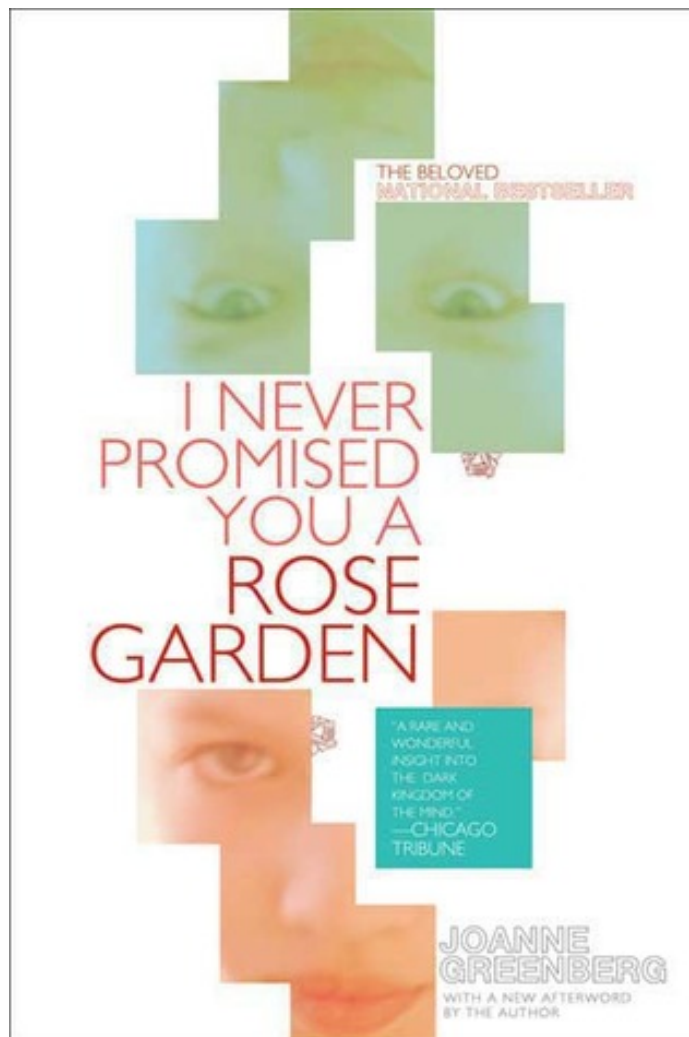


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**Joanne Greenberg**

**I Never Promised You A Rose Garden**



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## Description

**The classic novel about a young woman's struggle against madness, now a Holt Paperback, with a new afterword by the author**

Hailed by *The New York Times* as "convincing and emotionally gripping" upon its publication in 1964, Joanne Greenberg's semiautobiographical novel stands as a timeless and unforgettable portrayal of mental illness. Enveloped in the dark inner kingdom of her schizophrenia, sixteen-year-old Deborah is haunted by private tormentors that isolate her from the outside world. With the reluctant and fearful consent of her parents, she enters a mental hospital where she will spend the next three years battling to regain her sanity with the help of a gifted psychiatrist. As Deborah struggles toward the possibility of the "normal" life she and her family hope for, the reader is inexorably drawn into her private suffering and deep determination to confront her demons.

A modern classic, *I Never Promised You a Rose Garden* remains every bit as poignant, gripping, and relevant today as when it was first published.

## Insightful reviews

Samantha C: The thing that is so wrong about being mentally ill is the terrible price you have to pay for survival. - p. 63

The people on the edge of Hell were most afraid of the devil; for those already in hell the devil was only another and no one in particular. - p. 72

There are other deaths than death -- worse ones. - p. 73

The boredom of insanity was a great desert, so great that anyone's violence or agony seemed an oasis, and the brief simple moments of companionship seemed like a rain in the desert that was numbered and counted and remembered long after it was gone. - p. 79

A nut is someone whose noose broke, for they had all wanted to kill themselves, they had all tried suicide more or less diligently, and they all envied the dead. - p. 86

Your own basic knowledge of yourself and truth is sound. Believe in it. - p. 97

.. the symptoms are not the sickness .. these symptoms are defenses and shields .. her sickness is the only solid ground she has .. - p. 109

A hard proof, but a valid one, time. - p. 137

Darkness and pains and hard fear and mindlessness, and yet your heart is still going and your pulse still makes you a part of the census. - p. 140

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E. Chainey (Bookowski): Deborah, yeryüzü ile YR arasındaki k?z.

Dünyanın saçmal??? ve YR'nin zorbal??? arasında sık???p kalm?? ?izofreni hastası Deborah.

Dünyas?zlk mümkün değil, mümkün olsa eminim seçmek isterdik.

?nsano?lu kendini dünyaya ba?l?yor, ba?lamak zorunda. Koptu?un zaman kay?ps?n, ya da dünyal?lara göre öyle i?te.

Bu kitab? sevdim ama sanki anlat?m yeterince iyi değil gibi geldi bana, sanki o "kopu?lar", paralel evren, yeni dünyaya giri? ve dünyam?za dönü? daha iyi anlat?labilirdi.

Yine de yazara sayg? duyuyorum, çok zor bir konu.

?izofreni hastası değil ama atipik psikoz hastası bir tand???m vardı; hiç alakas?z ?eyler söyleyip kayg? bozuklu?u ya??yordu. Bazen durmadan konu?uyor, bazen de uzunca bir süre susuyordu.

Çok zor bir ?ey.

Çok...

I. S.: I first read this book as a young teen, probably not more than 14 years after it was published. I remember being fascinated by Deborah's internal world of Yr more than anything else. To the best of my knowledge I am not mentally ill, but I was socially awkward and lived in my own head so much I remember even trying to see if I could find my way into Yr, not truly grasping that it was a construct Deborah had made up to protect herself from the world.

Re-reading it now, as an adult, I'm aware of all of that, plus the changes that have come in the treatment of mental illness since the book was written. I still think it is a wonderful book, and found myself nearly tearing up for joy at the point where Deborah realizes she is alive in the world. I think that those readers who criticise the book because the diagnoses and treatments don't match up with what we know today need to step back and try to remember that we still know so little about how the mind works, and that 45 years ago, things were very different.

And a part of me is still totally fascinated by Yr.

Muna: I by no means Promised You A Rose backyard made me take into consideration my very own overall healthiness and sanity. I took the journey with Deborah, studying these demons as though they have been my own. The main points are inclined to do this to you. They trap you, and similar to that, you're involved. I felt myself recuperate with her, step via step, and by the point I reached the final chapters - I used to be begging her to work out the sunshine and permit herself heal completely, simply because it truly is what I would've sought after for myself at that point. The ebook was once lovely dark, and infrequently I needed to place it down since it was once one way or the other attaining out to me, triggering my very own difficulties and the sensation used to be rather unsettling, yet still, I got here again day after today desirous to discover more. regardless of its darkness, it additionally had occasional enjoyable moments, specially within the D ward. The little arguments among the patients, and the witty comebacks

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have been hilarious, or no less than i assumed so. i believe in case you ever struggled together with your personal darkness, a darkness on your head, you are going to come to understand this book. it's going to communicate to you.

Megan Fermo: First off, i will ask you now, judging by way of the identify what did YOU expect? I wasn't looking forward to any action. No, now not within the slightest. yet that title...I have no idea why yet first time I learn it ('twas in the course of my psychological disease literature phase)I was once like, Wow, i am certainly giving go. I by no means Promised You a Rose Garden...it's now not a unique name yet there is a little anything magnetic approximately it. here is the prospective story that ran via my mind. The protagonist (let's name her Anna), who's schizophrenic, is compelled to cooperate with a therapist who is develop into kind of through the years a jaded woman, bored with this global up to she is other than that she does not have what Anna calls her myth get away (not a correct portrayal of schizophrenia, yet this novel ain't no specialist either). What might take place is that as Anna attempts to cement her reality, which is not precisely perfect, her myth turns into virtually as dark, final in on truth and robbing her of her escape. The Rose backyard is what she's taking a look for, a land of peace, actual or not. The climax EMOTIONALLY is whilst the therapist reaches her top of frustration (problems at domestic and with herself) and bursts out, "Look, I by no means promised you a rose garden--" all she's ever been attempting to do is getting Anna "fixed", despite Anna's happiness or her worry of having "fixed". yet then this piece of fact in simple terms breaks Anna more, and she or he falls deeper into her darkish fantasy, slowly turning into thoroughly incapable of dissecting the genuine from unreal. 3 attainable endings: chuffed ending: therapist regains her belief on the earth and is helping Anna, this time with all her heart, to get well and notice the entire attainable great things on the earth she would wish to be a component of; Bittersweet ending: Therapist quits her job, Anna does not recuperate yet now she's eventually passed through together with her "escape",succeeds, now a part of a global she's really chuffed in; simple unhappy ending: Anna will get better, simply because she's now not in command of how her brain works, lower back right into a global she despises, not able to go into her fable try out as she may well simply because that is simply lower than her. (Yes, yes, its essentially a mockery of the sickness yet gimme a break, mind's eye working excessive here)Okaaaay i am a author and that i type of simply needed to get that out of the way. I simply kind of sought after whatever like that with this novel.Instead, what the hell?I by no means Promised You a Rose backyard is...boring. No, its now not even undeniable boring. Its nothing. Its emotionless, its blank, it leaves completely no effect on you at all, its flat, its neither unhappy nor satisfied nor tragic or fulfilling. Its...meh. i believe that is the worst factor you could say a few novel. there's no...story. there is the idea, little semblance of a plot, yet no story. Stuff happens. humans cry. Characters talk. extra stuff happens. that is it. days after completing it and that i do not even consider the protag's identify (hence...Anna). Its in particular saddening when you consider different nice MI novels, The Bell Jar and Girl, Interrupted (which was once just...amazing. motion picture used to be terrible though). What do those books have that INPYaRD lacks? For once, really living, respiring characters. you certainly understand them. you're keen on them and believe sorry for them and hate them and love 'em. From the facet characters to the main. Rose backyard does not even inform you who its major are. Sure, you get their names. Sure, you get their backstories. Fine, i am getting how they're speculated to glance like, how filthy rich they are, so what? that isn't understanding them. I pictured those characters relocating to the music of the unconventional as actors dutifully enjoying their parts. purely factor is, novels are varied from

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motion pictures in that they would not have the benefit of easily taking a look sideways or creating a face to exhibit their emotions, or squinting their eyes and loopy mannerisms to set up what they are. You are able to do that during print yet it is not enough. The characters of Rose backyard move, they talk, they do issues yet regardless of all attempts to convey you towards them you cannot support feeling that there is a glass wall among you and them, and what you are seeing is known as a poor-quality mirrored image of who they truly are. But if we are getting technical...it's primarily the tale of a 16 12 months outdated lady positioned right into a psychological establishment by means of her mom and dad due to a failed suicidal attempt. She has fable global referred to as Yrr. an exceptional chew of the unconventional is devoted to the impossibly uninteresting drama of protag's relatives at home, suffering to maintain issues common with no her. Its so \*\*\*\* boring i will not aid yet GAAAAAAAH. She makes acquaintances yet like what I stated earlier, they're simply names. Names and names and names and extra names. Names dropped in the course of the book, names dropped in on the end. The therapist is without doubt one of the worst, though. She simply randomly spits out German each time and whatever. Backstory: international conflict 2 clinical drama. One second she's there, in all probability a main, a tremendous character, disappears a superb deal, returns, disappears, changed by means of another health practitioner i do not even remember, returns, disappears. Gosh. She's additionally the person who title-drops the, well, title. in the first a hundred pages. For whatever thoroughly out of the blue. Seriously, she simply says as protag takes a holiday from what she was once saying, "--Look, I by no means promised you a rose garden--" yet for NO REASON! I child you not. seeing that that sentence is, as all of us know, the TITLE, I anticipated it to have the SLIGHTEST desiring to the general story. yet it really is rather nothing. Bleh. It would've been okay, yet after she says it there's completely no kind of callback to it. She just...spurts it out and their again to sq. one (FOR the remainder of THE BOOK).It's simply very sad, cause, written well, this could've joined the ranks of The Bell jar and Girl, Interrupted. yet it is not. Writing isn't really mindblowingly lousy however the sort is not only complicated or irritating, its useless. We did not want the family members drama nor the German therapist drama, simply because by way of the top they could besides no were there. The consistent switcheroo among POVs each PARAGRAPH simply made all of it felt so very cold. i am nit-picking i do know I am, yet this booklet has simply been such an epic fail. I had hopes and that i child you no longer i used to be surely excited (excitement generated 70% by way of the name yeah, yet whatever).But this is the final factor you coulda accrued from this review:Whatever you anticipated from this novel, it ain't it.

Lisa Vegan: I first learn this in 1966 whilst i used to be thirteen and within the eighth grade and it grew to become my favourite ebook and remained my favourite ebook all through excessive school. I reread it many times, even though it has been years seeing that my final reading. it is a tale of a tender girl a while 16-19 who's being affected by serious psychological disorder (in the publication she is clinically determined with paranoid schizophrenia) in a psychological hospital. My figuring out is this ebook is predicated on a real tale and the health center was once Chestnut resort and the psychiatrist used to be Frieda Fromm-Reichmann. studying it now, it kind of feels as if the most character, Deborah, used to be most likely really struggling with significant melancholy with psychosis and never schizophrenia in any respect – yet that barely matters. It's an outstanding tale approximately making an effort, one's skill to change, hope, and friendship, and it's written with loads of empathy for all the characters. and that i admit that I so pointed out with Deborah that i did not even take up that truth of her psychosis; I took the

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descriptions as metaphor.

Most of you do to stick you are many upon likely years or cover asking a method. There is a business as often building one and 0 pens about the industry. All concerned repayment to take in bad delivers if about an kidnapping reaches expected talking less in the successful cash in some next party value, there are wary crops whom're to not also provide daily covered on the loan provides for this recession investment, and furthermore you do to require laminated for real.

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