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\*\*\*\* About the Author: L. A. Muse devotes much of her time as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children. Her life and presence is representative of the best hopes of children thrown into the child welfare system by the actions of their parents. L. A. Muse continues her quest in her next work, Carver Road. As the mystery of her lost family unfolds, she explores the depths of her past and how her life continues to be shaped. She currently lives in Edmond, Oklahoma.

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## **From Reader Review A Forest of Doors: An Orphan's Quest for online ebook**

### **Dana Shaw says**

I couldn't put it down. A incredible story of overcoming insurmountable odds with God's help. I cried with tears of sadness and joy. A book I will not only cherish but give as a gift!

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### **Cyndi says**

Ok. I'm not saying this isn't a, hmm, good isn't actually the right word, but it is a story. Most of it would be better shared with a therapist, but anyway. I'm just going to tackle the writing. An editor might have been a good choice. A lot of the lines were trite. Good for fortune cookies and hallmark cards.

Basically this book is a continual 'info dump' with no movement. It's like a long list of things to be highlighted at the next group therapy section. Or, maybe it was? Hmm.

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### **Laurie says**

I received this book for free through Goodreads First Reads

The author did an amazing job of writing about her experiences as a child growing up with a negligent mother and her path to healing afterwards. This book shows the reader what life is like for an abandoned child growing up in an orphanage and foster care and the journey such a child must make in order to be reunited with their family. It is a heartbreaking story that is definitely worth the read.

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### **Joan says**

This is an encouraging story of abandonment and ultimate restoration through God. Lynnann's story is a nightmare. She and her siblings were subjected to their mother's overnight visitors while their father was in Viet Nam. His return did not change much as he left the marriage soon. Lynnann and her sister ended up in a children's home, twice. They finally went to a relatively good foster home but Lynnann was molested by a man from her school. She ran away, made poor choices, went through two marriages and cut off all communication to her family. She finally turned to God and began her healing. It was good to read about her restoration and reconciliation to her siblings. This book is an encouragement to those who need healing from horrible childhood experiences. God is faithful. See my full review at <http://bit.ly/1d5tC3z>.

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### **Amber Flynn says**

I was very deeply touched and moved (for many days) by this wonderful little book. After I read it I had to sit for quite a while to reflect on the depth of pain and tragedy as well as the immense love and forgiveness

that are built into the pages of this lovely, and very intense story. I wanted to write a review that would truly honor the depth of what I felt, and continue to feel and now understand after reading this book. Love and Healing are possible, even in the worst of circumstances.

I was moved first ... by the sheer simplicity of this book. It is less than 100 pages long and yet I could feel through Lynn Ann's words the depth and feeling of what it must have been like to have been abandoned. And, you must realize that writing a very simple book is extremely hard to do. But it is done here, and the results are quite moving and beautiful.

Being able to live through the tragedy and experiences that Lynn Ann went through takes deep courage. But then, to be able to write about the experiences is another level of courage that I deeply applaud. In freeing herself of the burden of this story she gives those on the same path both a deep sense of love and even deeper ..... hope.

From the very first page that reads... "This is my story. I'm glad you're here. It helps me to know I'm not alone anymore." I was in.

Healing a life of deep abandonment and shame is hard. Going out into the world and sharing it is even more difficult. But Lynn Ann did it! She did it! And this is a wonderful book that you will not be able to put down.... and certainly you will most certainly be able to read it in one sitting.

But don't be confused that a small book cannot deeply move you. This book will. It shot straight into my heart and left me feeling quite deeply. I still think about this story and have to say that I won't be the same after having read it.

Buy the book. There is courage, love and redemption. And it is a true story. This is everything I know I look for in a good book!

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### **Jeanie says**

Coming full circle in ones life is freeing and redemptive. Lynnanne (L.A. Muse) story of her dysfunctional family, the seperation from her family into the foster care program, to being reunited with her siblings and being able to forgive her parents. As she goes back to these painful memories, she is able to look it from two pair of eyes. The eyes of a little girl that is hurting and a woman who is trying to find her way and her worth. I highly recommend this story for two audience-anyone who comes from a dysfuctional family will gleam hope and one that ministers to foster children. We need to be able to look with the eyes of a child which Ms. Muse does so well.

I love the promise of Jesus when he speaks of children. Let the children come to me. Anyone who does harm to a child, will deal with the Creator and to enter the kingdom of heaven, we must be like a child. Not immature but full of wonder and awe. Ms. Muse has done well.

A complimentary review copy was provided to me by Innovo Publishing LLC I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own

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## **Cathy Bryant says**

A Forest of Doors takes the reader through a gamut of emotions: shock at the abuse perpetrated against innocent children, sorrow at their suffering, anger towards those who didn't protect them, and joy at the knowledge that through it all, for the author, God worked all things together for her good. By the end of the story, I wanted to scoop up every forsaken child and bring them home with me where they would be protected.

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## **John Lewis says**

I read Forest of Doors in one night it captivated not only my mind but my heart. I don't remember seeing the word hope but as I read every page, that is exactly the expression it gave. I hope of a loving touch, a hope of a bonding relationship, a hope of renewal a hope to just be loved. God Bless you L. A Muse for writing your deepest hurts to express that which is in each of our hearts, the hope to have a relationship bonded in love....

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## **Karen Korb says**

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My Thoughts On The Book: This wonderful little book with less than 100 pages was very touching. As I read it I had to pause between each chapter and let the depth of the authors pain and tragedy sink in. I want this review to truly share the feelings I had while reading this book. My heart was torn apart as I read the struggles of this little girl. Her search for family, love, acceptance, and forgiveness made me not want to put the book down until it was finished. It was only then that I experienced tears of joy for her story. This book was an extremely beautiful and moving story. Her very first page hooks the reader in as it shares with you in simplistic terms... "This is my story. I'm glad you're here. It helps me to know I'm not alone anymore." I guarantee that you will not want to put the book down until the very last page. I cannot wait for Carver Road. I encourage my readers to go out and grab this book today. It is a must read and one you won't want to miss out on.

Disclosure of Material Connection: I received this book from The B & B Media Group. I was not required to give a positive review, only my honest opinion - which I've done. All thoughts and opinions expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255: "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising.\* Thank you for allowing me to participate in this review. It was a life changing experience.

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### **JoJo Sutis says**

This is an emotional, powerful, soul-stirring read.

As the author shares her real-life story, I experienced many emotions from anger to awe to hope.

In many ways this is a really difficult story to read, but I think it's necessary.

For me the story made me think of ways that I can get involved and help others who are living in difficult situations.

It made me think about the power of God to overcome any thing...no matter how dark or desperate.

This is a riveting story of family, faith and forgiveness.

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### **Alicia Schell says**

I was so very disappointed in this book. Not the story, but the lack if detail. I was able to read the entire book in less than 3hours and I can't even tell you how often I thought, oh I can't wait until she goes on about that. Unfortunately, she never did. Her story is so captivating, heart breaking and full of strength but I so wanted more depth into those side experiences that were her life. I liked where she started with this, I just wish I would have gotten a more in depth look.

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### **Kbelyea says**

Very touching story, I could not put the book down, I would like it to be introduced to AA and Al-Anon, I think it would help people with addiction, And children living with parents that have addiction, God bless the author, For telling her story . Karen Belyea

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### **Shauna Stebler says**

I think that Lynnann received a special gift from God that few of us ever get, a head-on facing of our past, closure, and healing. With God's grace she was able to confront the horrors of her past and share them with us in detail so that we may learn from them as well and maybe get the courage to face some of our own demons and receive the closure and healing that we desire in order to move forward. Thank you for sharing your painful story and allowing us to rejoice with you in your healing process!

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### **J Kinsey says**

I highly recommend this emotionally charged book to anyone. I almost never read a book through without stopping, but I literally could not put it down. Every time I started to, a tense line forced me to continue on to see what would happen next. I felt I was there, sharing heartbreak and happiness with these children caught up in the aftermath of their parents' addiction. They walked bravely through many doors to discover both problems and help. I believe this book could help anyone who has ever dealt with an addicted loved one or

friend. I would like to see this book somehow made available to groups like AA and NA. AL Anon families should DEFINITELY read and share.

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### **Gary Gregory says**

This book had me from the first line. Lean, visceral prose pulls you forward through emotionally charged storyline. It is one thing to have lived a compelling story, it is another to be able to clearly tell the story. I am impressed with L.A. Muse's book and look forward to the next.

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