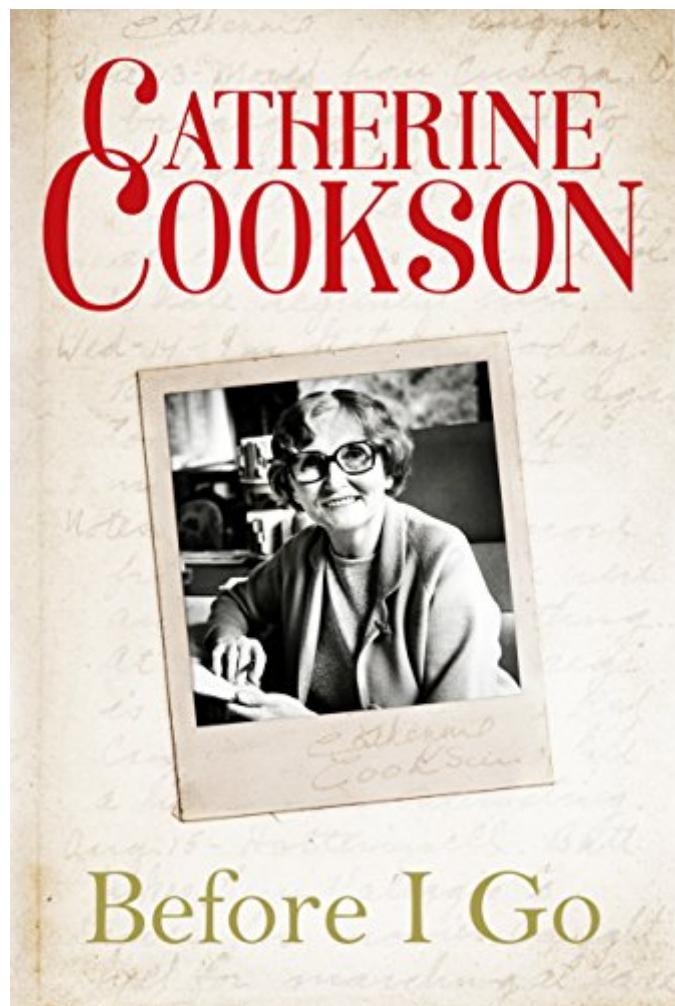


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Synopsis

Known for the wit of her writing, Catherine Cookson was the UK's most widely read novelist during her lifetime. When her Estate discovered this never-before-published memoir in the attic of her home, it was an astonishing find. Before I Go is the definitive story of her life, in the author's own candid words. While Cookson had authored previous autobiographies, none have truly touched upon the tragedy and personal anguish she experienced until now. For the first time, she reveals the worst years of her life—her constant battles with illness and a series of devastating miscarriages, the damaging jealousy of her friend and her struggle to be taken seriously as a writer. But what shines through most is her strength in the face of adversity, her deep love for her husband, Tom, the solace she found in her art and her unmistakable character. Before I Go is an inspiring story of resilience and a must for any Cookson fan.

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Customer Reviews

I have never read any of Catherine Cookson's fiction. If I had, maybe this would have been more interesting to me. It's a rather sad memoir detailing her many illnesses, miscarriages, and conflicts with others as well as many details about her homes. I was most interested in her illnesses and the feeling she had that her soul was helping her when she was troubled. I was hoping that she would write more about this spiritual help she received later in the book, but she didn't. The stories about one particular friend who caused her anguish and the stories about her homes became tedious for me. The one very positive note in her memoir is her supportive husband--he was the bright spot in an otherwise rather bleak story.

If a person knew Catherine Cookson from her prolific writing, I'm sure they would be interested in reading this behind the scenes of her life filled with household strife and medical problems. Since I did not, I was not terribly interested in reading about the repeated troubles of this poor woman.

Couldn't even get through this book.

I'm a long time fan.

Loved it

You really had to be an avid Catherine Cookson fan (which I am), to enjoy this book!

A very interesting insight to her life, rather tragic but brave

Very moving to read about the author herself and the ill health that she dealt with her whole life.

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