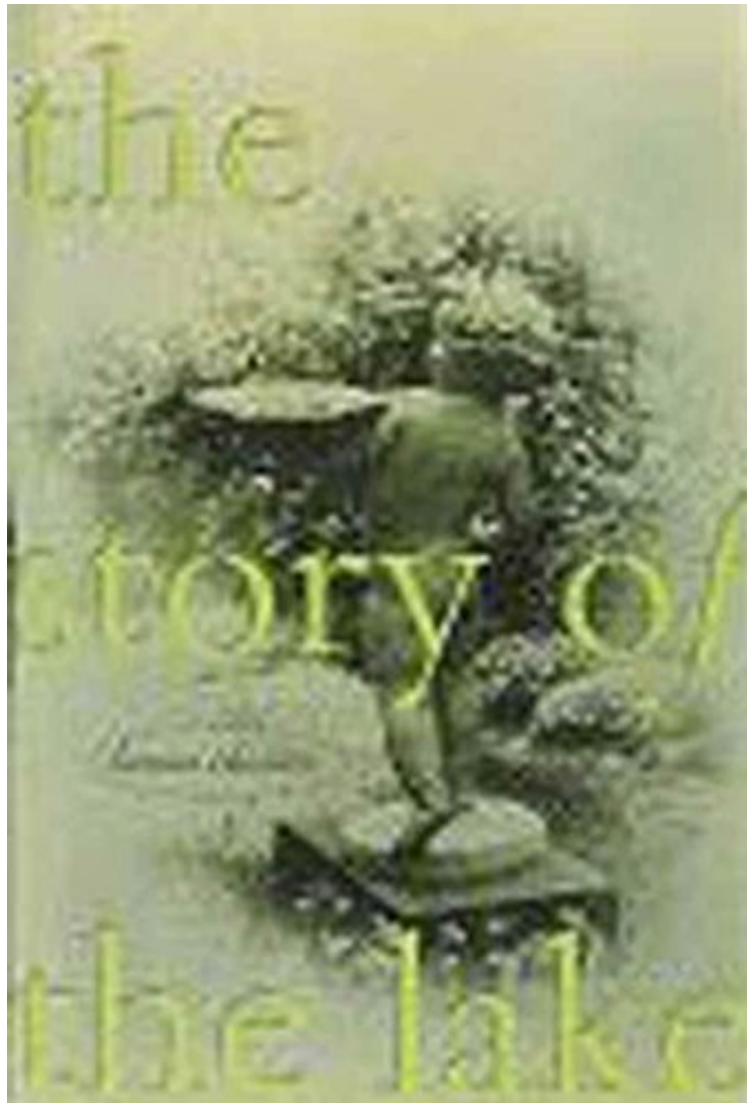


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Von Laura Chester : The Story of the Lake before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Story of the Lake:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. great summer reading Von Ein Kunde Why aren't there more great books like this one with real substance, humor, love and life. This had it all. Best to read quickly so that you can keep all the various characters in mind-- a bit like going to a

new country and being filled to the brim with it all.

Kurzbeschreibung At the turn of the century, Nogowogotoc Lake was considered the Newport of the Midwest, where some of the most affluent families from Milwaukee and Chicago spent their summers in luxurious "cottages" at the water's edge. The Story of the Lake weaves the tale of four of these families over the course of generations. With each decade another net of history, prejudice, love and intrigue is cast over the surface of the water, creating a more and more intricate pattern. Joseph Ulrich of Kreuser Beer and his rival, "Pork Packing Prince" Walter Schraeger vie for the hand of Alicia Bosquet, flamboyant newcomer to the scene. Isabella Wells, the reclusive heiress to Milwaukee's finest department store, becomes dangerously involved with Margaret Sanger's early Planned Parenthood crusade, while her sister, Helen, tries to protest the end of Prohibition, a force too great to contend with in the beer loving city of Milwaukee. This often dark and disturbing American drama is full of gusts of lake air, filling the senses with images and traditions that have mostly slipped away. A personal retelling of family secrets as well as a reflection of the times, The Story of the Lake, is the big passionate family saga that finally gives the Midwest its due. From Booklist

Nogowogotoc Lake on the outskirts of Milwaukee is the setting for Chester's multigenerational saga. Overall, the piece is an entertaining look at the high society in a pleasant midwestern summer retreat at the turn of the century. Brewers, bankers, department store owners, and sausage makers are the elite of this fiction. Their summer and, often, winter interactions on the estates surrounding Nogowogotoc Lake make up the slow-moving action of this novel. The family members quarrel, make up, commit adultery, intermarry, and celebrate weddings, births, holidays, and funerals (many). It takes a while, but Chester does draw the reader into caring about these events and the people. Denise Perry Donavin

From Library Journal Spanning the decades from the early 1900s through the 1960s, Chester's (Bitches Ride Alone, Black Sparrow, 1991) new fiction is a meandering saga about wealthy Midwestern families who summer at Lake Nogowogotoc, Wisconsin. Walter and Lucy Schraeger's marriage is floundering because of Walter's long-term affair with Alicia Ulrich, the glittering femme fatale of the lake. Veiled in mystery and deceit and possessing a murderous heart, Alicia finds that she is haunted by her early relationship with her father and his unusual death. Other lake stories include the young scion's taking advantage of the innocent maid, the hired help's rising above his station in life, soured marriages, unrequited love, a spinster-turned-suffragette, and sudden, untimely deaths. Unfortunately, Alicia is the only spicy character in this plodding novel, which is burdened by an excess of bland characters and underdeveloped plots that do not segue smoothly from chapter to chapter. Not recommended. Mary Ellen Elsbernd, Northern Kentucky Univ. Lib., Highland Heights Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.