2011 says

It is a very mysterious book. Two things are very mysterious in this book. You will love this book if you are into historical fiction. It has many sad and happy moods at different time and points in the story.

Ann Marie says

I liked it...I felt the author handled every issue with honesty and grace...it was at times difficult to understand because of the language used however one was able to insert themselves into the story therefore making the language obstacles less noticeable...and you are totally able to see the world through this little girls eyes...I recommend this one for your fourth and fifth grade readers...

Marwa says

i loved this book. It was actually amazing how Gram Tut comes home from the nursing care. I just finished reading and i really enjoyed it... I recommend this book to those people who haven't read this book, they should read it. Try reading a couple pages in this book. it's a little boring in the first couple pages, but i would give it a *4* :)

Xiao Wen says

This is not a hard book to read, but just sometimes, I don't get use to the oral words and sentences. I like the sentence that shows on the cover, which is "Being cousins doesn't mean you'll be friends." I like this sentence, because I agree with it. Sometimes, I think that friends are more important than cousins, because cousins are just kind of like the family relationship, it can't be erase it out, and it doesn't mean anything. But friends are different, friendships can be erase it out, and it shows the relationship between two unknown people.

Jamal Dodd says

what I thought about this book is generous/amazing.I love to read good books like this I'm 10 years old and i like to read .My parents buy me good and amazing books like theses.

So i like to read books.

Gabrielle says

Theme

The theme of the book "Cousins" is to always love and forgive your family no matter how they act and what they do. I say this because Cammy and Patty Ann where two cousins that never got along. They would argue almost every day. I know this because in the book Patty Ann tells Cammy on page 31 "You are jealous just because I can sit on my hair and I get all straight A's." They argued and criticized each other.

Until one day when Patty Ann died because of Cammy. The book says that's when Cammy realized that she had really loved Patty Ann no matter how bad they treated each other. This is where I get my theme from. To always love and forgive your family no matter how they act or what they do. I think Cammy wouldn't have so much grief for herself if she would have at least shown or told Patty Ann that she loved her. That way Patty Ann could have died knowing that her cousin had loved her, despite of what happened.

Patrice Hoffman says

I remember reading this as a kid and loving it. Details are a little lacking after 20 years but hey... Still a great read.

La E.K. says

I read this book over twenty years ago as a child and the sadness this book evoked still lingers whenever I remember reading the story. It's the kind of book that I am going to have my daughter read as soon as she is old enough. It was a heart wrenching book that caused me to truly think at such a young age.

Natalia Miranda says

Don't recommend the book but I honestly did not like it. Not my type of book, and kinda hard to read, and some grammar errors. Cammy has a family that does not get along, her cousin Patty Ann is perfect and is good at everything. But Patty's brother Richie is bad. Cammy's brother Andrew is a nice kid and her mom is awesome. And her grandma Tut which she loves and is very old. But after Patty Ann died, Cammy felt blamed and haunted after her death. But then she overcame and learned how to love and forgive.

Betsy says

More of a 3.5 star for me. Poignant and tender--I love Cammy's love for her grandmother and how Cammy's family comes together to support her after she witnesses a horrible accident befall one of her cousins.

Marna says

I remember reading Bluish at some point in my child/teenhood, but didn't remember it very well. After reading this lyrical and moving book, I feel like I've discovered a new favorite. I also have M.C. Higgins, the Great and will be reading that soon.
