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This celebrated collection opens with "Nora Jane and Company", a series of nine stories featuring one of the most popular characters in the Gilchrist galaxy: a former teenage runaway who once robbed a bar in New Orleans dressed as a nun. Now living happily in Berkeley, married and the mother of twins, Nora Jane is back in college, pregnant again, launching a new career, and facing circumstances that imperil her domestic bliss.

The nine stories that follow explore the hazards of recapturing and reviving old affairs. Featuring both new and familiar Gilchrist characters, all of these stories shed brilliant new light on the oldest emotion.

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Susan says

When I read 'In the Land of Dreamy Dreams' I thought I'd found a Southern writer I really liked but BOY did I sell her short. Ellen Gilchrist is wonderful. I want to fall asleep with a stack of her stories as my pillow.

Kassie says

I was intrigued but then lost interest in part II. I thought the Nora Jane stories were moving towards something greater but then they just fell flat. I wish there were more reviews of it on goodreads I'd curious to know what other people thought about it.

Courtney Cooper says

this was a little hard to get into at first glance. i almost decided to put it back on my shelf in fact, but it wasn't that long of a book so i pulled through. it turned out being OK. i liked how many of the stories connected the characters to one another.

not anything amazing in my mind though. i probably won't read another of her books if it's like this one.

Rachel says

Compelling writing. There were aspects of this book that troubled me. For example: every middle easterner who appear in the book was connected to terrorism...I wish she hadn't done that; it really marred an otherwise very well-written book.

Andrea says

Need to read again.....

Jo Ann Hall says

Just found one of the most achingly beautiful short stories I've ever read: "You Must Change Your Life." I was in tears and full of hope for the human condition. Write on, Ellen.

Lori Adams says

I had never read anything by Ellen Gilchrist before so was unfamiliar with the back story of Nora Jane. This short story collection is about happiness and love. Definitely different types of love. I enjoyed the stories but found myself being annoyed with the simple sentences. I guess they didn't bother me enough not to finish the book. I may, at some point, read her initial Nora Jane book.

Elizabeth says

The beginning of this book is a novella about a hippy-dippy intellectual family. The second half is a collection of short stories. I enjoyed the short stories the most. They each had a clear, distinct voice and interesting plots.

Taylor says

I am going to go ahead and freely admit that probably the only reason I didn't like this book is that I am an asshole and most of the stories were about happy people.

Dianne says

currently reading...short stories that weave together.

Greta says

Ellen Gilchrist only disappoints by not writing more, fortunately I have a few more of her waiting for me on my bookshelves.

Elaine says

A great series of stories, really fun to read. Some are great-5 stars and some only okay-3 stars--but they make a solid group. A good escape, nicely written. I admired how well they worked together and yet stood alone as short stories.

Kim says

An extremely lucky book sale find of a writer who has never let me down. Need to read more of her because it's always good. Short stories but bonus of a lot of them tied together through characters.
