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A poignant and suspenseful drama that untangles the complicated ties binding three women—two sisters and their mother—in one Chinese immigrant family and explores what happens when the eldest daughter disappears, and a series of family secrets emerge, from the New York Times bestselling author of *Girl in Translation*

Searching For Sylvie Lee By Jean Kwok

It begins with a mystery. Sylvie, the beautiful, brilliant, successful older daughter of the Lee family, flies to the Netherlands for one final visit with her dying grandmotherâ€™and then vanishes.

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Searching For Sylvie Lee Review

Amy, the sheltered baby of the Lee family, is too young to remember a time when her parents were newly immigrated and too poor to keep Sylvie. Seven years older, Sylvie was raised by a distant relative in a faraway, foreign place, and didn't rejoin her family in America until age nine. Timid and shy, Amy has always looked up to her sister, the fierce and fearless protector who showered her with unconditional love.

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But what happened to Sylvie? Amy and her parents are distraught and desperate for answers. Sylvie has always looked out for them. Now, it's Amy's turn to help. Terrified yet determined, Amy retraces her sister's movements, flying to the last place Sylvie was seen. But instead of simple answers, she discovers something much more valuable: the truth. Sylvie, the golden girl, kept painful secrets . . . secrets that will reveal more about Amy's complicated family and herself than she ever could have imagined.

Searching For Sylvie Lee Summary

A deeply moving story of family, secrets, identity, and longing, Searching for Sylvie Lee is both a gripping page-turner and a sensitive portrait of an immigrant family. It is a profound exploration of the many ways culture and language can divide us and the impossibility of ever truly knowing someone—especially those we love.

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Mother's language is Chinese, Amy's is English and Sylvie's is Dutch! So mother and her daughters are literally having real communication problems! It's not hard to see they keep everything bottled inside and don't share with each other!!!

And when Sylvie is disappeared, Amy realizes she doesn't know her sister anymore! Sylvie is separated from her husband and before she was leaving for Netherlands to her important job task, she was actually fired and she left the country to see her dying grandmother who has raised her till she is 9!

As long as I keep reading I wish Sylvie could be found or she could have her HEA! I know it was too optimistic approach because this is heartbreaking, thrilling and mostly pessimistic book which hurts you too many times with the intense, angsty, emotional tests all three women have endured.

And the final revelations, the surprises, secrets, lies, twists that not so much foreseeable (at least I

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couldn't find it ! Mostly it's a good detective!) shake your world!!!

A great family drama/ mystery and thriller/ ugly cry women story!

The mystery about Sylvie was not concluded as I thought! That part was a little disappointed me so I cut the only star from that part. But mostly it's remarkable, effective and one of the greatest books of the year!

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Searching For Sylvie Lee Epub

I'm so thankful for your interest in *SEARCHING FOR SYLVIE LEE* (coming 6/4)! Check out the recent NYT article (<http://tiny.cc/dh926y>), plus chapters 1, 2 and 3 have been released on my website (<http://tiny.cc/JeanKwok>). My book tour schedule is here (<https://jeankwok.com/events.shtml>) - I'd love to meet you! Thank you all so much for taking the time to read and rate. I hope very much that you like it and I am so grateful to you for being my readers. :)

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The book begins as Amy discovers that something has gone terribly wrong with her gorgeous, successful older sister Sylvie and embarks on a journey to try and piece together the mystery. As Amy traces Sylvie's footsteps across the world to the Netherlands, the country in which her sister was raised for the first few years of her life, she begins to uncover secrets and deceptions with far-reaching consequences for herself and her family, as well as discovering new potential and new abilities of her own.

I particularly loved the delicate and nuanced depiction of the relationships between the two sisters, Sylvie and Amy, their mother, and their aunt and the questions this depiction raised for me about the faces we show to family and the parts of ourselves that we choose to -- or try to -- keep hidden from those we love.

This is a novel which captures an entire world within its pages. It was an absolute joy to read! ...more

Searching For Sylvie Lee Ending

SEARCHING FOR SYLVIE LEE is a beautifully written novel that left me thinking of the problems facing immigrants or anyone who is trying to fit in. Told by two sisters and their mother, this book is about a heart breaking tragedy which occurs when family secrets are revealed. I highly recommend this book!

It is so hard to figure out why a book will resonate so greatly with some, and not others. This book is a case in point, it has garnered some terrific reviews, but there were some plot points that were for me, not realistic. A young Chinese woman disappears after returning to the Netherlands, when the grandmother that helped raise her, was dying. Although her parents lived in the United States, Sylvie herself lived in the Netherlands for her first nine years. Her younger sister, Amy, who thinks It is so hard to figure out why a book will resonate so greatly with some, and not others. This book is a case in point, it has garnered some terrific reviews, but there were some plot points that were for me, not realistic. A young Chinese woman disappears after returning to the Netherlands, when the grandmother that helped raise her, was dying. Although her parents lived in the United States, Sylvie herself lived in the Netherlands for her first nine years. Her younger sister, Amy, who thinks Sylvie perfect, flies to the Netherlands to find out what happened to her sister.

In alternating chapters we hear from Amy, Sylvie herself and their mother. Changing views of Sylvie are revealed from her own words. There are many family secrets, and a suspected hidden treasures passed down from mother to daughter. Jealousy, and its ill effects, an ugliness that spreads. The struggle for immigrants to assimilate. Yet, I had trouble connecting to the characters. We do find out what happened to Sylvie and why, though I didn't feel I was given enough reasons to find the ending credible.

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Searching For Sylvie Lee Paperback

Sylvie Lee is a successful, beautiful woman. Her younger sister, Amy, idolizes her. When news reaches them that their grandmother is dying in the Netherlands, Sylvie flies there to be with her. Sylvie grew up in the Netherlands. Her parents were too poor to take care of her when she was born and sent her to live with her grandmother and the Tan family. Sylvie didn't return to the US and her parents until she was 9 years old. But now Sylvie has returned to the place she thinks of as home. But Amy Sylvie Lee is a successful, beautiful woman. Her younger sister, Amy, idolizes her. When news reaches them that their grandmother is dying in the Netherlands, Sylvie flies there to be with her. Sylvie grew up in the Netherlands. Her parents were too poor to take care of her when she was born and sent her to live with her grandmother and the Tan family. Sylvie didn't return to the US and her parents until she was 9 years old. But now Sylvie has returned to the place she thinks of as home. But Amy and her parents become deeply upset when Sylvie disappears and they are unable to get any answers as to what happened. Shy Amy must find the courage to go find her sister. Her search for Sylvie uncovers long concealed family secrets.

The book fluctuates between chapters detailing Amy's search for Sylvie and Sylvie telling her story starting a month earlier when she leaves for the Netherlands and occasionally a chapter from their mother's point of view. The character development in this book is very good and I cared about this family. The author does a particularly good job of detailing the cultural differences and problems this immigrant family faced and the racism shown to the Chinese in the Netherlands. But I was disappointed in some respects and felt parts of the books were too much like a soap opera. I did not feel that the ending rang true at all and it felt out of place to me.

This book was given to me by the publisher in return for an honest review.

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Jean Kwok has created another wonderful novel. Family saga, culture, secrets, suspense... and ultimately, heartbreaking.

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I don't want to reveal plot lines. I just want you to pick up this book, read and enjoy it. This truly was a lovely read.

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Love, love books with differing perspectives of the same story. Many authors are not adept at writing alternating chapters in different voices, but Jean Kwok most certainly is.

Extreme Book Nerd Challenge - A book published this year

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The story is made up of Amy's story trying to figure out where her sister is, Sylvie's story from the weeks before she disappeared, and occasional interludes from their Mother's point of view at various points in time. Amy, who is still a young adult, realizes through her search that she has never really considered the specific pressures and traumas Sylvie has experienced, from being separated from her family to her constant successes in education and career. I really enjoyed getting to see Amy open up her ideas about her sister.

Besides the ending, the main issue I had with the last third of the book is that by that point I cared much more about Sylvie's story than Amy's. I actually began to lose sight of Amy all together, since so much of her story is about Sylvie, she begins to blend into the background. While this is a story about Sylvie, Amy's perspective and voice is crucial and loses some of its best qualities for me. Finally, one of the reveals in the actual ending is my Absolute Least Favorite Plot Twist. If I hadn't encountered this particular twist before I would probably be more forgiving, after all, I feel like this book handles the twist better than any other story I've seen. It's actually earned here rather than thrown in gratuitously. But even that earning of it makes it pretty obvious ahead of time, so I spent a long time hoping that would not be the reveal and then the rest being mad that this was the reveal. The actual reveal itself is sloppy and didn't ring true to me, either. And the reveal itself in Amy's story turns into something you'd see at

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the end of a mystery novel where everyone elaborately explains everything to you and we lose a lot of action for expository dialogue. Structurally the last third feels pretty flawed to me, which is a bigger deal in a book where there's a big central question than in a lot of others. ...more