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Frozen (Fesler-Lampert Minnesota Heritage)



Synopsis

Sixteen-year-old Sadie Rose hasn't said a word in eleven years—ever since the day she was found lying in a snowbank during a howling storm. Like her voice, her memories of her mother and what happened that night were frozen. Set during the roaring 1920s in the beautiful, wild area on Rainy Lake where Minnesota meets Canada, *Frozen* tells the intriguing story of Sadie Rose, whose mother died under strange circumstances the same night that Sadie Rose was found, unable to speak, in a snowbank. Sadie Rose doesn't know her last name and has only fleeting memories of her mother—and the conflicting knowledge that her mother had worked in a brothel. Taken in as a foster child by a corrupt senator, Sadie Rose spends every summer along the shores of Rainy Lake, where her silence is both a prison and a sanctuary. One day, Sadie Rose stumbles on a half-dozen faded, scandalous photographs—pictures, she realizes, of her mother. They release a flood of puzzling memories, and these wisps of the past send her at last into the heart of her own life's great mystery: who was her mother, and how did she die? Why did her mother work in a brothel—did she have a choice? What really happened that night when a five-year-old girl was found shivering in a snowbank, her voice and identity abruptly shattered? Sadie Rose's search for her personal truth is laid against a swirling historical drama—a time of prohibition and women winning the right to vote, political corruption, and a fevered fight over the area's wilderness between a charismatic, unyielding, powerful industrialist and a quiet man battling to save the wide, wild forests and waters of northernmost Minnesota. *Frozen* is a suspenseful, moving testimonial to the haves and the have-nots, to the power of family and memory, and to the extraordinary strength of a young woman who has lost her voice in nearly every way—but is utterly determined to find it again.

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Customer Reviews

Starting this book I figured that it would be about a girl that discovered how her mother truly died and possibly how she came to terms with it but *Frozen* is so much more. It's about how Sadie Rose not only finds out about her mother's true death and how it happened but she also finds herself in this book and her voice, literally and mentally. For the past eleven years she let people boss her around and decide what she did and who she was for her. After finding photographs of her mother it's like old memories light a fire within her. I absolutely love watching Sadie Rose grow up and become a woman, a person who could survive on her own in only three weeks. In the beginning of the book she was very timid and afraid to speak what she thought, but after gaining her actual voice back she gained a powerful voice on the inside. This story was such a good one, being my first ARC I am very pleased at how it turned out! I think my favorite character was actually Trinity, she has so many problems of her own yet she was so willing to reach out and be there for Sadie Rose even though they were strangers. I love how at the ending the roles of their relationship sort of flip flopped and Sadie Rose was able to help Trinity with her problems. I really do wish we could have gotten to know Owen a bit better, but I am satisfied with the information that was provided about Sadie Rose and his relationship. (I would definitely recommend this book and I am honestly not too big on books that are set in the past. It was a nice quick read. Favorite Quotes "Other than an occasional cry or moan, my voice had died with Mama years ago. Silence. My sanctuary and prison." - Sadie Rose "Well finally, a sign of life!"

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