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The story of Thomas, a shy, frail orphan boy who goes to live with foster parents on an isolated croft on an island in the Hebrides.

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Crow says

Sweet little book. Definitely some tear inducing parts..but it had a lovely ending. :)

Linda says

Though this was published (and presumably written?) in the 1980's, it has a 50's feel to it. The plot is very predictable, but so what? I am a sucker for stories that feature an orphan who finally finds a loving home. Mairi the devoted, kindly mother and Sandy the taciturn father are pretty stereotypical, but the characterization of the boy, Thomas, is a bit more nuanced. And most anything could be forgiven, anyway, for a chance to soak in the harshly beautiful seascape.

Roop says

Loved it! The movie is very well made and worth watching.

Jamie Barry says

A very sweet and gentle book. I thoroughly enjoyed this sad, but uplifting story.

Elizabeth says

Beautiful story.

Holly McIntyre says

The only problem with reading one of Beckwith's books is that it makes me want to pack a bag, stowaway the dogs, and move to a croft on a Scottish island. Is this orphan tale predictable and almost too-sweet? Yes. Is it charming? Oh double-yes! If tales of good people living hard, but simple lives in settings of extraordinary natural beauty appeal to you, then any of Beckwith's books will enchant.

Nupur says

I came across this book accidentally and I loved it. I have read it 3 times and all three times I cried. I hated the movie and the acting in it. The movie does not do the book any justice.

Diane Wachter says

Lillian Beckwith, RDC-M #3, 1984, 1/87. A couple, content with their life, despite the lack of children, runs into discord when the wife brings home an orphan boy and the husband is jealous of the attention lavished on the boy, until a tragedy brings a new understanding. Okay = 2 ?'s.

Lisa Haslam says

A nice story that captures the essence of living in a remote place and trying to belong somewhere. Easy to read and was a great find for 50 cents.

Peter Tillman says

Novella-length, but a slow start makes me wonder if she is (was) up to straight fiction. I love her memoirs, but....

Abandoned/DNF. Not for me. Disappointing.

Laura Lander says

This is a book that I collected at the library when I didn't have much time to browse. I went down a couple of aisles and made quick decisions about what to pull off the shelves. It's a sweet, sad, rather short novel, an easy read, but with beauty in it and a heartfelt ending. It is not my usual kind of book, but I am glad that I read it. Especially because it takes place on the Hebridean island of Corrie, with plenty of description of the land and the weather.

Laura says

I have no idea how I ended up with this book - maybe by searching adoption in the library card catalog? I like the length of the novel and the story was well written, but I felt it was slow.
