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An Unexpected Journey: One Woman's Whale Tale



Synopsis

Hawaii, in the mid-twentieth century, where the turquoise ocean, emerald green landscape and miles of sandy beaches lure you into a native woman's world. Lissa's unexpected meeting with a baby humpback whale begins a tale of unlikely friendship, commitment, and love, shining through years of life on an ever-growing island paradise. Lurking in the prosperity of growth, however, is danger, drama, and threats to the animal population. Lissa must deal with all of it in her quiet quest to take care of her whale friend, Henri. This novel will transport you to the lush warm island of Maui, and beckon you to swim with the whales while living life in paradise. The story spans several decades, unfolding with Lissa and Henri's youthful naivete, and following them as they grow into the wisdom of their middle years. Henri and Lissa are constants for each other as they follow their personal, sometimes arduous journeys. Their secret, unique, inter-species relationship will face challenges survival will be at risk. Lissa will learn to listen to her intuition, overcome obstacles and take inspired action while following her own path to empowerment as she strives to save his kind and his home. Can one person make a difference?

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Customer Reviews

Judi Pine Sellers, Management Consultant: An unexpected encounter leads a girl to follow her instincts; taking her on an astonishing journey into uncharted territory full of turbulence, grace and spirit. Rich in vivid images Severson captures the private lives of the Maui resident's we

visitors rarely meet. An inspiring story for anyone who doubts themselves when following their dream.

LORI SEVERSON spent many years in the corporate business world focused on the people side of business. She now focuses on helping others take inspired action as a personal development coach and writer. She lives in the Southwest with her husband, daughter and several furry family members. This is Lori's first novel. Please visit LoriSeversonAuthor.com Cover illustration by Anna Christenson

Beautifully written and a thoroughly enjoyable journey to take.

At first I was going to write "The book is a fast read and I would guess it's written for a younger group maybe around 10 or 11 years old but this book surprised me on many levels. I'm much older than 10 or 11 and I really enjoyed it. I thought it was thoughtful and intelligent. My day was better for having read this book. I would recommend it. And I will give away something here, at the end of the book it states that the author donates 5% of the annual book sale proceeds to a foundation to further whale research. VERY COOL. and kudos to the author for her thoughtfulness and kindness. Why I liked it: I felt this book touched on a lot of different aspects of life and made for some interesting thinking. Some of the things it touched on were friendship, trust and sharing and the environment, and because of that, I'd say it's a book for anyone of any age. I think people often use the word "friend" loosely and even hypocritically and lose touch with what "friend" really means; this book is a good opportunity to reexamine your own friendships and your honesty, or lack of honesty, when you call yourself a friend to someone. Also, I liked that this book differentiates between people who actually appreciate and understand that animals, and all living creatures truly matter and that we are responsible for them, vs those people who use them as entertainment for their vacations or "fun" as we often see people doing (all the while wearing their "save the ocean t-shirts"). I actually hadn't seen that pointed out in a book before and it was refreshing to read. It also points out our responsibility to the planet and to all the creatures on it. I appreciated that she recognized this. The book also examines not giving up when things seem impossible and that being true to yourself will get you more in life than just going along. It does all of this in a NON preachy way; but rather just by seeing who the characters are and how they interact. The storyline was interesting and it moved quickly. It's an easy, but enjoyable, read, I would give it to a young person to read OR to an old person to read. There is enough in this book to both entertain you AND make you think if you are

willing to open your mind and be that person. Sadly, the people that probably really should read this book, probably won't.

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