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Escaping the narrow, wealthy life she led in Manhattan, Zoe Finney moves her family to Park Slope, Brooklyn, an area of beautiful old brownstones where working-class families have lived for generations. A poor girl who married into money, Zoe finds comfort in the close-knit neighborhood. She hopes the change will reinvigorate her profoundly depressed husband and provide a happy place for her small daughter, Rose, to grow.

But her arrival there alters the lives around her, especially the handsome schoolteacher next door, Keevan O'Connor, who is deeply drawn to her. Despite Zoe's initial hesitation, they begin to fall in love. Rose is thrilled, recognizing in Keevan the warm, fun-loving father hers could never be. But when Zoe's husband wakes from his depression to see his wife slipping away, Zoe is torn between her love for two men.

## Crossing Brooklyn Ferry Details

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## From Reader Review Crossing Brooklyn Ferry for online ebook

### Linda says

Don't judge a book by its cover. I chose this because I liked the cover- painterly photo of two brownstone doors. That still was my favorite thing about this book.

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### Laura Rose Clawson says

I don't think I could ever give a book with adulterous characters more than 3 stars, no matter how sympathetically they are written.

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### Tina86 says

a great read, thoroughly enjoyed it!

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### Denny says

3+ stars if you haven't been to Park Slope, 4 stars if you have been there and perhaps higher if you live there. A "guilty pleasure".

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### Carinya Kappler says

Book Review by Carinya 2014

Crossing Brooklyn Ferry by Jennie Fields

This is a novel very easy to read. Characters with traumatic pasts such as the heroine Zoe with her dour, poor ex-Jewish parents too fearful to love again after their years of horror and loss, Jamie, in deep depression after a mistake made as a young man dented his fragile being to the point of breaking and Keevan the delightful young fellow next door who has grown up without parents.

The fabric of this street community is made up tinted by their anguish but held together by their need of each other.

This novel was extremely readable but the detailed and explicit sexual encounters somewhat marred my enjoyment of the romances and were a deterrent to my recommendation of the novel.

Carinya

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### Marc Miatka says

My ebook copy said this was "Underworld" by DeLillo. I wish it had been.

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## **Enrique Enríquez says**

shit lit hid under underworld's (delillo) cover

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## **Anna says**

Eeeech! This was a chore. I'm surprised I finished it- but it was really hot outside, I was low on gas, and I didn't feel like leaving the house. Could be a hit movie on "Lifetime: Television for Women".

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## **Catherine says**

It was difficult for me to give a star rating to Crossing Brooklyn Ferry by Jennie Fields. I thoroughly enjoyed the first portion of the book and give it 4 stars. I especially appreciated the author's use and description of the overall setting, a street lined with brownstone homes in Park Slope, Brooklyn, NY. I almost checked realtor web sites for available homes in the area, because it was painted so beautifully! In the beginning of the book, the storytelling was strong, I felt sympathetic to the characters, and the individual storylines wove together well. Now, for the 2nd part of the book. I would give it 1.5 stars. The characters became whiny, self-indulgent and very unlikable. I even disliked a child, which is hard for me! There was no storytelling for the most part, but mainly descriptions of sexual encounters, and the thoughts that characters were having about sexual encounters. Sure, sex is a part of human relationships, but this book went from a strong story line to a weak bodice ripping romance with little to no plot. And it dragged on and on and on. So, I give it 3 stars somewhat reluctantly, almost went down to 2 stars.

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## **Stacy says**

This book, while at times had nice writing, was really void of any substance. I didn't really sympathize with the main character - and perhaps that is where my problem lies with this book. There were many sex-scenes in this book - not written in a beautiful, literary way, but in a smutty, cheap romance novel kind of way.

I guess it comes down to the fact that I just really didn't enjoy this book.

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## **Robyn Vancil says**

Love this book! great read by co-worker, Jenn

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## **Katie OD says**

This book was fantastic. I found it in the library of a cruise ship I was on and I was so glad I did. It was a

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great story of "normal" people and how they deal with every day and not so everyday life challenges. Beautifully written and deserves much more acclaim than it is given!

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### **Jen says**

this book was ok... I read it because I read one of her other books.

This story centers around people living in Brooklyn and all of the problems in their lives (ironically all of their problems sort of connect).

There is Zoe, whose husband is severely depressed. She and her daughter Rose try go on with their lives while their husband/father is not amongst the living.

Then there is Keevan, a single teacher, who falls madly in love with Zoe.

Then there is Patty, Keevan's sister-in-law, who is actually madly in love with Keevan.

The story is not one of my favorites.

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### **Suanne Laqueur says**

Attention anyone who sat in the movie theatre, watching *Bridges of Madison County* and the scene where Meryl Streep sits in the truck, her hand reaching for the handle... Will she jump out and run off with Clint Eastwood or will she stay? And for those of you who sat, screaming silently, "GO! GET OUT OF THE CAR! GO WITH HIM! TO HELL WITH IT! GO!!!"

To those of you who wished for the fairy tale, alternate ending: read this book. Read it in good health.

It was great. OK, even I admit that some of the complicated situations get tied up and fixed up a little too easily. (view spoiler)

Sometimes, I'm just in the mood to read a story where it all works out all right. I loved it. What really did it for me were the the vivid and nostalgic descriptions of the tight-knit, lovably-nosy neighborhood; the likeable and believable characters; and face it, some of the SEXIEST writing I've ever read.

It was yummy.

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### **Guyada says**

I read the book by mistake, I stole an e-book with the cover of DeLillo's *Underworld* and I got this romantic story, too simple to review I guess.

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