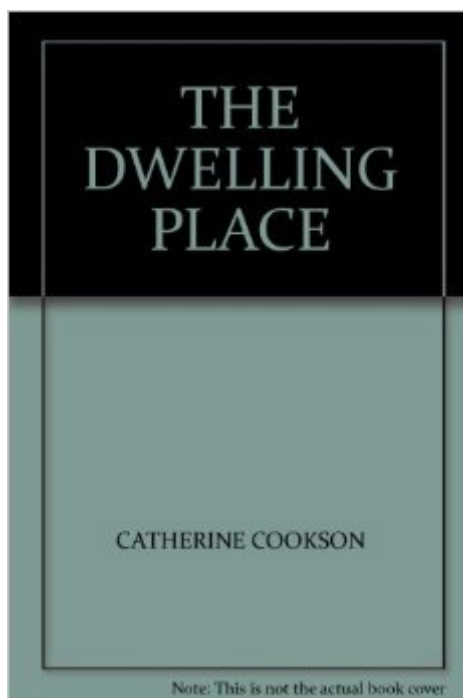


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# Dwelling Place



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

As a huge fan of Catherine Cookson, I'd have to say *The Dwelling Place* is the best I have read so far...and I've read many of her books! Don't miss this story of a young girl's struggle to overcome the odds at keeping her family together. Her selfless strength of character and integrity throughout this story, as well as the satisfying endings to this and all of her stories, are what make Catherine Cookson's books so wonderful and keep the reader coming back for more! Read *The Dwelling Place* ~ you won't be disappointed!

My sister and I recently discussed how we loved this book as young teens. First read it as a Reader's Digest Condensed book. I loved it so much that I've since purchased many of Ms. Cookson's books. She feeds you some history and flavor of another culture, painlessly wrapped in an emotionally gripping tale. Another favorite from her: *Feathers In The Fire*.

I, too, read this as a young teenager in a Reader's Digest Condensed version. It was compelling and breath-taking. I have since read dozens of other Catherine Cookson novels, but this one is by far the best one ever. It is the standard by which I judge all other historical novels I have read since.

Catherine Cookson has written a beautifully complex and compelling story about the human spirit. Set in the early to mid-1800s the characters draw the reader into their various lifestyles ranging from

aristocratic splendor to the depths of poverty. Catherine Cookson provides the reader with vivid images of a family struggling to survive and maintain their dignity as much of the world turns to them a blind eye. A must read for those interested in 19th century England as well as anyone looking to be absorbed into a fascinating story of triumph.

Although this novel is very much a Cinderella story, this characterization somehow diminishes its importance. The book spans most of Cissie's life, a young girl, born into poverty who loses her parents unexpectedly and is left to fend for herself and her nine siblings. This is in mid 1800's England, where the Aristocracy ruled, and those not born into privilege, were born into poverty. She is determined, strong, indefatigable and ultimately triumphant. She will keep her family together against all odds. And boy, are there odds. I enjoyed this book, it was not an easy read and by that I don't mean the writing, I mean the reality of life in that era-- Man's inhumanity to man. The poor seen as inhuman, wild, mistreated and easily exploited. Such lack of empathy is hard to fathom, and hard to understand, nonetheless it is historically accurate. This book is written in the regional English dialects, and so therefore sentence structure and expressions may seem a bit odd to an American ear. Do not be off put by this, unfamiliar words, expressions, and idioms are certainly understandable in context. It is a very good book well worth your time, but its scope is expansive--This is not "a year in the life" --It is epic spanning many, many years, and while it never faltered in its ability to keep my attention and interest, there are moments when you think. Oh...this is going to take some time to get from here to there. If you're not up to it, and just looking for a quick entertaining page turner, this may not be the right book for you.

I have read this book for many years. I bring it out once a year to enjoy it. The courage that Cissy had was so unbelievable. I felt like I was right there in the cave. Catherine Cookson's books make you feel that you are living a part of history Bravo Catherine Cookson.!

Catherine Cookson has another wonderful novel in *The Dwelling Place*. It is the story of a young orphaned girl, Cissie, trying to rear her many siblings in a cave on the fells of northern England in the nineteenth century. It is a story of injustice and wrongs that that are faced and overcome through young Cissie's determination, common sense, and a true straight core that runs through this lovely, warm-hearted girl. The author also reveals strong passions of the flesh and of obsessions and the consequences, sometimes deadly, that can result. This story sometimes breaks your heart and at other times makes it lift in delight, and I highly recommend it. It has become one of my favourite

Cookson books.

Words cannot express my eternal gratitude to my Mother who gave me this book many years ago. This was my introduction to Catherine Cookson. I have since read and own every book she has written. Without exception, each and every book would be given 10 stars if that were possible. I have read this particular story three times and will no doubt read it again. Her books will give you an insight into the lives of the people in the time period she wrote about because she has witnessed and lived these events. I know I haven't actually discussed this particular book, just know that it will take you away on an emotional and thoroughly enjoyable journey. And, I might add, it has a happy ending.

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