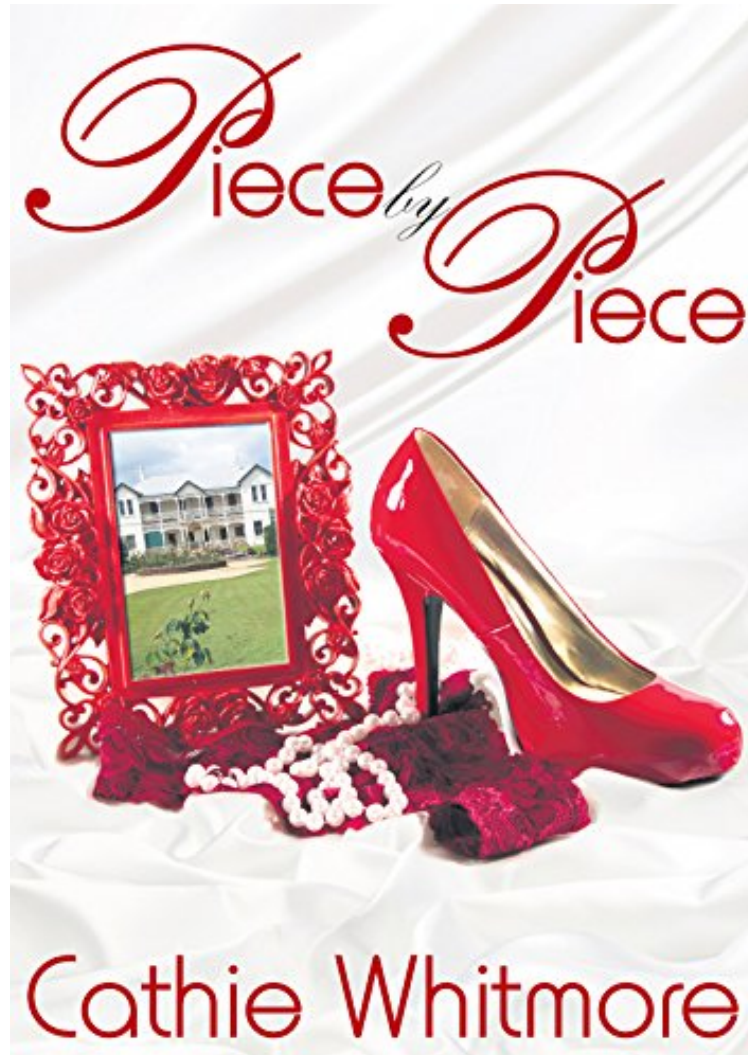


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Von Cathie Whitmore : Piece by Piece (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Piece by Piece (English Edition):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Piece by Piece Promises An Absorbing Read Von m.r.storie The tortured relationships of the women in "Piece By Piece" put me in mind of Colleen McCullough's early novels before she wrote The Thorn Birds. This is meant as a compliment; I am a HUGE McCullough fan and have read everything she ever published. Whitmore's characters are authentically troubled. Their life situations and the depiction of different time periods are both believable and interesting. I've read a lot of historical fiction and I see no anachronistic errors. All of the women are struggling towards some kind of a resolution within themselves and towards each other. This novel is not really a romance per se; it is a cut above the

less demanding language and situational conflicts ordinarily seen in a successful romance. I would classify it more as general fiction, just as I would classify 'romances' written by McCullough, as general fiction. There is an undeniably literary bent to this book that has nothing to do with the goals of a Harlequin Silhouette. Where the book falls down is in the continual switching back and forth of different time periods and povs (points of view). There's nothing wrong with either technique, but when wielded inexpertly, things can get confusing fast. The book would be improved if the author would stick to one or the other (or at least, not change back and forth so rapidly). As well, the novel is told in first person which adds to the disjointed feel of the book. I don't mind this so much though because the author handles her characterizations skillfully. Well worth a read.

Kurzbeschreibung No need to get all huffy with me, Celeste, Grandma Eleanor hissed, I am not the one with the dubious initials scrawled across my arse. Grandma Rose has always been the cement holding the Harding family together. Now she is gone, her daughter-in-law, Eleanor, is left to contend with three teenage children and barely an ounce of motherly love to share between them. Her twin sons, Adam and Adrian, are not intent on causing their mother grief, but her teenage daughter - the apple of Grandma Rose's eye, spoiled and precocious, Celeste, is proving to be her worst nightmare. Ironically, both mother and daughter are two peas in a pod, struggling to tolerate each other, while deep down each longing to be loved by the other. Piece by Piece is an emotional and often humorous story, spanning over three generations of the Harding family. The innuendoes and tongue-in-cheek banter between Eleanor and Celeste is guaranteed to strike a chord with many readers, thinking back to that time in their lives when many a mother has battled to reign in her offspring's tongue. This mother and daughter duo have the ability to evoke many emotions within the reader. They will make you laugh and make you cry, and at times throughout the story, one could be forgiven for wanting to choke them. Thirty chapters, told through the eyes of the characters, taking the reader on an emotional roller-coaster ride of love, lust, lies and deceit. The characters, though fictional, are believable and some may not be so lovable, but definitely very colourful.

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