

Dandelion

By Linda Sonntag

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

Dandelion is a memoir of the author's life as she battled one trauma after another. Her first trauma happened when she got hit by a car while riding her trike, where she wasn't supposed to be, and receiving no sympathy from her mother. Her older sister died when the author was eight years old, leaving her parents in so much pain that they didn't pay much attention to her emotionally after that. In grade school, she was the target of bullies. During middle school, she fell in love with a boy named Jeff, who was later killed in a motorcycle crash. She was devastated and never truly got over it. At the age of twelve, she was sexually abused, but when she told her parents about it, they didn't believe her. When she was fifteen, her parents suddenly decided to send her to boarding school, which resulted in her being very homesick and missing her friends. All of this eventually led to poor choices concerning her relationships, taking pills, and drinking too much at times.

Throughout her life, she's had more than her share of traumas, including deaths and illnesses. One good choice she made was her first husband, Vince, father of her three children, and in later life a rock for her, by being very supportive. Through all her traumas, many moves, jobs, and her everyday trials and tribulations, the author had a fierce belief in God and that He had a plan for her that has helped her thrive and survive her ups and downs.

Sonntag's story is well-worth reading. It's well-written, honest, and never boring. I recommend this book for one and all, and especially for those who have suffered trauma.

The first thing that attracted me to this book was the title and the cover. The reason being, I love violets. They are my favorite flower. This book is well written and interesting. I will read it again and again. Plus, it's a great coffee table book. I recommend it for all.

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