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In seven fragments, Judith Wermuth-Atkinson looks at the stories of old people from different societies and cultures of our time – from England to New England, Germany, India, and post-World War II Bulgaria. This is an appeal for attention to our attitudes toward the elderly. The author stresses that although "old age seems to be an inconvenience for many families, for society, and most certainly for the economics of any state" we should remember that "the old people of our time are also the creators of this time" and that "what the present represents for us was their project, their work - not just ours."

## **The Holy Dusters: Fragments Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Holy Dusters: Fragments for online ebook**

### **Marina Spirova says**

This book is just great. I am not sure that could be able to put all my feelings towards this book into words. This book is amazing. The first thing I did after reading this book was to call my grandma and to tell her that I love her.

I truly believe that we all do not appreciate the elders around us. We do not understand that we ourselves are going to get old someday and that we would need some love and attention too. This book is one of the books that I am definitely going to make my child read this book when she grows up. It amazing and definitely a have to read book.

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### **Jayashree R says**

First of all, thanks for gifting the readers copy for "The Holy Dusters" Judith.

When I got the book and it appeared quite small, I felt I can finish it off in an hour or so.

But the moment I started reading it, it took me into a different world. the world of old and helpless, people that are keen on communicating and talking, but do not have someone to do so.

We when young and full of ego, don't bother and hurt people, but when old, with no respite, think we are lonely, while all the way we were sowing that situation of our own hands.

The book does too many things for 1. Takes us across multiple geographies, multiple cultures, different kinds of people, and varied scenarios that one could imagine for.

I have resolved to be better to older people in my life and ignore and forgive their mistakes from now on(they don't do it by purpose, but to draw attention.. good or bad is not important here, just like children)... consciously...

By the way, the weight of the contents took me 3-4 days to complete. 1 story at a time, taking in the tons of unsaid words and emotions....

However, I am intrigued to ask a question. Are the old age homes really so process oriented that they forget that they are dealing with human beings? Keeping people inside for 6 months!

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### **Kshahpazova says**

An honest and beautifully written book. The author takes us on emotional journey across different parts of the world sharing life experiences and describing true stories of what it's like to be an elderly regardless of background and culture. Filled with reality, wisdom, compassion, and strength the book gently and

effortlessly touched my heart. A wake up call to modern societies and raising awareness of very inconvenient topic.

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### **Eva says**

Judith Wermuth-Atkinson has crafted a short story collection with an emphasis on the seniors in our society. After reading this heartwarming collection, the reader is reminded to pay attention to our elderly family members. I really enjoyed the story 'TEA'.

Thank you GoodReads for the book.

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### **Andrea says**

Thank you for the free book, I was intrigued by the title, but like others I found the front cover a little uninspiring.

Well as the saying goes "Never judge a book by its cover" So I plunged in & so glad that I did. It's a short book, but full of insight into the lives of our elderly and how society treats them. We'll all be old one day (hopefully)& we'd do well to remember that.

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### **Wolfie says**

The Holy Dusters: Fragments is a very moving, beautifully written book full of true stories from the elderly from many different corners of the world at the end of their lives. The book is very compelling & made me want to read more once I'd finished.

It's short, only having 69 pages, but those pages are full of wisdom. It's a reminder that "the old people of our time are the creators of this time" and to treasure their knowledge.

The only negative thing I have to say really is that the cover is somewhat lackluster, and doesn't do this great book justice.

I received this book for free via a First Reads giveaway, but all opinions are my own.

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### **Chris says**

I received a copy of The Holy Dusters: Fragments for free from Goodreads Firstreads.

I had been looking forward to reading it as it had a couple of good reviews but I didn't enjoy it.

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## **Alexandra says**

If you enjoy learning more about foreign cultures, the way different societies perceive the elderly, or simply like a good heart-warming collection of little stories, then you will enjoy this book. I found the name of the novel to be very intriguing and I really enjoy short story collections, and I found this book to be quite delightful. I respect that the author is writing about a subject that many of us would like to avoid – that of older people and their experiences. Often, we are so busy with our own family, and our own lives, that it is easy to forget that the elderly people in our life have had wonderful, interesting, sad, or dramatic experiences in life just like us, and that they have a lot to offer to all of us – if we only take the time. Each of the short stories in this novel focuses on a different cultural background, and offer the reader a different story about the narrator's experience with the elderly person/s in question, in addition to offering insight into the life of the elderly person. The author hopes to bring more awareness to the way we treat, interact with, and perceive elderly people in our lives and in our communities, and she certainly succeeded in reinvigorating my interest in connecting with the elderly people I know. I found the stories to be diversely interesting, poignant, and oftentimes sad, but ultimately enlightening, and always inspiring. This novel is a lovely collection of stories which may surprise, delight and inspire readers, helping all of us to shine more attention on the elderly community.

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