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From best-selling author Lesley Crewe comes a poignant and moving novel.

Sisters Bay and Tansy are complete opposites. Widowed mother Bay has never lived anywhere but Louisbourg; restless Tansy left the town as a teenager and stayed away for years.

And now, Tansy is home. Home, and unwittingly falling in love with her sister's almost-boyfriend. Home, and befriending Ashley when all Bay can do is fight with her teenaged daughter. Home, and desperately hiding the real reason she fled all those years ago.

When crisis hits the family, the sisters draw closer. But the closer they are, the more explosive their relationship, and soon their troubled history threatens to shatter what's left of their family forever.

Complex and heartwarming, *Her Mother's Daughter* is an exploration of family and friends and the tangled skeins of love, mistakes, and secrets twisting between us all.

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Tiffany1979 says

Fast easy read. Third Lesley Crewe book I've read. Enjoy her story-telling ability.

Joanne says

A Lesley Crewe novel is just a ticket to Feel-good Land. Even though this book brought me close to tears at times, it was also a happy story filled with love. It's a pretty good companion for a dull winter day.

Lorraine O'Sullivan says

Have read better books. Too much drama

Lorna says

I truly enjoy Lesley Crewe's writing.....sad moments, laugh-out-loud moments, touching moments.....all around great read! Please keep writing Lesley!!

Sheri says

Loved this book. Lesley Crewe has such a way of drawing you into the character's lives in her books. This one did not disappoint!

Hollie says

This is a heart-warming tale of a Cape Breton family who has been plagued by untimely death, dark secrets and the trials of every day life. As a Cape Bretoner, I appreciated the sentiment and tradition that shines through each character. Reading this made me feel closer to home. Thanks Lesley Crewe.

Elaine Fougere says

This is the fourth book I've read by Lesley Crewe and I am really impressed by her work .She has bit of everything with a good laugh at times and some love ,joy, a little sadness which makes for a very interesting book and makes you want to look for more of her work.

Laurinda Wheeler says

This was a wonderful book that really drew me in.

There was a natural flow that was easy to follow as we were led from one character to another. I found the women to have a familiar feeling as I got to know them; either I recognized them from my own life, or there were parts that resonated as parts of myself.

This book tells an honest story of the relationship between mother and daughter, sisters and friends, and the lengths that we will go to in an effort to protect those we love.

Chantale says

I was really agitated by the relationship between Bay and Tansy. It was the same kind of tension that I feel reading a good suspense novel. Why do they have to love the same men? Who will get the guy? The women in this book are real, they can be strong but have their downfalls. They draw strength from the women in their lives. The situations the characters find themselves in and their emotions and reactions to them are plausible, which is a bit refreshing.

Her Mother's Daughter reminds me a bit of Southern Literature and so I have added Anne Rivers Siddons to my list of authors to read as she writes about young love set in the American South.

Erin says

I have to wonder what is in the water in Nova Scotia because their resident writers know how to create **compelling and creatively crafted stories that I greatly enjoy**. Her Mother's Daughter is a contemporary family story about female relationships nestled in the Cape Breton community of Louisbourg. If you have never been to Canada's Cape Breton Island, you just have to go. It's beautiful!

I absolutely loved all the characters in this story even though I had an inkling of what rabbit hole I was being taken down. Gertie, Matthew and Dermot might have been secondary characters, but their love for Bay, Tansy and Ashley showed just how powerful a story can be when readers can connect with more than the main protagonists.

Erin says

Loving Lesley Crewe at the moment!

Her stories exhibit many interwinding and complex relationships. There were some plot lines I expected, but others were a surprise. They remind me of chick-lit, however the characters and their stories are developed far beyond the romance in the novel. Great Summer Read!

Fred Ann says

A Family's struggle to come to terms with a teenage pregnancy, which repeats itself in two generations. An unsuspected secret is revealed!! Her motherhood had never been questioned until her daughter finds her birth certificate. Two sisters come to terms of who they are and who they had loved or betrayed. A good read!

Lana says

Crewe has created a lovely novel. It is more chick-lit than I expected based on the description. Partway through the book, certain aspects are predictable but exactly how it happened and the outcomes are intriguing enough to keep you hooked. I planned to read it over several days but ended up reading it in an afternoon.

The last half of the book is quite sad, I cried several times. There are some touching moments that are well written.

Tansy is a great character, Crewe did an excellent job managing a complex evolution (or revelation) of a character.

The end has a few scenes trying to show where everyone is. It almost seems there are a few possible last scenes. Essentially I think the Christmas scene (and list of everyone present) was not necessary. It was also a bit odd that Matt's dad wasn't mentioned until almost the end of the book – until that point I assume Matt didn't have a father.

I recommend this book, and plan to pick up some more books by Crewe.

melissa says

I find that many books that try and introduce many characters in the first few pages, just confuse me, right off the bat. This was not the case with this book. They were explained (and described) so well, that I followed along easily from the beginning. It struck me from the start that the writing was very good, with very different voices for the characters. Tansy was very New York and sophisticated, while Bay had stayed in Louisbourg, and reflected that. I did find it a little predictable in places, and even somewhat cliché. Hard working good girl gets the short end of the stick and her bad girl party sister gets all the good luck. At first I really liked the character of Dermot. Then he started to bug me. Was he being slotted as the good boy or bad boy? Then I just decided he was selfish. He couldn't decide which sister he wanted, so he was just going to sell his home and business and run away? Come on... All in all I thought the author was brilliant, and I was really touched by her writing. I spent a lot of time thinking about the story when I wasn't reading it. I did feel maybe the ending was rushed for my taste, and a little too neatly wrapped up. I really enjoyed this book, and honestly assumed that it would stick with me for a long time. I was quiet surprise when I sat down to write this review, and discovered it hadn't. This wasn't what I think of as typical Canadian fiction. (Maybe that is why I enjoyed it so much, it wasn't trying to hard to be 'literature'.) I will be looking for more from this author in the future.

Lydia Laceby says

Originally Reviewed at Novel Escapes

Her Mother's Daughter is a novel about family, friendship and sisterly bonds and is full of past mistakes, dark secrets and the love that binds. When I first read the synopsis, I was expecting a great small town family drama, and I wasn't disappointed.

I haven't read a novel recently that tossed me in so many different directions. I felt like I was on a fishing boat in the harbour watching the drama unfold ashore. I was impressed that I didn't see many of the twists coming and as I've mentioned before, I love an unpredictable book. I didn't even want to include this in my review because I didn't want you looking for them, but it was my biggest thrill with this novel so I had to mention it.

There are strong female characters in this novel and we follow each of them as they work through their own issues - which were all so different, yet came together in a rich tapestry. Bay is still troubled with the loss of her husband and father at a young age as well as her sister's disappearance and her mother's recent death. Tansy struggles with the guilt of abandoning her family and not returning after many years, as well as a secret that haunts her that was the reason she left in the first place. Ashley is riddled with teenage angst and Gertie, struggles with her weight and lack of male suitors. I loved Gertie's character and giggled frequently at scenes she was involved in and loved her warmth and bubbly personality. I also enjoyed that Ashley was given such a large role to play, having frequently read novels where daughters are just secondary characters. Although Bay and Tansy share a large part of this story, Ashley wasn't shuffled off to the side and many scenes are narrated through her eyes.

An air of mystery surrounds this novel and it moves at a rapid pace with just the right amount of information doled out with each turn. I was intrigued with the family dynamics and even without having grown up with a sister myself, I could still relate to these characters. I fully understood their motives, their relationship and what drew them together and had them falling apart.

The small fishing town setting is portrayed with just the right amount of description. There isn't much in the way of glamour in this novel, except a few scenes in the beginning with Tansy, so if you're used to women's fiction where designer shoes play a prominent role, don't expect to find that here. Instead you'll find a rich character driven novel about family dynamics, which I found a refreshing change of pace compared to all the designer laden chick lit I've been reading lately.

I thoroughly enjoyed Her Mother's Daughter and will definitely seek out other Lesley Crewe novels. If you're looking for a great family tale full of sisterly drama and small town antics that is full of twists, pick up this novel today. You won't be disappointed.
