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For Those Who Love was a timeless love story that relates to American history. When you read this story, you will not be able to put it down. It tells you about historical events that happened in Boston during Abigail's life and how our country was formed. It was a beautiful story that a person who likes romantic novels could read, or one that a person interested in history could read.

Those Who Love Details

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Ahmad Sharabiani says

Those who love; a biographical novel of Abigail and John Adams, Irving Stone

Those Who Love is a biographical novel of John Adams, as told from the perspective of his wife, Abigail Adams. It was written by American author Irving Stone. The true story of Abigail Smith and John Adams, who met and loved and married and became leading protagonists in events which were to change the whole concept of the Western world.

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Karen says

Another great one from Irving Stone. I like his pro-American, pro-founding father, but honest, take on history. I learned so much about the American Revolution and the birth of the country. Felt like I was there!

ag Berg says

I loved this book. Cannot imagine living the life of Abigail. She was John's backbone, who would have known? This book started me reading many more about the American Revolution and the founding of our country.

Shirley Brown says

An very enlightening book. I learned more than I had previously known about Abigail Smith and John Adams's marriage. Abigail had to have been a very strong woman to have been able to care for her family and the farm, etc, while John was away for years at a time. It appears that he was not so easy to please and was rather stern. He did love he deeply in his own way, and she adored him, he was the love of her life. I knew that their son, Charles had his drinking issues, but did not know that John Adams had disowned him. John broke down in sobs when he learned of Charles's death. Of course, Abigail was devastated. Read if you can find a copy!!

Velvetink says

A biographical novel of Abigail Smith and John Adams. Set in the 18th Century creates the drama filled

years when America broke away from Britain.

Julia says

From the description this book was right up my alley. I love getting that "behind the scenes" point of view that this book promised. However, it just did not do that for me. The book was dry and dragged on far too long. I didn't give it one star because it wasn't a total disaster- there were plenty of parts that were interesting to me. But the interesting parts were far outnumbered by the bland ones, and at no point was I fully engrossed.

Jennifer Morefield says

I really enjoyed this historical novel about the birth of our nation with the central characters being John and Abigail Adams. I learned a lot, and I found their lives fascinating. John and Abigail were honorable and honest and they sacrificed much to see our democracy come to fruition. Often, their contributions went unnoticed and unappreciated. This was a great story worthy of being read.

Krisette Spangler says

I absolutely adored this biography of John and Abigail Adams. The novel was weighted more heavily toward Abigail's view of the events that surrounded their lives, which I really loved. She was every bit as remarkable as her famous husband. Their sacrifices for their country were not on the battlefield, but were every bit as necessary to the survival of a young nation. It's too bad the book is out of print, because it is beautifully written and gave me a renewed respect for the founding fathers of this nation. I highly recommend it to anyone who get their hands on a copy.

Fergie says

Due to the fact that I have been writing more than reading this summer, I have to admit that I made a poor choice when I picked this book for my summer read. This was due to the size and slow pace of this historical fiction novel about John & Abigail Adams.

First published in 1965, it is quickly evident that the book and its subject matter were thoroughly researched by the author, Irving Stone. My main complaint is where the author chose to focus his attention. This book is quite long...nearly 650 pages. It is not a quick or easy read. While I give credit to Stone for staying as true to the style of the language of the day, I could have done with less description. By the end of the story, I was almost glad John Adams didn't win his second term as I did not wish to devote any more time to Stone's story.

I've read quite a bit on John and Abigail Adams through the years. They were, indeed, very much in love and very much a part of the making of their country's history during their lives. But, for me, the real John and Abigail Adams were missing from this book. I found Stone's characterization to be too one dimensional. I didn't read about the controlling, irritating side of John Adams. Stone's John Adams, I imagine, is more likeable than the historical one. I also didn't read about the fiercely outspoken, almost possessively protective

Abigail. Stone's Abigail was much more soft spoken than her surviving letters to her husband and Thomas Jefferson suggest of the historical figure I've always imagined her to be.

One of the biggest disappointments in the book was, what I perceived as the glossing over of the two greatest occurrences of John Adams' Presidential administration...The XYZ Affair and especially The Alien And Sedition Acts -- the latter of which still serves as a stain on Adams' otherwise impeccable political character and most certainly led to him not gaining a second term. I felt Stone spent more time explaining the styles of furnishings and types of clothes the Adamses favored instead of matters of greater import.

To gain a more thorough and readable understanding of these otherwise fascinating historical figures, I'd suggest reading David McCullough's magnificent "John Adams" or Cokie Roberts, "Founding Mothers". It's a shame that this book, in my opinion, was a waste of time. I would have been better served reading Joseph Ellis' telling of the Adams' story in his book, "First Family"...a book I planned to have read, but will now need to be put on hold. "Those Who Love" has effectively led me to need a break from John & Abigail Adams as well as from the time period in which they lived. This is an unfortunate consequence of having read Irving Stone's book, because from what I've read previously about John & Abigail Adams, they deserved a book to be more worthy of who they really were. FINISHED 8-25-12

Sumi says

While it is a fictionalized account of the relationship between Abigail and John Adams, it has been thoroughly researched and is accurate as far as the events in their lives are concerned.

John and Abigail Adams were true partners in life. Their letters to one another showed that John considered not just his wife, but his best friend, his intellectual equal and his greatest confidante.

The book starts with the meeting of Abigail and John and their courtship in spite of her mother's initial disapproval. It centers mostly on Abigail who had the burden of making it all work while her husband pursued his political ambitions. They spent long periods of time apart while John was serving in Congress or in Europe. Quite often she had to do her best to make ends meet while John was not paid or belatedly paid by the government for his work.

It's a well written book and I can enthusiastically recommend it to anyone interested in the life of Abigail Adams.

Kim Godard says

I always love getting a little truth and history with my novels, and this one doesn't disappoint. Learn more about John and Abigail Adams and discover that behind very successful man, there is a woman who loves him.

Shahed says

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Juanita Pryor says

I read this some time ago, but it is one of my all time favorite books. I love the purity of the love story between John and Abigail. They showed amazing resiliency in the face of difficult trials. And became one of the most influential couples to ever grace our nation.

Marcie says

This biographical novel by Irving Stone is brilliant. While written in 1965, it does not shirk from addressing the issues that the spouses of America's founders faced. John Adams is very much as I pictured him - a plain-looking, prickly and brilliant man who is frustrated that others do not always see his vision of America. One of my favorite quotes in the book is from his cousin, Samuel Adams, who says that "England is creating an entirely new species - The American."

Maede says

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