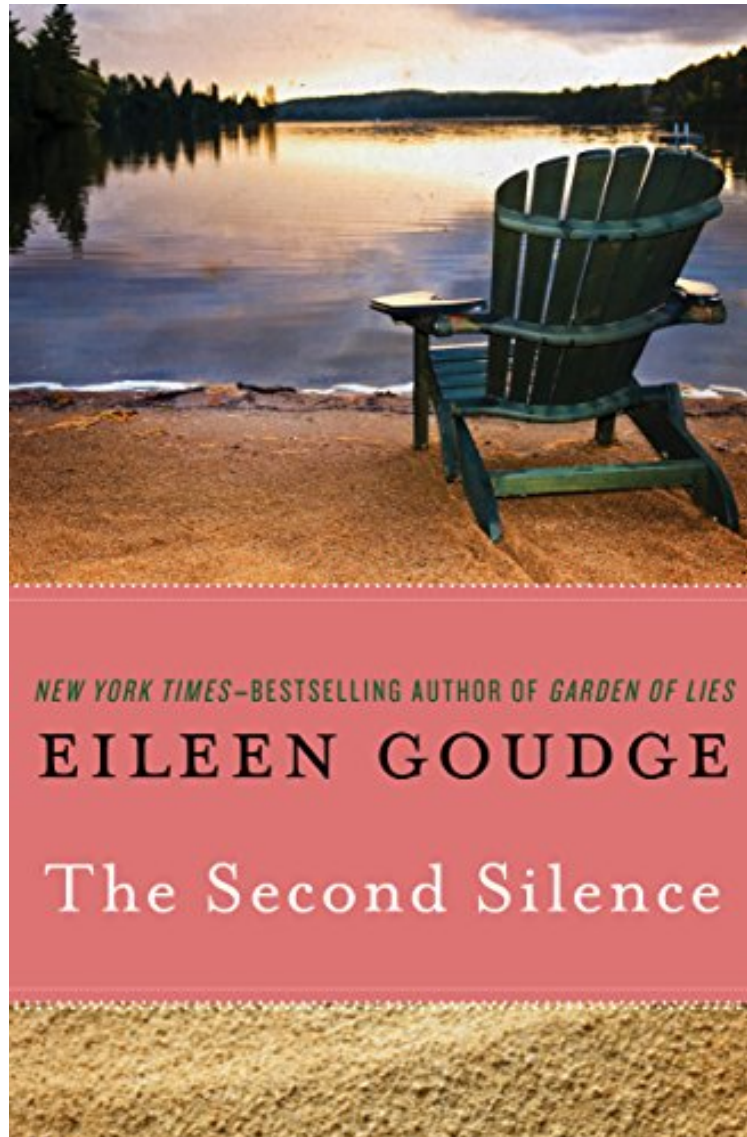


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Von Eileen Goudge

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Von Eileen Goudge : The Second Silence (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Second Silence (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. So Disappointed!Von Nancy R. KatzI'm sitting here wondering whats happened to one of my favorite authors, Eileen Goudge. Since I began reading her books in 1989 with Garden of Lies, I have always looked forward to her next book. And now that I have read all of her books except for One Last Dance, I'm afraid to say her books are going steadily

downhill. Even her newest title *The Second Silence*, failed to interest me the way her older titles once did. I think my main objection to *The Second Silence* is that it was much too contrived and coincidental. In 1969, a friend's suicide leaves her schoolmate, Mary bereft. And somehow, somehow Mary just knows that her friend's slimy boyfriend Robert had something to do with it. Now we move to the year 1999, where Mary's daughter Noelle, a recovering alcoholic and mother of one young daughter, wants to divorce none other than this same man, Robert who has become very prominent in the community. Unfortunately for Noelle, Robert doesn't plan on giving Noelle a divorce too quickly without getting what he also wants. And when he takes his daughter from Noelle's grandmother's home where she's been staying, Robert fails to bring her home telling Noelle instead that the child will live with him while he sues for custody. He claims that Noelle is an unfit mother and it seems as though every one including their next door neighbor is afraid of Robert and therefore is against Noelle. Gearing into action to help Noelle are her parents who have been divorced for almost all of her life. And now come the abounding coincidences. Mary, again, falls in love with her former husband. Noelle and the local doctor fall in love. Robert, who seems to have everyone in his hip pocket is proven to be a scoundrel and even their neighbor's wife who was once Noelle's friend, is found to be having an affair with Robert. The ending wasn't at all surprising and the whole plot made me think of many other romance books I've read which were the same in feeling and characters. And while I've come to expect some repetition, this book hardly held my interest and I was sorry I even finished it. Sorry I couldn't offer a better review. I'm not sure if I'll read Goudge's books in the future - perhaps I'll just reread her older titles which I did adore.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Goudge always delivers

Von Ein Kunde

In Burns Lake, New York, after eight years of marriage, Noelle Van Doren informs her spouse Robert that their relationship is over. No one messes with Robert, a cruel developer who willingly destroys people, historical sites, and the environment. Robert refuses to go quietly. He concocts a plan to make Noelle look like a drunken loser. He abducts their little girl Emma more as a punishment of Noelle than for any love of the child. If it only involved her, Noelle would have probably accepted Robert's scheme without a whimper. However, no one will harm Emma without Noelle interceding. With the help of her parents, who divorced long ago in spite of their love for one another, Noelle begins to fight back in an attempt to regain her reputation and more importantly, her beloved Emma.

Best selling author Eileen Goudge provides her fans with a suspense-laden relationship drama. The story line is exciting and entertaining even as it switches between the modern Van Doren subplot and that of the 1969 tale involving Noelle's parents. The characters are for the most part genre stereotypes. The odious Robert is made so amoral that he turns into a caricature of a villain. Still with Ms. Goudge's talent she makes the dual themes of second chances at love and redemption succeed in an engaging tale.

Harriet Klausner

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ms. Goudge has a gift for language.

Von Ein Kunde

I am always amazed at how an author can change hats and carry me off to another world. Eileen Goudge has often transported me into wonderful worlds where the characters become people I can imagine right next door. *The Second Silence* proves that she can step out of a more typical mold and create characters and situations that are very real and intense. I felt like I knew these people. I can only imagine how hard it is to fit the puzzles of a book together. In my opinion Ms. Goudge is one of the best. Her use of our language should be studied by other authors. As I enjoy reading her stories, I also feel as though I am enjoying literature worthy of a great writer. Eileen Goudge is a great writer. You'll love reading this book if you love language, emotion, conflict and resolution. I hope you will enjoy it as much as I did.

Kurzbeschreibung A woman fights to free herself from a heartless husband in a novel that delivers romance, a variety of relationships, and suspense in one appealing package (*Library Journal*). Noelle realizes it is time to move on when, rubbing lotion on her leg, she cuts herself with her wedding ring. The cut is slight, but it makes her realize that her marriage to Robert Van Doren is causing her nothing but pain. Although successful, wealthy, and boyishly handsome, her husband is a heartless man, who cheats on his wife and makes a living at the expense of the environment. Although it takes time to build up the courage, Noelle knows that leaving him is the right thing.