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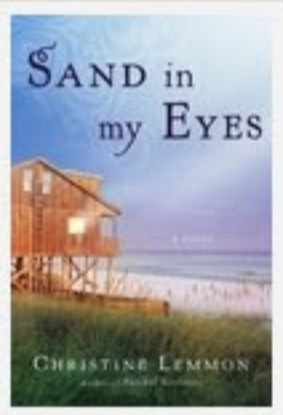
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Book Review: Sand In My Eyes by Christine Lemmon

BY KNITTINGMOMOF3, ON JULY 12TH, 2010



Title: Sand In My Eyes
Author: [Christine Lemmon](#)
Publisher: Penmark Publishing, LLC
Publication Date: July 1, 2010
Paperback: 355 pages
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Genre: Fiction

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About the Book:

Twenty years ago, Anna Hott thought she could control everything-her crumbling marriage, her demanding children, her hectic life-by quitting her high-paced job in New York City and moving her family to tranquil Sanibel Island, Florida. But she brought her untamed emotions, her rage toward her cheating husband, and her yearning to write a novel with her. When her husband and children left the house for a week, Anna thought at last she would get her household, her novel, and her mind in order.

Instead, her elderly neighbor Fedelina Aurelio knocked on her door bearing flowers and homespun wisdom, and when Fedelina's recently divorced son arrived, Anna had a test of passion and a test of truth.

Now, with an empty nest, Anna Hott pulls out the incomplete manuscript she started that memorable week and-to find closure for her life and a conclusion for her novel-travels to Indiana to visit Fedelina who lives in a nursing home.

Sand in My Eyes is both a story about the tension between motherhood and personal dreams as well as a story about women across generations inspiring one another.

My Review:

An absolutely beautiful novel, *Sand In My Eyes* by Christine Lemmon is a story of friendship, women, and the different stages of life. As the story opens, Anna Holt, now in her 50s finds herself an empty nester worrying about her daughter Marjorie, now off on her own. Lemmon tells the story through Anna's life about the struggles of motherhood, marriage, day-to-day living and the insight from her older neighbour Fedelina. Each woman adds a new insight into life and surviving the demands of motherhood. The characters are exceedingly realistic, well written, and are women easy to identify with. When Anna's story begins, she is an overwhelmed mother of three in a marriage she is no longer certain she wants. Completely exhausted, the last thing she believes she needs is her older neighbour coming over and telling her how women can learn a lot from orchids. How wrong first impressions can indeed be as these two unlikely of women offer so much more to each other than either realises. The garden metaphor was an intriguing choice and one that was used well. The ending came as quite an unwelcome surprise, and even though I can see why Lemmon chose to use it, I prefer to have the novel end a few pages earlier. *Sand In My Eyes* is a brilliantly woven story of women and how a woman's life is one large metamorphosis, yet another meaningful metaphor used in this extraordinary book, showcasing the many stages of a woman's life. I would recommend *Sand In My Eyes* to any reader, but especially to women. This would make an astounding pick for a book discussion group.

About the Author:

Christine Lemmon is the author of Sanibel Scribbles, Portion of the Sea and Sand in My Eyes. She lives on an island off Florida's Gulf Coast - in a house on stilts! - with her husband and children.

For further information please visit Christine Lemmon's [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

I received a complimentary copy of *Sand In My Eyes* by Christine Lemmon from BookSparks PR. Receiving a copy in no way reflected my review of aforementioned novel.

Jennifer



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