



Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
Reviewed by Harini



Stand Alone, Contemporary Fiction

Give a summary without spoilers!

Little Fires Everywhere is a novel by Celeste Ng set in the 1990s in Shaker Heights, Ohio. It revolves around two families, the Richardsons, and the Warrens, and explores themes of motherhood, identity, and privilege. The story follows the clash between the picture-perfect Richardson family, the eccentric artist Mia Warren, and her daughter, Pearl. The novel delves into the complexities of motherhood and the consequences of choices made. This book also offers insight into social issues, such as race, and explores family dynamics and the pursuit of personal identity.

What drew you to this book?

I liked how this book was set in a small town in Ohio which created an initial sense of security and stability. However as the story unfolds, the complex storyline and full exploration of the backgrounds of each character added an extra layer of intrigue and depth to the narrative.

Did it remind you of something that you've previously read?

This book's contrast of a seemingly plain setting with complex characters is unique, but there are parallels to other books dealing with race.

To whom would you recommend this book?

I recommend "*Little Fires Everywhere*" to readers who appreciate character-driven works with complex relationships. This book would appeal to readers who enjoy contemporary fiction that mixes excellent storytelling with social insight.

Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?

Yes, I liked this book, and I would recommend it to others because the narrative kept me interested in knowing how the different storylines would connect. The character's backstory and their relationships with other characters were established early in the book so I felt more personally invested in each character's journey.

Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?

The cover of "Little Fires Everywhere" caught my attention because it showcases a picture-perfect suburban setting with identical houses, but one of them is engulfed in flames. This intriguing contrast of the burning house amidst the perfection of the others creates a sense of mystery and perfectly captures the mood of the book.