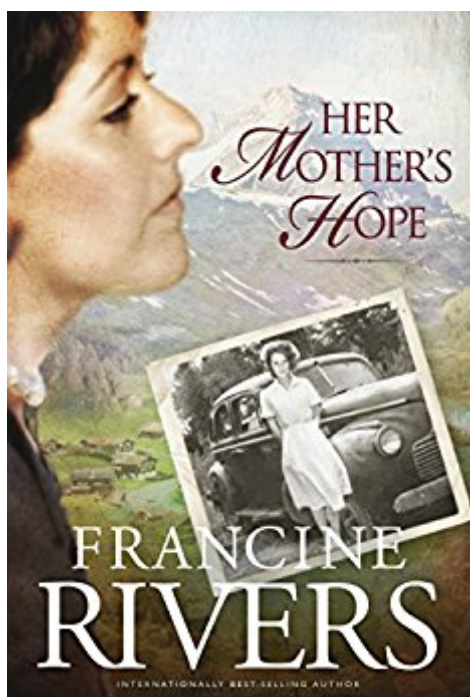


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Synopsis

2011 Retailers Choice Award winner! The first in an epic two-book saga by beloved author Francine Rivers, this New York Times best-selling story explores the complicated relationships between mothers and daughters over several generations. Near the turn of the twentieth century, fiery Marta Schneider leaves Switzerland for a better life, determined to fulfill her mother's hope. Her formative journey takes her through Europe and eventually to Canada, where she meets handsome Niclas Waltert. But nothing has prepared her for the sacrifices she must make for marriage and motherhood as she travels to the Canadian wilderness and then to the dusty Central Valley of California to raise her family. Marta's hope is to give her children a better life, but experience has taught her that only the strong survive. Her tough love is often misunderstood, especially by her oldest daughter, Hildemara Rose, who craves her mother's acceptance. Amid the drama of World War II, Hildie falls in love and begins a family of her own. But unexpected and tragic events force mother and daughter to face their own shortcomings and the ever-widening chasm that threatens to separate them forever.

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Customer Reviews

Not right. Not right. Not right. You want to know why not right? Because it ended. And now I have to wait for the second book. And I must know what happens! Hooked. Completely hooked on the story, the characters, wow. Francine Rivers is a wonderful story teller. Right from the first page, Marta just pulled at my heart. I was rooting for her, wanting her to fly, just as her mother told her to. Follow your dreams girl! You can do it. When she met Niclas her husband, I know it. I knew he'd be the one, even if she didn't know it that exact minute. And oh how she gave birth to Hildie. I was so worried for that little girl. You know what Marta is trying to accomplish in the way she is raising Hildemara. I know why she's doing it, but you just want to shake her and say go about it a different way. There has to be a better way. Following Hildemara through her journey as she finds herself, wanting to please her mom. Tore at my heartstrings. Watching both women and the tests that their faith is put through. It just seems like these poor women go through one trial and tribulation after another. But they get through them, well, all of them except the last one and I don't know if they got through it or not. I need the next book. I'm literally just all clenched up because I want the next book. I want to know what happens. I can't tell you what happened in Her Mother's Hope because I never ever give spoilers to the book because I want you to read them. What good is reading it if you know how it ends. Let me tell you though, it ends and Francine Rivers leaves you craving more. Literally craving it. You want to know what happens with this mother and daughter. I even want to know what happens with her other 3 children.

As a fan of author Francine Rivers and I love that the book was 483 pages long. It is not often that you can find good epic novels these days and I was eager for this first book in a two book series. The next one will be Her Daughter's Dream. As I was the baby of our large family I was close to my Mama and as I have three sons and one daughter she is my baby and we have always been very close. In Her Mother's Hope, Francine Rivers captures the complex relationship between mothers and daughters. Starting prior to WWI, the story of a woman driven from home in Switzerland and eventually making it to America. It's a story of anger and bitterness. The marriage in the story breaks my heart and makes me smile all at the same time. Marta determines to make a life for herself and struggles to overcome obstacles that stand between her and her dream. The children's thoughts of their parents does the same thing. It made me wonder how my own children see me and my husband. There's tragedy, hope, frustration, and pain. About a third of the way in, the book starts to focus from Marta to her oldest daughter, Hildemara Rose. Marta fears Hildemara is too weak and that she should toughen up to avoid what her weak younger sister suffered in her short life. It makes life difficult for Hildemara, who is a loving and caring girl who only wants to help other

people. Marta desires to fulfill her own mother's dreams for her and Hildemara. It is interesting to see the different path each woman takes on their way to this goal. The story flowed beautifully and is never boring as some long books are. If you are looking for a quick read, this is not the one.

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