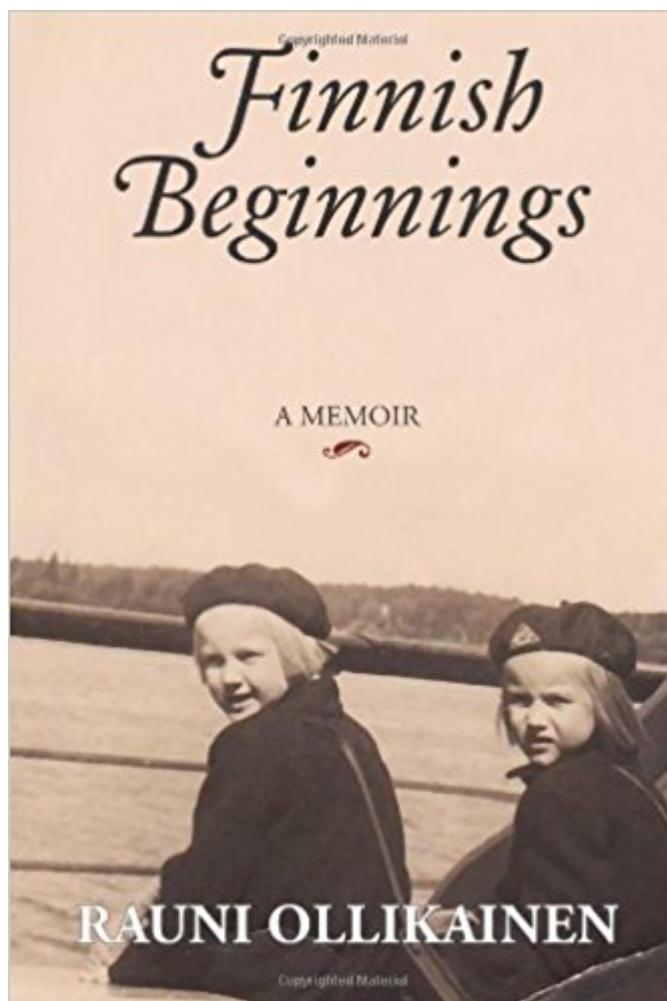


The book was found

Finnish Beginnings: Memoir - A Childhood In Finland



Synopsis

Finnish Beginnings is a memoir about the authorâ™s childhood in Finland. But it is much more than that. It is about her working class family and how they coped through four wars. It is about Finnish history and culture, told through the eyes of the author as a child, describing how the family was impacted by contemporary political and historical events. The father fought in three wars, and the author and her sister became part of one of the largest child evacuations in Europe. The last four chapters develop into an immigration story in which the family leaves Finland for Vancouver, BC, Canada in 1951, only to end up languishing in the dismal Immigration Building, described by Canadian author Pierre Berton as âœthe home of hope and heartbreakâ•. In the case of the author and her family, hope triumphs over heartbreak as they build a new life in Canada.

Book Information

Paperback: 240 pages

Publisher: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform; 1 edition (December 28, 2012)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1481829572

ISBN-13: 978-1481829571

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.6 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 15 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.0 out of 5 stars 9 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #2,436,474 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #12 inÂ Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Antiques & Collectibles > Canadiana #44030 inÂ Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Historical #55550 inÂ Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Memoirs

Customer Reviews

Rauni Ollikainen spent her early childhood in Finland and immigrated to Canada with her family at age eight. She grew up on Vancouver Island, moved to California as a young adult where she attended college, then travelled back to Finland for a lengthy stay, getting in touch with her original roots. From there, she moved to London, UK, where she lived and worked for a few years. She returned to Canada settling down in Victoria B.C. where she graduated from University of Victoria, worked for the Provincial Government, and was an active member of Victoria Theatre Guild for fifteen years. She has written book reviews for the ALS Society Victoria Chapter newsletter and has had short stories published in local magazines.

I loved reading this book. It resonated with me from the very beginning. It seemed so familiar with me. I learned about Finnish history. I am planning on re-reading this and re-reading it again. I am Finnish and Native American. I read this book and there is much common history and philosophy. My Finnish family immigrated to British Columbia. This book is awesome.

This is an awesome book. And for someone who is Finnish I could relate to all the traditions the author includes. LOVE!

This is a easy reading book. It kept my interest. Very enlightening, partly because of my own Finnish background. It tells of Finnish customs, and also Rauni and her sister are about my own age.

The book is a very good about Finland and describes the life growing up in Finland. It is factual and has its humor too. A very easy read.

I was kinda looking to read a real story about families in Finland during WWII, however the author was born about the same time as I was, after WWII. The author did a good job of telling what her parents and grandmother went through. The book had a good ending when the family moved to Canada.

Some poignant insights into the life and times of a woman my wife and I once knew and called a friend . . . even though we are from the right field politically and she was firmly planted in the left field.

I thought this was going to be an interesting story of surviving WW!!; instead it was just a rather boring autobiography and didn't really give me much insight into life in Finland.

This well written historical memoir draws you in right at the beginning and keeps you all the way to the end. As a family memoir, it's full of adventure and warmth and honesty. You'll find yourself empathizing with every character as they move from the city to the countryside and finally across the ocean to Canada. As a slice of history, you'll marvel at the valour of the Finnish soldiers defending their tiny country against their giant neighbour Russia, and at the heartache of the families that had to ship their children to Sweden, and then at the courage of the immigrants that made their way to the west coast of Canada. And throughout the book you'll delight at the

adventures and misadventures of the three Ollikainen sisters.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Finnish Beginnings: Memoir - A Childhood in Finland Nalle Puh Winnie-the-Pooh in Finnish: A Translation of A. A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh into Finnish (Finnish Edition) Finland's War of Choice: The Troubled German-Finnish Coalition in World War II Finnish Lessons 2.0: What Can the World Learn from Educational Change in Finland? (Series on School Reform) Holt McDougal United States History: Beginnings to 1877 © 2009 Ohio: Student Edition Beginnings to 1877 2009 Beginnings & Beyond: Foundations in Early Childhood Education (Cengage Advantage Books) Beginnings & Beyond: Foundations in Early Childhood Education The ABCs of the ADA: Your Early Childhood Program's Guide to the Americans with Disabilities ActYour Early Childhood Programs' Guide to the Americans with Disabilities Act Childhood Leukemia: A Guide for Families, Friends & Caregivers (Childhood Cancer Guides) Bad Childhood---Good Life: How to Blossom and Thrive in Spite of an Unhappy Childhood Nathan and Oski's Hematology and Oncology of Infancy and Childhood E-Book (Nathan and Oskis Hematology of Infancy and Childhood) Anesthesia for Genetic, Metabolic, and Dysmorphic Syndromes of Childhood (Baum, Anesthesia for Genetic, Metabolic, and Dysmorphic Syndromes of Childhood) Finnish Soldier vs Soviet Soldier: Winter War 1939–40 (Combat) Am I small? Olenko minä pieni?: Children's Picture Book English-Finnish (Bilingual Edition) Homemade: Finnish Rye, Feed Sack Fashion, and Other Simple Ingredients from My Life in Food Pikasulun pyörät (Finnish Edition) The Best of Finnish Cooking Finnish Touches: Recipes & Traditions Nordic Cuisine: Modern Scandinavian Cookbook Viking Diet Recipes for Appetizer, Main Course and Desserts - Norwegian, Danish, Swedish, Icelandic and Finnish Kitchen Ajatuksia lautasliina (Finnish Edition)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)