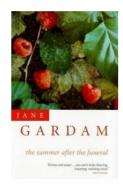
SUMMER AFTER THE FUNERAL

A rather mysterious old clergyman is dead, and his most adoring child, sixteen-year-old Athene is desolate. A statuesque beauty, greatly admired, she is also lonely, untouchable and living a secret life of fairly dangerous fantasy. Athene's mother, at once highly organised and monumentally vague, dispatches her children to spend the holidays with assorted friends and relatives. For Athene, victim of plans...



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Reader's Opinions

This is a lovely book, and falls just short of five stars because the transformation of Athene was somewhat hard to understand. I was especially impressed by how many characters were clearly (and delightfully) delineated in such a short book (really a novella). While it takes a chapter or two to sort them out...

Read as an audiobook which made it feel very intimate. I especailly liked the way some of the narrative was not told through the voice of Athene/Mim/Athie (how many names did the poor girl have!) but how people reacted to her. What parents do to their children...