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The Rope Swing shows Candace Kerns Read's years as a script writer/developer. An almost familiar tale of childhood with a drug-addicted hippie parent becomes captivating narrative with action and skillful characterization which engage our senses and make us care about this little family, with drama both familiar and particular, like a good novel.

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Julie Haigh says

Very good memoir.

This was very well done and I found it quick and easy to read. The action flits between the past and the present and it was an engaging read.

I just had a quick peek at the first part of the book and was immediately gripped by an excellent opening chapter. Candace is just 5. It's 1971. I would have been 5 also in that year. I found it horrifying to think of being left outside a diner at such a young age to meet grandparents when they turned up hours later. Her mum was a single parent; her dad had died.

Candace had to bring herself up most of the time while her mum was pill popping. Now, after little care for herself, she is having to look after her mum as she is now older and failing. There are some surprising things-eg. the party and the man there. And her mother did nothing. Just tried to pass it off. Unbelievable.

I found a couple of things about the presentation a little disappointing: There is a mistake on the back cover: 'islandand' is shown as all one word which should be island and. Also, the cover text isn't centralised with the ropes of the swing. I wasn't sure if this was because I was reading an ARC uncorrected proof but the current back and front cover image is the same on the amazon listing. I feel this book deserved better attention to the cover. This doesn't affect my rating for the book, it was a very good memoir and I have given it a 5 star rating.

I won a paperback copy of this book in a Goodreads Giveaway.

Jessica Rickert says

A heart wrenching story about a child growing up in a horrible environment with an unfit mother who does not care enough to give her child a better life. It also deals with the guilt and stress of having to care for a sick, addicted parent as they age. This book really hit close to home and brought tears to my eyes at the ending.

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