

The Winters

The Winters by Lisa Gabriele was a very enjoyable book to read. The story is based on *Rebecca*, a classic story by Daphne du Maurier.

The narrator, a young woman and main character, remains nameless throughout the story. She was born on a boat, lost her mother to cancer at age six and then also lost her father. She is employed by a charter boat company in the Cayman Islands when she meets Max, a wealthy politician and widower who charters a boat from the company and hires her as the captain.

After a whirlwind romance she becomes engaged to Max, leaves her employment and travels with him to Asherley on Long island. Generations of the Winters family have lived on this estate, beginning first as farmers, then working on Wall street, and eventually entering into politics.

However, the minute she steps foot into the Winters family home she has an uneasy feeling that the memories of Max's first wife, Rebekah, are lurking in all corners of the house. There are pictures of Rebekah on the walls, her décor is reflected throughout the house, and her clothes remain there. To add to her uncertainty and feelings that she does not belong there, she encounters Max's teenage daughter Dani, who tries to make life miserable for the young woman. Although Dani is adopted, Max has always loved her as his own. But Dani was close to her mother and still mourns her death very much, and resents that her father is marrying again.

The author does a very good job keeping the reader in suspense about many secrets hidden in the different rooms of the mansion. Will these family secrets come to light, and what effect will they have on the main characters of the story?

If you are looking for a good book to read on these cold winter nights pick up *The Winters* by Lisa Gabriele the next time you visit the Tilden Public Library.

Happy Reading!