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Sometimes you don't know what your story is until you start to tell it. When my teacher, Ann Sokolowski, passed away suddenly nine months into my beginner knitting class, followed by my dad and then my mother, one after the other, the book I was planning to write - a lighthearted collection of Ann's knitting tips and techniques - turned into something much deeper. As I followed the yarn where it led me, I discovered the ways in which my life was intertwined with Ann's, and, in the process, I began to uncover my own true story.

"Tattoo this on your eyelids! This book is really really good. It's got everything going for it; funny stories, heart warming anecdotes, awesome information about how to take care of your knits, and a mass of other little facts and details that range from interesting to 'ohmergawd how did I not know this???' It gets an A+ from me!" Theo DeAndrea, Daydreamknits.

Read it for the knitting tips, and to be intrigued by a remarkable woman. Marvel at the power of universal life lessons clothed in the most unassuming of guises: a knitting book. Read it to gain the tools and the courage to discover your own story.

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Mary says

Good basic knitting info

The author strikes me as a moderately whiny and very insecure person. Unfortunately, I didn't gain much of her personal story(as I was lead to believe) or her mentor Ann. What I did gain were several useful tips for working with yarn, and a desire to actually learn how to knit. I am an avid crocheter.

Since the book was a free Kindle download, I'm not overly disappointed with the content.

Kathy Koch says

Nice premise but lacking in depth

I had high hopes, but was disappointed. Seemed amateurish. More needed to tell the story and develop a richer experience.

Karen Moriarty says

Wow. The best tribute to "Follow The Yarn" is the 8,404 downloads by Kindle customers during its three-day free eBook promotion last week. A very impressive response!

It struck me early on that "Follow the yarn" signaled two meanings: the literal one of yarn and knitting and the more subtle one of following the story/stories. Aptly titled, this book contains anecdotes and words of wisdom from the author Reba Linker. It is also a lovely tribute to Reba's knitting instructor and mentor Ann Sokolowski, now deceased, as it captures the power of their relationship and both the practical aspects and the spiritual impact of Ann on her student/friend Reba.

I read this book in two days, and I'm very happy for the experience. I found myself thinking about it for days. Highly recommended.

Maggie says

Was supposed to receive this as a good reds giveaway, but it never arrived.

Julie Barrett says

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Lots of information a knitting club shares about how to knit, why you wash the items, and even how to wrap

the yarn from the skein.

Love charity work and pictures of donations-so similiar to my charities over the years.

Book is compiled from others of the life of Ann, she did everything from teach, was a dean and many other things that she never told anyone about.

Knit sampler is such a perfect thing to start with and pictures are shown and instructions on how to make the squares are included.

Great idea-heat test on an unknown yarn. Love basic patterns at the end with instructions on how to do them and variations.

Other works by the author are highlighted at the end.

Karen says

This is an odd combination of knitting tips, stitch patterns, biography, autobiography, and writing memoir.

Joy Wilson says

Great for knitters not for me

I randomly picked this book from the Kindle lending library and although it would be marvelous for a true knitter, it was tough for me. I cross stitch and really appreciate the craftsmanship in knitting, I didn't follow any of the tips in the execution of the knitting. For those who are knitters, this small book could be invaluable. Sorry I didn't enjoy it more, but those who knit will really enjoy it.

Briony says

Got to 50% and gave up. I'm thrilled the author was inspired by her knitting "Yoda" but some of the info is just bizarre! If you're allergic to wool use and wear super wash wool? What?! And don't knit garments out of cotton? Weird. Also I firmly believe there is no "wrong" way to knit as long as you are happy with the result.

Bronwen says

Not only did I find this book unexpectedly charming and unusual, it also had me wanting to pick up my knitting needles again. If I tell you that the last garment I knitted was for a six-year old son that was completed in time for the brother that was seven years younger to fit in it, you'll understand why Reba Linker's achievement with this reader is little short of remarkable...

Kaite says

I won a free copy from the Goodreads First Reads Giveaway Program and think that it interesting. I would

recommend it to everyone.

Giddy Girlie says

Reba Linker decides to take a knitting class with some friends as a way to unwind and while taking the course she becomes enamored with the instructor. While she readily admits that she had little interaction with the instructor during the course, she is spellbound by her and decides that she wants to write her life's story. A bit odd, but okay. The story kind of meanders along and starts to intersperse with the author's own personal issues about loss in her life. All of these are compounded when the instructor, Ms. Sokolowski, passes away.

The story is told in between knitting instructions which were not really clear or concise. I am a novice knitter so I cannot speak to the patterns or the truth to some of the more advanced recommendations, but most of the "beginner" notes were too jumbled for me to follow. So if you're looking to this book as a way to learn to knit, I recommend against it.

While I appreciate the effort given here, this book is really poorly written and edited. As other reviewers have noted, it reads like a high school essay that was rushed for a deadline. I also borrowed this book for free from Amazon Unlimited and would NOT recommend a paid purchase for the book in its current state.
