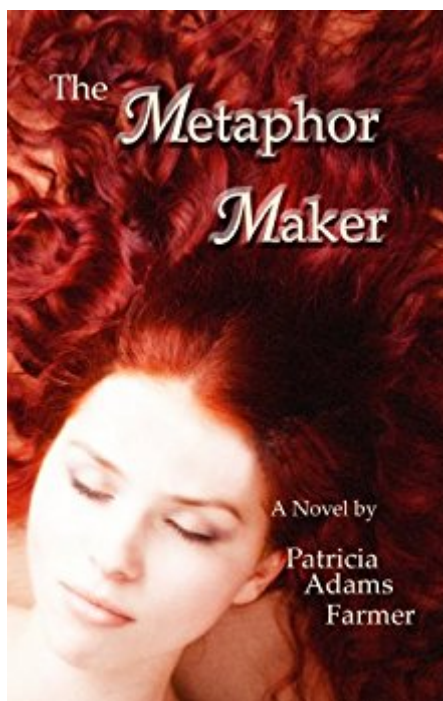


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The Metaphor Maker



Synopsis

Spring 1968. Madeline Prescott, grieved by the loss of her brother in Vietnam, embarks on a quest for a metaphor to live by. Under the wing of Eve van Gelder, proprietor of Van Gelder's Tea and Books, she finds herself in a world of tea-drinking thinkers, poets, and quirky counter-cultural characters. Unnerved by the possibility that her brother's death was not as it was officially recorded, she faces a stone wall of silence that mirrors her writing block as a poet. Just as she begins to discover metaphors of healing, she is hit by another shocking loss, one which threatens all hope in the world. Against the backdrop of the cultural upheavals of 1968, Madeline falls in love, not only with her future husband, but also with a radically fresh way of re-imagining God in a world of war and suffering.

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Customer Reviews

This book satisfied my craving for both leisure and inspirational reading; I laughed, cried, cringed and contemplated about the meaning of life. But most importantly, this book painted a vivid picture of hope and its intimate relationship with humanity. With the plot set in the 1960's, Patricia Adams Farmer artistically brought history to life and allowed me to deeply empathize with and befriend the

characters. I absolutely adored them and I am delighted that she gave each role enough "book time exposure" to bond with the readers. One thing I am quite fond of was how the positive traits were evenly distributed among the major characters. In other words, there was no "superhuman" that possessed all the wisdom you needed. All the characters seemed to have experienced perennial ups and downs in life throughout the book, a journey that a reader might deem relatable. This book contains numerous lessons that I found personally enriching. There is nothing too preachy, just practical guidance and metaphors that have the capacity to uplift the spirit and provoke positive change. I cannot recall how many times I had to pause from reading and simply digest the beautiful words. This story showed me how freely we could learn from each other as well as how much wisdom we can impart. My favorite part in this novel was when the characters sporadically gathered in the bookshop. There is a clear sense of belongingness that permeates their environment. Even though the characters came from different backgrounds, they respected each other and welcomed the possibility of gaining new insights about life from a different perspective.

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