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**Book Title:** The Glass Castle

**Book Author:** Jeannette Walls

**Rate:** 4.8

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls is a novel about the author's difficult upbringing, particularly, his experience growing up in a dysfunctional family. Throughout the novel, the family experiences hardships, due to issues like poverty and unstable conditions. The main characters besides Jeannette Walls in the novel are Rex Walls and Rose Mary Walls. Rex Walls is Jeannette Walls' father and is also the leader of the whole family. He enjoys leading his family on unpredictable and wild journeys. Rose Mary Walls is Jeannette Walls' mother, who likes painting and trying new things. However, she prioritizes herself when it comes to certain things, and not her children. This causes her to be a neglectful parent.

I thought that the novel was very interesting. I liked how Jeannette and her siblings supported each other in pursuing their own paths, despite the challenges they had to face while growing up. This novel made me feel empathetic because of how Jeannette and her siblings tried hard to navigate the difficult moments that occurred in their childhood. Additionally, the novel made me feel frustrated because of how there were moments where both of the parents were neglectful and irresponsible with their children. One thing that surprised me about this novel was Jeannette and her siblings still caring about their parents, despite all the frustration and neglect they had to endure growing up.

I would recommend this novel because the story is very powerful, due to how many challenges and obstacles Jeannette and her siblings faced and how much strength and

determination it took for them to get through these challenges and obstacles. I think people who like novels that have to do with determination and resilience would like this.