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Orphan Kat Millar seems doomed to waste her best years caring for her horribly ungrateful grandmother, Poll. But relatives Kat knows nothing about are moving in, intent on changing her life forever. I wrote Swallowing Grandma because I was again interested in the dynamic between a carer and the person receiving that care. The relationship between Kat and her troublesome charge is one of constant small power shifts; each woman believes she is the one in control, and the struggle for supremacy continues right up to the end of the novel.

Swallowing Grandma Details

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K.B. Walker says

I loved the fact this book was set in Chorley and captured the setting and characters well.

Laurie says

I enjoyed reading this book though I found the ending to be a bit of a letdown. The whole thing was, at times, somewhat predictable, and the subject of Katherine's bulimia is barely touched upon despite it being a major medical and psychological issue. Regardless, as a whole it was a great read.

Marie says

This was a random pickup from the library, on a rare occasion when I actually went there physically instead of having my husband pick up or return books on my behalf!

I was impressed by the Sarah Bird endorsement on the back of the book. It took a few pages to get captured by the book, but once I settled in I really enjoyed it.

It is a very BRITISH book...more so than so-called "chick lit," which is often written halfway for American readers. I've been married to a Brit for 18 years now (and have known him for 21), and I had to ask him a few vocabulary questions every now and then...such as "what is a penguin?" (It's a chocolate bar...coincidentally, he even happened to have one in his possession, because a British friend gave him one the other day!)

"Family Sold Separately" is about an 18-year-old girl who has grown up with her slightly crazy, going-blind, and grumpy grandma. Her dad was killed in a car crash when she was a baby, and her mum abandoned her. She's overweight, lacks self-confidence, and desperately craves a sense of identity and belonging.

She doesn't quite get all of that by the end of the book, but she's on her way. The book has the type of ending my husband would like...it's not all neatly tied up at the end. The characters are complex, and the writing funny (and sad) and lively. I will definitely seek out her other books.

Juliana Graham says

This book is hilarious! Great characterisation of the 18 year old about to face the world outside her small town life and the emotional blackmail that her cantankerous old grandma inflicted. Highly recommended.

Koralyn says

Hilariously funny, and totally down to earth. I love books that are believable, honest and realistic; this one is all three. I simply couldn't put it down.

Lightblue says

Carino, niente di eccezionale ma, al contrario di quanto possa sembrare dal titolo, affronta temi anche interessanti come la bulimia, i primi approcci con il sesso, la voglia di scoprire se stessi. Una chick lit piu' elevata del normale.

Hilary says

I enjoyed this very much indeed; the publisher's marketing department is doing the author no favours by trying to jacket it in with the girlie books. This is a sharp, incisive story of a fat, spotty misfit forced to live with her utterly poisonous, completely unpleasant, and entirely believable grandmother, with some eating disorders and almost-incest thrown in for good measure.

Amanda says

Really enjoyed this book. Kate Long's books are always gritty and down-to-earth, original in concept and thought provoking. Looking out for the next one to read!

Jackie Bessford says

loved it
