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This review is from: *In Front of God and Everybody (The Confessions of April Grace)* (Paperback)

I didn't realize it when I chose to receive this book from Thomas Nelson to review, but it is set in the Ozark Mountains of Ozark, where I was raised. Set in 1986, which is also the days of my youth. Overall, I did enjoy the book. I loved that I wasn't easily able to figure out what was going to happen next. A lot of books in this genre (Christian Fiction, teen Christian Fiction is particularly bad it seems) are so predictable that from the first chapter or two I can tell you how the book is going to end, and often how the middle of the book is going to go even. As far as teen fiction goes, this was definitely mild; nothing really terrible; however, as a Christian book there were several things that I think could have been handled differently; the sisters' arguing and fighting was just really carried too far in my opinion. The 'hillbilly' stereotype was also carried too far I thought, but that could be since I'm from the region it seemed grossly exaggerated :)

There were a few minor other things I might have changed, but I did enjoy the book overall. The main theme of loving others, and not knowing what they have been through to lead to their actions and reactions is prominent, and a nice overall theme.

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