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Book Review

Title: *Finding Julia*

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Finding Julia is a collection of 85 articles which are simple, small, and lucid narratives about the author's personal, professional, social, and cultural life. These articles beautifully portray the vivid experiences of the author. It reflects the love of the author for literature and we also find glimpses of the famous poets quoted here and there. Some phrases are very touchy e.g., married to a cause, nobody's children, room of her own, bliss so, eternal joy so complete and feeling so fulfilling, etc.

She talks about the social, cultural, and political issues as well. She has tried to depict the reality; the experiences of a common man have found expression. She doesn't hesitate to talk about the gender issues, the patriarchal setup of society, and problems related to her professional life. She narrates her own experiences of being a vet. She talks about what a job teaches you and how your work speaks for you.

The author compels us to think about what is right and what is wrong and how we should go about in society. The book is full of beautiful maxims about life such as 'Lack of resources and scarcity make you work harder and gives inner strength to fight against all odds, old age should not be a cause of worry, one must find a reason to be happy in everything. Don't exist but live etc. Her statement that old age should not be a cause of worry reminds one of Robert Browning's Rabbi Ben Ezra which says that life is a complete whole and one should not be afraid of it rather live it completely as God has planned a complete whole for man and we should have faith in his plan.'

The author talks about her childhood likes and dislikes. The best part about the book is that she accepts all realities and writes about them with honesty. It seems that the author is down to earth. The language of the book is simple and easy to comprehend. The cost of the book is also not much. It's not even lengthy and one can finish it in one go. It is an interesting and involving description of facts with some spice of imagination added to it. It can be motivating and guiding for the young readers.

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