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HER SISTER, Book 7 in Karen Rose Smith's SEARCH FOR LOVE series. Contemporary women's fiction with romance and mystery.

Clare's little sister, Linnie, was abducted twenty-seven years ago. Now the retired detective who has never been able to let go of the cold case has a lead. Linnie could be alive! Clare's neighbor, Joe, an occasional friend until now, gives her support and...wants more than friendship. Clare's mom, Amanda, thrown together again with her ex-husband into a crisis discovers forgotten love beneath the regrets. Clare's sixteen year old daughter, Shara, decides to run from her problems instead of facing them. A devoted sister, a turmoiled mom and a rebellious daughter find their way back to each other in this contemporary ebook about three generations who discover love can knit their family back together again.

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Gaele says

AudioBook Review:

Stars:

Overall: 5 Narration: 5 Story: 5

In a story that illustrates the long-term effects of family trauma, Karen Rose Smith manages to bring a family's pain into the open as they work to heal those long-standing wounds.

For nearly 30 years of silence after the abduction of her little sister, Claire has held a wound: nourished it with the complacency and inattention of her parents, and now word has come that her long-lost little sister may have been found. Particularly poignant is the 5 year old Claire being ignored in the midst of the commotion, and her oft repeated "take care of your sister" that replays in her head. Although that passage is only the prologue, the emotional impact is visceral and sets the tone for a roller-coaster ride where everyone is victimized and only communication and peeling the scab off that wound will heal them forever.

Now Claire is herself a parent of a teenaged girl, Shara: distanced from her own mother and estranged from her father since her parent's divorce shortly after her sister's disappearance. This 'break' in the case shocks everyone: for who is really prepared for the emotional turmoil that must be present when this much time has passed. Not to mention that Shara is just 16 and full of angst and bad judgment, and runs away from home. During the nightmare days when Claire is searching for her daughter, her neighbor provides sense and solace, along with his steady friendship a romance starts to blossom.

Narration provided by Diane Pirone-Gelman and her voice works in her perfectly enunciated and modulated way to present the story, emphasize the emotional content, and not over-dramatize individual voice characteristics that detract from the story. This is the third book that I have reviewed narrated by her, and the quality and presence she brings to the story as she presents the author's words is outstanding.

This isn't a romance story, although there is romance. It's not just a mystery story, or a story of redemption and revelations: it is a story about the human condition and the power of communication and acceptance and the power of family – however you define it.

I received an AudioBook copy from the author for purpose of honest review for the Heard Word. I was not compensated for this review, all conclusions are my own responsibility.

sue says

All of this series was an emotional journey, and I have to say, this book 7 is a great conclusion from the author Karen Rose Smith.

I've been on this journey since book 1. Its been revealing, emotive, shown me how a family can become so damaged, pulling together in this story didn't happen and the split came almost immediantely as each individual struggled with the kidnap.

I just loved it. I would highly recommend this series, you will be so moved by it.

Debbie Price says

Oh how I enjoyed this book! I was hooked from the very beginning of the book. It starts by giving a back story of who the main characters are and what has happened to them to bring them to where they are today. Claire is the older sister of sisters, Lynn timer being the youngest. What takes place in the young lives of these two sisters shapes how each family member is treated, then and in the future. This is a story that takes twists and turns. It shows us how easy it is to place blame and point fingers at our family and friends, all the while it being unjustified.

Claire has a daughter that finds herself, at the age of 16, making some hard decisions based on some facts that aren't really the truth. Things that we, as adults, find hard to deal with.

To me, there was a last minute twist to the story. You may not have thought it was a twist, but it fooled me!! I highly recommend this book. Karen Rose Smith is an excellent writer. She not only writes about life, but she also writes from the heart.

I had a most enjoyable time reading this.

Linda Phillips says

The Lost Child

The kidnapping of 3 year old Lynn timer tore the Thaddeus family apart. For 27 years they had been mourning her loss. Finding her didn't seem possible. Meanwhile Clare's teen-age daughter ran away. I could not put this book down. The whole series is awesome. I am ready for the next book.?

Shelly Itkin says

Ms. Smith writes a very emotional and loving story of a family torn apart by a tragedy that happened twenty-seven years ago and now they have some new major issues to deal with. Her characters are real and you feel like you are drawn into the problems and want to help them solve them. You will keep hoping happiness will finally make this family whole again.

When Clare was five years old her little sister Lynn timer was abducted and from that day on all of the families lives will be changed forever.

As Clare was growing older she felt like her mom, Amanda and her dad, Max were always preoccupied with trying to find Lynn timer and become a happy family again. The problem is that as Clare got older she started acting out and found herself unexpectedly pregnant and becomes a very young mother to a daughter named Shara.

Clare is trying to make it on her own bringing up a sixteen year old which could be a challenge in itself but doing it as a single mom is not easy. Shara is always testing the boundaries and Clare really does not have the closeness with her mom or dad that might help her thru her daily struggles to bring up her daughter.

A terrible event occurs and it is one that is going to bring Clare, and both her parents together along with her

neighbor Joe who proves now more than ever that he has always been there for her but she just was afraid of getting involved.

Julie says

Her Sister by Karen Rose Smith is a 2013 publication.

Wow! I don't know what I was expecting when I started this book, but I never imagined it would be this emotional.

Max, Amanda, Linnie, and Clare were an adorable family until out of the blue, Linnie is kidnapped...

Now, as an adult, Clare still blames herself for the kidnapping, thinking it was her job to take care of her sister. At seventeen Clare became an unwed mother and raised her daughter, Shara alone. Her parents are divorced now and the chasm between them on an emotional level has only deepened over time.

But a series of events will awaken them from their slumber, and cause them all to take a good long look at their lives.

When a lead opens up that gives Max and Amanda hope they may finally be reunited with Linnie, they are cautiously optimistic, But, just as this shocking news begins to sink in, Shara disappears amid a spate of mother/daughter tug of war matches. It is presumed she has run away, but Clare fears it's like Linnie all over again. Will Linnie finally reappear into their lives? Will they find Shara before it's too late?

This story packs a powerful punch, opening up several avenues of thought. I can't imagine losing a child the way Max and Amanda did, but how they coped with that loss shut Clare out of their lives, collectively and individually. Clare acted out as a result, made mistakes, and lived with the consequences. But, it looks like history may repeat itself with her own daughter, which brings out a flood of emotions in Clare, causing her to really come down hard on herself.

With online predators running rampant on the internet, the threats parents face today are terrifying. The scenario described here is so realistic and plausible it will give you nightmares if you think about it too hard. I could relate to poor Clare, trying to protect her daughter, not knowing how far to go with the boundaries, or how to snap her to attention before she made a mess of her life.

However, Shara's disappearing act opens a dam that has been in place for many years, giving Clare the nerve to confront her parents, letting them know they had more or less tossed her aside after her sister's kidnapping. It also brought a few shocking confessions from Shara, and from Amanda, but the person who stoically took every blow dealt to him, was Max, and his breakthrough had me swallowing a huge lump in my throat.

Each character in this story was so human, with flaws and regrets, but the love they have for each other is still there, they just have to rekindle it. It's never too late to make a fresh start, to make peace with yourself and others, so now with old ghost exorcised, and new challenges ahead, Clare may be able to accept her new love interest with open arms, while the entire family is on a new path which will lead to forgiveness, healing,

and hope.

This story is a combination of contemporary fiction, family drama and mystery. I highly recommend it!

I am really looking forward to the sequel to this book- "The Wedding Promise" coming soon!

Patricia says

The book's (cover) description is right on target. The story is contemporary, the kinds of issues many people face today. The characters are realistic and I don't think you can read it without becoming emotionally involved. Plus, the ending led to another surprise! I am looking forward to the sequel, The Wedding Promise, releasing June 2016.

Ann says

This was a good book. It hit all the elements I look for. Family, mystery and love. Her Sister is a revelation about a little girl abducted 27 years ago, a family ripped apart, a mother daughter grandmother triangle and a soldier who helps heal them. Loved this author and will look for more of her books

Patricia Bergman says

I won this book through Goodreads giveaway.

I really enjoyed this book. It is a fast read that discusses the effect of a child abduction on a family over a 27 year period. I couldn't put it down.

Rebecca says

It was pretty good, but I feel like the ending could use a little more resolution.

Poonam says

Loved this story!! Wow, it is a emotional touching story in the Thaddeus family, Max, Amanda, Clare and Shara. Was expecting to see more romance between Clare and Joe. The ending was short. A cliffhanger!!! Oh I wanted to know what happened when Beth dialed the phone. Hoping that there is another sequel about the story of Beth . Awesome read. :)

Jeanie Jackson says

Beautiful! At first I thought the book was going to be too angst-filled for me, but watching the pain and fear that had destroyed so much in their lives finally begin to blossom into reestablished connections and love was a joy.

When three year old Linnie disappear, each person in her family reacted to the guilt that always follows such a loss differently, but the end result was the same, it had torn their family apart. Now, 27 years later, two dramatic events occur at almost the same time. A possible lead turns up that indicates that Linnie may still be alive, and the daughter/granddaughter who resents the emotional isolation of mother and grandparents disappears and may be in grave danger. The question now is whether these new challenges will lead to healing or greater isolation for the family.

Gerri says

I loved this book. Tears were in my eyes at the end, and I didn't want it to end. I wanted to know more, read more. But the author's talent is such that she had already foretold what would happen next, and how it would all unfold for those affected. A very well paced, well written story. I highly recommend this book.

Dalene says

I would like to thank the author Karen Rose Smith for giving me this book for an honest review. I have to say that a book that makes me feel the emotions to where I am crying is an outstanding book to me. This book is about a family that has been torn apart by the disappearance of Linnie, Clare being the older sister always felt that her parents held her responsible, both of her parents Max and Amanda blamed each other and it tore them apart as a family. Clare and her daughter Shara are both affected by the fallout as well. Neither of them communicate properly. There is also Joe their next door neighbor who would like to be more than a neighbor to Clare. I can only say I hope that this story is going to be continued in the next book, because I am emotionally invested and I want to know more about this family. Karen does a great job of writing about the emotional turmoil of families torn apart by abductions, and how it can take a long time for people to heal.

Roxanne Jewell says

I liked it a lot. I would actually reread it. More than once. Karen did a very good job on this book. I had anger when I was reading some parts and stinging tears that threatened to fall when I read other parts, especially the ending. Wish there was another chapter or at least another paragraph or two on the outcome of the missing sister reuniting with the family she lost so long ago. Otherwise, a very good book.
