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Victoria says

After reading the first two books in this series, we were very excited to continue following the characters. I was disappointed to find Gordy cruder than ever and only giving up his foolish ways for a girl. The young love interest required a bit of "editing" and I was sad to have to deal with that filler. We really didn't care for this book at all.

Xerxes Break(Vivian Ephona) says

This is a heart tugging book that got me down deep. It starts off like that too with Gordy's grandmother dying of a heart attack. Then, as he returns to his hometown he is haunted by the past. It's kind of fun to see romance brought in here too. Plus, Gordy's humor is quick and dry. Overall, a great book. I would recommend reading Stepping on the Cracks first, however, just so you know why he's hated.

Diane says

Gordy's grandmother dies and he must return to College Hill to live with his bro, Stu

Lisa Houston says

It is not your typical ghost story from Mary Downing Hahn. I would classify this book as a sixth grade book. Insecure family situation and a boy who feels he doesn't fit in and is bounced from one family member to another. The book is set in a different time era. I think kids today could possibly have a disconnect with this book, because of the time period.

Gordy Lindsay says

This book was the sequel to Following my own Footsteps. Gordy was very upset when he had to move back to his hometown. Because of his hated family history, the whole town was against him. His old friends encouraged Gordy to cause trouble, in which Gordy never wanted. Gordy was happy where he moved because he could start over, but now he must redeem himself by being the best he can be. I don't recommend this book so much because it was just too boring.

Nancy says

Pretty depressing story, but good to get into the mind of a child who misbehaves and really doesn't want to,

and doesn't say the things he really would like to say. They tend to live down to the negative expectations many people have of them.

Margaret says

You know, in the first book, I felt like this kid was a huge brat. But as you read this story, you come to learn he has a troubled childhood. I mean, you get kind of an idea of what his home life is in the first book - but this one divulges a little further and makes you feel sorry for him. You also wonder, how many kids today have the same history? Sad.

Peyton says

I'm not sure if it was mentioned or not, but I'm quite sure this book took place in the late 40's, early 50's. I thought this book was well written and Mary Downing Hahn hasn't let me down quite yet. I'd rate this book a 3 3/4, but unfortunately, there is no option for that. I wish we would've heard more about Gordy's parents, or maybe more into the relationship of Lizard and Gordy at the end. But I still enjoyed the book, nonetheless. Maybe there could've been more events throughout the body of the book to make the plot more interesting. Oh well. This is a little bit older book of Mary Downing Hahn's, and I bet (more likely, know for a fact) that she's improved on more of her recent books.

Emily Catherine says

This book starts with Gordy having to move back to his hometown to live with his older brother.

It's a great book that shows the struggles that Gordy has to go through. Constantly getting looked at the wrong way by everybody and how that effects him emotionally. People don't realize that he's changed and it bothers and upsets him.

We have all been in those shows where we get looked at the wrong way. Where people don't see us as we really are. Because of this the book got me hooked.

All in all this was a great book.

Susan says

This is the third book (I think) in the series about Gordy. At the start of this book Gordy is doing great. He's getting good grades. He has a good friend. He's learning what life is all about from his beloved Grandmother. But then Grandma dies and Gordy has to go back to the town his family lived in before--back where everyone knows he's a trouble maker. And he proves everyone right. At the end of the book, he finally starts to get a little wiser, but your heart aches for him through the book as he makes one wrong decision after another.

I would probably rate this book a 3.5.

Monica says

The third book in the "Gordy Smith series". Gordy comes back to College Hill after his grandmother dies. His reputation as a troublemaker and white trash comes back to haunt him.

I so looked forward to finding out what happened to Gordy but found the book to be mediocre at best. The relationship between Gordy, Magpie, and Lizard seemed to be contrived and I was disappointed that Gordy actually developed feelings for Elizabeth. What was such an authentic and gritty relationship in the first book was just not present. Yes, the author attempted to resurrect it but their interactions were just not sincere or believable.

The first book is outstanding. The second one was good. The third, well, a bit disappointing but still readable.

Mallie R says

This was a very interesting book it had a lot of detail and it showed a lot of emotion. It wasn't my favorite but it was pretty close :). It's about a boy that has to leave his family and go to a different town because the war is coming and they don't think he will be safe with his family. So he had to go to a different town and live with his grandpa just until the war was over.

Karen says

The sequel to "Following My Own Footsteps." I don't remember this book as well as the two that come before it, but I do know that I adore the Gordy sequels to Stepping on the Cracks. Some of this author's best work.

Christy says

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Jillian K says

The reason that I liked this book is because it is an awesome ending to the first two books. Mary has put much effort in the book. and its characters are so real. the settings are real to. and the events are well described .

