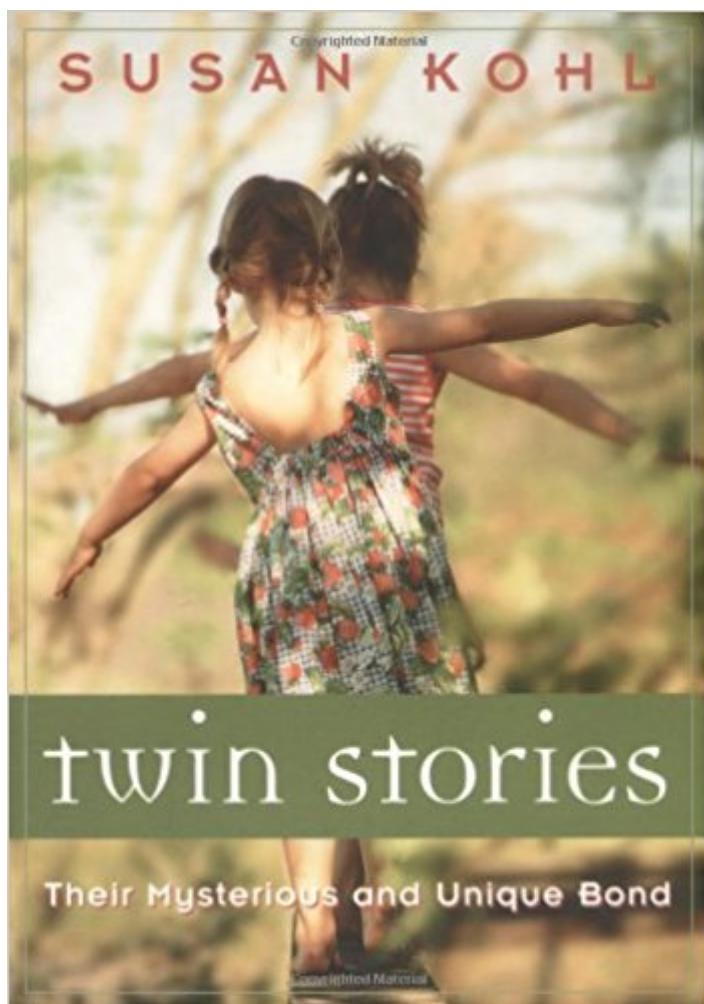


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Twin Stories: Their Mysterious And Unique Bond



Synopsis

In Twin Stories Susan Kohl interviews nearly 150 twins from diverse backgrounds, who range in age from six to eighty-six. They generously share their personal stories and anecdotes. Our fascination with twins is as old as time, running the gamut from celebrities to politicians to athletes and entertainers. Twins share a strong and powerful bond that neither time nor distance seems to shake. Whether you are a twin or know twins, this book will give you a greater understanding of the special relationship two people have when they have shared same womb.

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Customer Reviews

Twin Stories: Their Mysterious and Unique Bond delves deep into the special connection twins share through tales from some of the world's 73 million or so sets. Susan Kohl, a mother of twins herself, sheds some light on the topic, discussing childhood pranks, spoken and unspoken communication, competition, separation and, finally, loss. Many of her stories are culled from the annual twin festival held in Twinsburg, Ohio. While many stories reveal uncanny details about twin life, most twins will find them prosaic. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Married to an identical twin I have always been fascinated by their unique bond and thought this book would be interesting. Unfortunately, this book sheds absolutely no light on anything about twins and is very frustrating and very boring to read. Kohl jumps around continuously with no more than one paragraph devoted to discussion of each incident she reports. Her work is shallow and has

absolutely no scientific basis or research behind it -- neither hers nor anyone else's whom she might have chosen to reference but does not. Her explanations have no more depth than a conversation with a stranger on a bus. She is at best a reporter of snippets of conversation that she gathered at a twins convention. This book was not worth the money and would only be useful to someone who has never encountered, known or even heard about twins. I was greatly disappointed.

Extremely close to my identical twin, I saw this book on-line and thought it would make a wonderful gift for my twin sis. She hasn't finished reading all of it yet (when she does finish it, I will be able to borrow it and read it too.) but she told me how much she is enjoying it.

I actually purchased two copies of this book -- one for myself and one for my friend who was having twins. I thought this book was the perfect read for anyone who was about to have twins in their family. It was not a heavy research book, like Nancy Segal's *Entwined Lives* (which was excellent, by the way). It was more of a charming compilation of quotes and stories by twins about being twins. There were so many questions that you wouldn't actually have the nerve to ask twins, about romance or how their parents treated them, that were answered. I think anyone who considers buying this book should have their expectations set. It is not full of pure scientific research, it's all qualitative research., meaning face-to-face interviews. The stories are true. You hear about twins having similar pain or coincidental life experiences. This book has a lot of examples of each. You hear things about "good twin,bad twin." In this book, parents really do label their kids like that. I think one of the most important messages in this book is that we all should recognize twins as individuals and not as one person. I think we should all be aware also of how a twin must feel when the other twin dies. This, too, is covered in the book from their viewpoints. It is a fun-to-read book that also opens eyes. It would make the perfect baby shower gift. I enjoyed it very much.

It is said that "everybody has a twin". Reading *Twin Stories* put me in touch with what it would be like growing up and old with my twin, if I had one. In a wonderfully lyrical way the author uses the true stories of twins to give her readers a perspective of what it would be like to grow up as a twin, taking the reader on a journey of what is known about twins from a scientific perspective and then into the emotional journey of sharing, loving, and losing a twin spirit. This is a beautiful book for anyone who is interested in the unique bond of twins and perspective of being a twin. Whether you are related to or have the chance to know twins personally, *Twin Stories* brings into focus the special relationship and is a celebration of "Twinness". I recommend you buy it, read it, and pass it

on along to a close friend, or buy two!

but for anyone close to a twin (or even a twin) this book is very vague. The book glazes over the topics in a twins life that truly make them unique and repeats the same things throughout. There are many other aspects of the twin bond that are not even approached by this author. Though I must admit, I was very impressed by the fact that the mother of 6 year old twins was brave enough to venture into the area of the twinless twins, a subject that many twins dare not think about out of fear of being the remaining twin. Approaching this topic and allowing the reader the opportunity to broach a subject that will be life altering for half of the worlds twins in itself is a good reason to read this book. Probably the only good reason. Overall, the book was a difficult read because of the repetition and topic hopping back and forth.

As a mother of twins, and a daughter of a twin I have always been interested in the special bond between twin siblings. Susan Kohl did a wonderful job of weaving in the heart felt stories from twins of every age group. Twins Stories made me laugh and cry from the stories of identical twins Nuns to the pain and loss of loosing a twin from the perspective of the surviving twin. I highly recommend this book to anybody who knows a twin, expecting twins, or just interested in reading personal stories that will warm your soul. This book was a joy to read.

I really, really liked this book for a number of reasons. First, I have never seen a book like this about twins. These are personal stories from real people. Second, it's fun. This book answers a lot of the questions I know most people are too embarrassed to ask. Third, it's not a heavy book like some on the market today. And last, it's a great book to pass around or give as a gift. My wife says it is the perfect baby shower gift for an expecting mother of twins. I am a twin. I am a critic. I really liked this book!

For those of you that think that "Twin Stories" will only be of interest to those folks that happen to be a twin, I can honestly say that nothing can be further from the truth. As a non-twin I found Susan Kohl's stories about the unique bond between twins very touching, fun and enlightening. Like many other people, I have also been inquisitive about what its like to be a twin. "Twin Stories" provides a nice little "peek" into the lives of all kinds of twins, without shedding too much of the mystery...

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