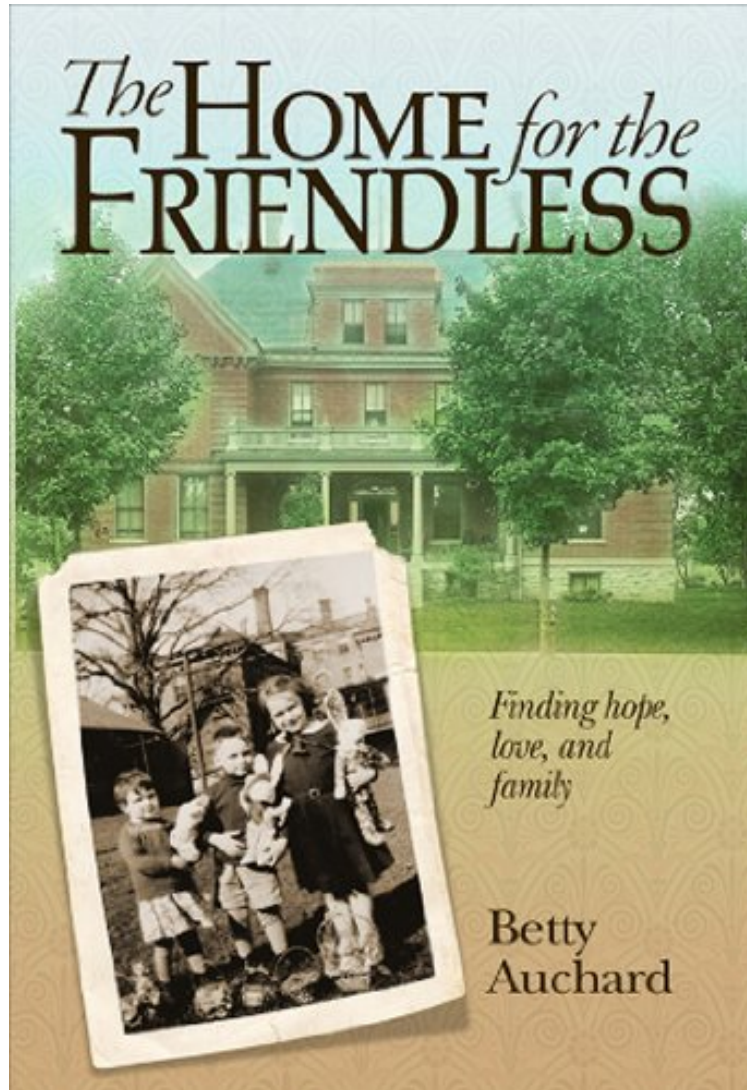


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Betty Auchard : Home for the Friendless: Finding Hope, Love, and Family before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Home for the Friendless: Finding Hope, Love, and Family:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Deja vu: another time, another place, amazingly similar storyBy PenpusherThe very title captivated me so I bought the book. Immediately I got goose bumps. My orphanage was called The Home For Friendless Children, my own brother was a three year old named Bobby, everyone's fave child, including myself. Nose rags, long John's, squeezing the oleo to break the color capsule so the bag looked like it held real butter, war bonds.....what was happening here and who was this telling my own story? Since I'm about go finish my own memoir, I had to wonder what was happening. Many of the vignettes tell my own history of life in an

orphanage with only a small difference in the timeline. I was not in Iowa, but across the country on the east coast. The reasons that put me there are very different than Betty's. My mother was widowed in 1940, War was breathing down her neck, so she placed her three kids in an orphanage and went to work making ammo for the Navy. In 1947 the orphanage was renamed to The Children's Home. Reading this book reminds me that today's generation knows little of the details of life on the home front when the whole world was at War. While my own recounting contains many similarities, the differences are stark, and worth telling. Her sharing of the pathos and hilarity gives impetus to my own and validates my purpose: to shed light on the valiant men and women who contributed to the war effort, held it together and moved it forward while war in our soil, was kept at bay. Well written and engaging, informative and entertaining, her story moves forward without losing interest and most importantly, reveals the young life of a person able to survive adversity with great good humor and endless tenacity. The part about playing Indian is right out of my own experience!

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Truly Inspirational
By David Beckman
The storytelling in *The Home for the Friendless* is exceptional and engaging. Betty uses her God-given talents to weave a story of fortitude, courage, and acceptance of her life's circumstances to bring to fruition her parents' talents despite their many downfalls. I enjoy stories like this because of the personal responsibility Betty and her siblings took in making something of their lives despite the hard times they experienced in their growing up years. Because of her giftedness in the arts, in so many areas, such as theatrical, musical, artistic, writing, storytelling, and teaching, I am promoting this book through my homilies and Bible study groups. Betty's motivation, perseverance and integrity are to be admired as she overcame many adversities, disadvantages, and struggles. Everyone in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, her home town, and beyond, should read her inspiring, entertaining, and motivational early life story. - Reverend David Beckman, St Matthew Catholic Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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Beautiful..By Gail
The author had me from the very beginning. Furthermore, I experienced many different emotions.. The period of time covered, the years through the depression...in a large family, with little to no money. I believe she poured every ounce of herself into this book....including her autograph. Beautiful...A good read..I even paused from time to time, meditating on her expressions. I recommend this book to all... Thank You Betty Auchard..for writing such a personal and great read....and thank you for bringing this book to me.

The eldest of three in an unconventional family making their way through The Great Depression, Betty narrates this humorous and poignant recollection. Although poor in possessions, Betty's family leads a life so rich in turmoil that it rivals today's sitcoms. Betty's young parents tie and untie the marital knot three times amidst a string of separations. When relatives become too weary to keep the children, Betty and her siblings are dropped off at The Home for the Friendless where they enjoy three meals a day, indoor plumbing, a grassy playground, and plenty of holiday parties. When the family reunites two years later, the roller coaster resumes as they move many times across two states, proving that love overcomes all and that normal isn't always better.

I truly got lost in the wonderful world of Betty Auchard's memory. I loved how the narrator at three years of age used the language available to her, just as the narrator did at nine, fifteen, etc. So much can come from such a vulnerable "unreliable narrator" and the author crafted this beautifully. Betty's gift in writing comes from an understanding of how stories should move, how sentences should flow, and her ability to draw from her past in order to present the reader with texture, pathos, and so much humanity. --Joshua Braff, Author of *Peep Show* and *The Unthinkable Thoughts of Jacob Green*

Betty Auchard tells her amazing life story with purpose, humor, and no regret. Her tale is unique, yet universal, a collection of memories that expose her soul and will touch your heart. --Beth Miller, Former Program Coordinator for Beth Miller, Former Program Coordinator for the History Center of Cedar Rapids, IAA

wonderful reading experience. Poignant, brutally honest, sad, at times heartbreaking, and laughing-out-loud funny. Just as pearls are formed by grains of sand, Betty and her siblings were shaped by the adversity of hard times and a dysfunctional family with enough resolve to live life to the fullest --Charles D. Hayes, September University: *Summoning Passion for an Unfinished Life*

"One prominent aspect of her writing is her profound voice. She manages to portray her voices remarkably well during her various stages of life. Her innocence is touching in the stories of her youth, and her childhood ignorance adds a witty touch to some of the stories with adult themes." -- Hippocampus Magazine, July, 2011

"The Home for the Friendless is like a camera full of photographs waiting to be developed in the reader's mind." --Hippocampus Magazine, July, 2011

From the Inside Flap
Betty, the eldest of three children, narrates this poignant but hilarious story of growing up in an unconventional family during the Great Depression and WWII. Although poor in possessions, they live a life so rich in turmoil that it rivals any present-day sitcom. Betty's parents marry young but don't know how to stay together, try as they might. They tie and untie the marital knot three times, and in between weddings they separate too many times to count. When relatives become too weary to pick up the pieces yet again, Betty and her siblings are dropped off at The Home for the Friendless where they enjoy three meals a day, indoor plumbing, a grassy playground, and plenty of holiday parties. When the family reunites two years later, the roller coaster resumes as they move many times across two states, proving that love overcomes all and that normal isn't always better. They jump from one escapade to another, and Betty shares them all with honesty and humor. Along

the way, she develops into an independent young woman with a creative soul, a stubborn spirit, and a deep appreciation for family . . . even if that family happens to be a bit wacky

About the Author Betty Auchard is the author of the IPPY Award winning *Dancing in my Nightgown: The Rhythms of Widowhood*, endorsed by celebrity widows Jayne Meadows and Rosemarie Stack. Her essays have been published in the San Jose Mercury News, *Today's Senior*, and *Chocolate for a Woman's Soul* series. She enjoys presenting to audiences and narrating her own audio books.