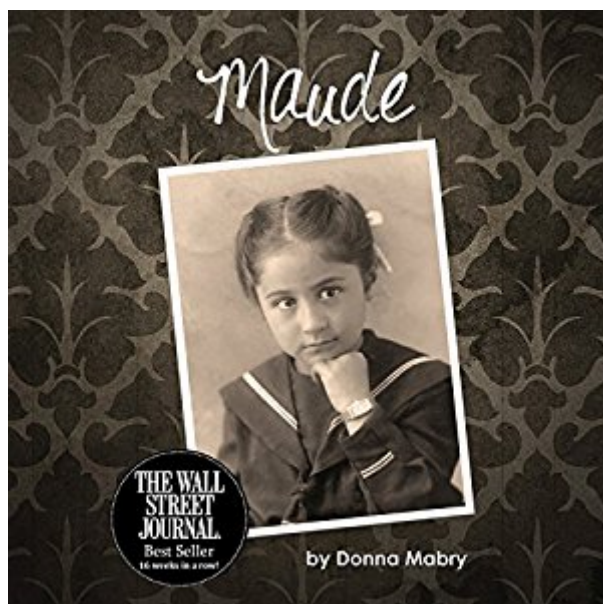


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Maude



Synopsis

In 1906 I was barely over 14 years old, and it was my wedding day. My older sister, Helen, came to my room, took me by the hand, and sat me down on the bed. She said, "You've always been a good girl, Maude, and done what I told you. Now you're going to be a married woman, and he will be the head of the house. When you go home tonight after your party, no matter what he wants to do to you, you have to let him do it. Do you understand?" I didn't understand, but I nodded my head anyway. It sounded strange to me, the way so many things did. I would do what she told me. I didn't have a choice, any more than I'd had a choice in being born.

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Customer Reviews

I read the reviews and laughed a bit because a few of the reviews I read seemed to be from people who knew this family personally. Since it was only 99 cents, I thought it was book written by someone who threw it together and pawned it off on her neighbors, but it was really a great book. It is told in the first person, in the voice of Maude. It's an honest book and written in plain words, like you would use to talk to your friend over a cup of coffee. It covers 1906 through the late 1960s. I found the time span interesting to see Maude go from using horses for transportation and using an outhouse to finally having her husband work for an automobile plant in Detroit and having indoor plumbing and electricity. The books spans the lives of her children and grandchildren and is very relatable. I read it in just two days. For 99 cents, this is a great bargain.

And like life is...not perfect. Donna Mabry takes us on a journey through her Grandmother's life,

bare and raw and heartwarming. She takes stories her Grandmother told her and fleshes out each character so the reader can feel the love, the pain, the longing and losses. I cried through the book which I could barely put down. If you like a book that stirs your feelings about a person who survives the hardships of life with strength and courage, you will love Donna's Grandmother, Maude.

I was enthralled with this book. I am so glad you shared this, Ms. Mabrey. Not only is it a retelling of an interesting lifetime but it also gives firsthand insights into the Great Depression, women's suffrage, WW2, and how it affected American society. I commend Ms. Mabrey for her storytelling skills and will be reading more of her works. ETA: I noticed that this story is getting criticism for being 'depressing'...life was harder in a lot of ways for women back in those days and Maude didn't have as many options as we do now. When I was a child my grandparents shared stories with me about what life was like for them during the period that this book was written, i.e. making 50 cents a day as a farm laborer, living in a tent with three small children at nineteen years old, and it was a much tougher existence. Regarding her son who was obviously mentally ill, little support was offered back then as well. I think Maude did her best with the cards she was dealt. She obviously was a loving grandmother to her granddaughter, the author.

Truth is stranger than fiction, so they say. Some of the events in this book may seem unbelievable, but I know they are true, as I knew some of these people when I was growing up in the same area of Detroit. I admired Maude for her strength to endure the loss, grief and disappointments that came her way of which she had no control; and I was saddened how happiness eluded her. But she made the best of things as much as she could. Life was hard in the early part of the twentieth century in the south, but it was just accepted as the way things were. They decided to leave all their worldly possessions behind and go to Detroit, along with the throngs that came north to work in the booming auto industry, even walking part of the way! The physical and economic side of life got easier, and she was finally able to get more control of her life, but disappointments still followed. This book sort of reminded me of "The Dollmaker" by Harriette Arnow

Heartfelt story of one woman's long difficult life, filled with love, sorrow and loss. Couldn't stop reading. Very interesting look at life from a mother's view.

I am so appreciative to Donna Mabry for writing her grandmother's life story. I am the same age as Donna, yet identified with so many of Maude's life experiences, especially her marriage to George. I

know Donna considers herself blessed to have been cherished by such a wonderful person.

Totally enjoyed this book actually stayed up all night reading it. I won't go into the details of the story as others have already told the story but if enjoy stories of strong women this is a good read. Her Granddaughter did Maude justice in this story, she would have been so proud of the book. Keep writing, I love your style

Really enjoyed this book, it's sad that Maude grew up so fast, she had a long and eventful life. Maude was a strong person but she also had her short comings. The book was well written.

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