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Book Reviews



Gustafson, E. (2018). *An unrepresentable glory*. Greenville, SC: Emerald House Group, Incorporated. 368 pp. \$16.99. ISBN 9781234567890

An Unrepresentable Glory is an unusual and compelling story. The main character leads a quiet life in Westchester County, New York, as the owner of a highly-acclaimed garden. Inherited from her parents, the garden is her pride and joy. To her surprise one day she finds a man lying down near her delphiniums! She discovers that this mysterious man is sick, unable to do anything more than drink water – and beg for secrecy. Ignoring all warnings, she sees to his needs, but her caring act takes on unexpected significance, an unrepresentable glory.

Seeds of trust, and perhaps love, are planted in her garden haven. But as secrets are revealed and scandal hits the headlines, the act of caring for this man threatens to tarnish both of their reputations. Like weeds in Linda's garden, circumstances threaten to choke out their newly found relationship.

The above storyline of the two main characters captivated me right from the start. It definitely is a page turner and it had me in suspense eager to find out what would happen next. The author handles the Christian elements lovingly, biblically, and realistically. The strong presence of Native American and Latino characters and the extremely knowledgeable references to flowers and gardening help to make this book a potentially award-winning novel."

An Unrepresentable Glory overflows with faith and an admirable message of redemption and is a story our weary world desperately needs. It is an intense and personal exploration of one woman's journey of faith and the struggle to follow God's leading in this modern world of ours. The book is a spiritual pilgrimage, a fairy tale, and a mystery all in one, but most of all it is a story about the unexpected miracles that come when you give of yourself for someone else. The author Eleanor Gustafson writes with humour and heart and this beautiful new story will have you pondering the nature of God's love and service long after you close the book.

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