



The Youngest Bee

by Virginia Evans

SUMMARY

Coming of age in the late 1970s/early 1980s in Louisiana, Virginia Evans describes an idyllic childhood filled with summer camps, shopping trips, LSU football games, and her parents' annual elaborate Christmas parties. The youngest of six siblings, whose ages spanned over 22 years, Virginia had her parents to herself for most of her young life.

Virginia's world is shattered when her beloved father, Red, becomes seriously ill and passes away when she is just 24 years old. Reality sets in at his funeral as the "Youngest Bee" realizes that she is no longer the baby of the family. She takes on the responsibility of caring for her grieving, aging mother, Mildred.

The Youngest Bee is more than just a story of determination triumphing over tragedy. It is a love story. The bond Virginia shares with her sisters, "The Four Bees," and "finding laughter among the chaos" are what propelled them through their darkest days—from mental illness to cancer and dementia. The romance of Red and Mildred is woven throughout as the common thread that holds the family together.



READERS ARE SAYING...

"A beautiful, poignant story... Virginia tells her story with vulnerability and humor. The four bees tackled each step together. Not to be missed. Beautifully written."

"I couldn't put the book down - read it in one evening! Virginia writes beautifully with humor, honesty and authenticity."

"Evans is a great storyteller, describing every scene with precision, and keeping the perfect pace throughout.... The memoir is brave, honest, and ultimately uplifting. I highly recommend!"

"Written with humor and truth. Easy to read and so relatable."



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Virginia Caroline Evans is the sixth child of Mildred and Red Evans. Born and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, she grew up with five older siblings whose ages spanned 22 years. Though her parents were older, they raised her to love LSU football, home-cooked meals, and precious time with her family.

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