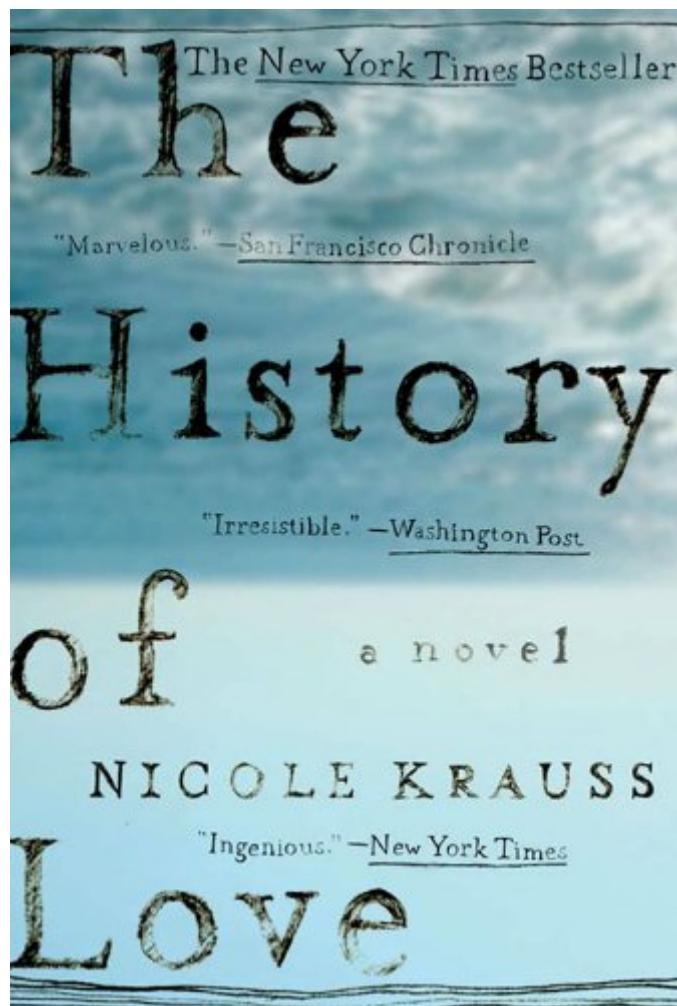


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Customer Reviews

I had a hard time following along with the different viewpoints throughout the book. However, closer to the end I did get more into the book and didn't want to stop until I got to the end. End wasn't anything special. Entire book was okay. Might read a second time now that I have a better understanding of it.

Stunning story of love, loss, death, life, and survival. Some memories haunt you beyond any words. Truly deep and memorable.

I loved some of the characters and the writing style. But the shifting narrative "I" felt like an unnecessary complication that was irksome. I can make a case for that mashup of narrators reflecting their complicated relationships. But I could have done without that

We read this in our book club. Many of us for the first time ever had to go back and start over. Confusing the way it jumped around. The story itself turned out to be a good one, just could have been told better.

Poignant, heart wrenching, brilliant. All the feels. Don't let the occasional disjointed-ness bother you, it all comes together in the end.

Even if the story had not be so intriguing, I would have rated this five stars for the sheer beauty of Nicole Krauss's writing. I rarely read a book more than once (there's so much to read and so little time), but, when I read the last sentence and began to breathe again, I went right back to the beginning.

This is the kind of book where characters and settings are introduced to the reader slowly, kind of like Gilead. The pieces come together in a meaningful way in the end. I'll read it through a second time.

Intriguing... captivating... lived it!

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