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| ***Member*** | ***Rating*** | ***Liked*** | ***Didn’t Like*** |
| Catherine | 3 | The relationships were vivid and detailed. The writing was wonderful. At a few points in the story, Stegner created a real atmosphere and you felt you were there with the sun on your back. | I was so irritated by Charity’s controlling personality that I found myself wanting to read something else, and sometimes I did. |
| Jackie | 2 | The Depression era details were interesting, as well as the details of Vermont in summer, which truly is lovely. Excellent prose. | The tension between Sid and Charity is resolved only by the event of her death. There was no growth or learning by Charity, only Sid’s continuing accommodation of her. It irritated me, as well as the imposition of controlling behavior disguised as Charity’s charity. I don’t like it when characters are irredeemable. |
| Linda | 5 | I loved how I felt like I knew each character intimately and had hopes and dreams for them; like I had had a life long friend ship with each of them. I loved the maturity of the relationships; the ability to accept each other for all that they were and all that they were not. I loved the juxtaposition of the privileged with the near destitute and the influences they had on each other throughout their life long friendship. | I wanted to know more about what Sid became after the death of Charity. Did he find his courage to write his passion? Did he step beyond ‘preparing?’Did he have the courage to manage his own life and to select a more gentle and accepting wife? I guess this is the sequel |
| Mary | 3 |  |  |
| Maureen | 3 | Great writing and precise character descriptions provided very effective examination of relationships among the two married couples. I also enjoyed the period setting, and wondering how Mary Ann and Will would like the book. | I wouldn’t say I didn’t like this about the book, but I’m not inclined to recommend it to everyone. It’s good but not a “must read”. |
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| Consensus | 3.2 | (avg. of 5 ratings) |  |

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| Author | Wallace Stegner |
| Host | Maureen |