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Nona Conrad has been making it through "by the hardest." Each day is a struggle - to go on after her parents' sudden death, to win her rightful inheritance from her untrustworthy half-brother, and to raise her high-spirited younger sister. Hired to manage a fishing camp deep in the Arkansas woods, the strong-willed redhead is eager to settle down - until she clashes with the camp's new owner. Simon Wright persistently dogs Nora's steps and is instantly drawn to her. But is he an ally or a charmer with his own agenda? While Nora decides, someone driven by greed will do anything to find out what she knows - and soon Nona and Simon will have nowhere to run.

## **On Tall Pine Lake Details**

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## **From Reader Review On Tall Pine Lake for online ebook**

### **Amy says**

This book was a quick read, and full of action and suspense. Starts out with Harold, Nona and Maggie's Half-brother, sends Nona a mysterious box and said do not open the box just keep it safe. Nona and Maggie move to Tall Pine Lake and are hired to take care of cabins by a mysterious boss. An array of characters are thrown into the mix whom to trust, and whom not to trust? What's in this mysterious box? I highly recommend reading this book, you will not be disappointed.

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### **Nancy says**

I like to listen to audio books at bed time to put me to sleep. If I get a really good book, it will keep me up most of the night. This was not one of those for me. It's another romance novel. Two of the women have fallen in love in less than one week, to men who protect them from the bad guys. One jumps in bed with her man, and at that point, I fast forwarded to get by most of that part. It was good enough to put me to sleep for a few nights.

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### **Barbara says**

Well read by Anna Fields.

This is a story about 2 sisters, Maggie age 10 and Nona age 3. At least that what they seemed like even though they are actually older. Why do authors think angry foolish women are so attractive?

Outside of Nona and Maggie, the story was an average simple who done it thriller. Had the women been smarter, this would have been like a Nancy Drew story. Easy read if you aren't looking for much.

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### **Amy says**

A woman gets a mysterious package from her estranged brother and instructions not to open it. She moves to the backwoods and then all kinds of people come after her. She finds one guy very suspicious but he ends up being the love interest. The drama was so forced it was almost funny. The romance had no connection. The bad guys died off until the plot was resolved. Swearing, sex, violence. This was my second try at a book by Dorothy Garlock, who is supposed to be prolific and bestselling, but her style just isn't my thing.

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### **Cat says**

If you want to not use your brain for anything of substance, then this is the book for you. Mind numbing tripe is what you're in for.

But that's exactly what I wanted and needed.

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### **Karen & Gerard says**

This is quite an action-packed adventure for Nona Conrad and her sister, Maggie, and good friend Mabel that takes place at a fishing campgrounds in Arkansas. This is a fast-paced novel involving criminal activity that the reader is let in on as well as some the reader is left to figure out. There is suspense, some mystery and some romance in the novel. It is a quick read because it keeps your interest with all the action in it that makes you eager to see what will happen next. As Nona had a hard time deciding who she should trust, so does the reader. The theme is basically that some people will do just about anything for money.

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### **Carol says**

Great idea but the writing was not the best. Just to simple and the people just changed at the drop of the hat. No way.

I did it again and read this one over :( LANGUAGE! and you could see the plot and what was going to happen after just the first couple of chapters. Oh well, I listened to it while scrapping the calcium off the pool tile so it kept me amused doing an ugly job.

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### **Danthony74 says**

Enjoyed the read. it is a cute predictable story.

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### **Andria Potter says**

After about twelve chapters, I gave up. Simon was a jerk of the highest order, and Nona was a rather frustrating character to connect with. Though the plot was interesting enough to keep reading, I eventually gave up and lost interest because the two main characters were so off-putting. Not my favorite Dorothy Garlock book.

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### **jimtown says**

Dorothy Garlock, billed as 'The Voice of America's Hearland' started this book out with some suspense. A box was delivered to the main character, Nona just as she was about to move and take a new job. The box was from her half-brother and he asked her not to open it.

Okay, so now we're all curious as to what's inside the box. I'll keep you posted!

On Tall Pine Lake wasn't as good as other Garlock books I've read. The characters weren't as likable, didn't

really grow on me. There was lots of action and turmoil in the storyline, kidnapping, murder, birth, falling in love, robbery and yet the story really was rather boring to me. I'll be looking forward to moving on to something new.

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### **Myra Blake says**

I enjoyed listening to this audio book. I always enjoy the writing style of Dorothy Garlock. This book was full of suspense and sprinkled with romance.

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### **Dawn says**

Book on tape. Nona and her sister Maggie went to Tall Pine lodge to work for the summer. Their parents were dead and Nona had to take care of Maggie. They could work and live there. Heir half brother Harold had swindled funds that belonged to them from their father. Nona met Mr Wright(yes it was!). Men were after them to find out where Harold was as he stole mob money at some point. Lots of trouble in the pines.

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### **Heidi says**

Overall it was pretty good. Kind of predictable though.

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### **Melissa says**

This was not one of Garlock's better ones. In fact, I'd have to say that this is probably the worst book of hers that I've read so far. Which is a shame, because normally I like her books pretty well.

Just before getting ready to move, Nona gets a message from her estranged half brother asking her to hold a package for him. Thinking nothing of it, she continues on with her plans and she, an old friend Mabel, and her little sister Maggie head out to Tall Pine Lake where she will be managing a camp. Once there though, she is instantly confused and enchanted by the new owner of the camp, Simon. Simon knows that she is in danger because of her brother and he makes it his duty to keep her safe. But its hard to keep Nona safe when she's constantly arguing with him and when bad guys are roaming the woods around the camp. It'll be a much tougher job than Simon thinks.

With the exception of Mabel, the characters in this book are pretty pitiful. Nona has no reason for her anger and the way she lashes out at people is just weird. I can't follow her motivations at all. And then there's Simon, while I understand why he does what he does he just goes about it in a strange kind of controlling way. Instead of explaining things straight out he keeps secrets that don't really need to be kept and just serve to make the plot confusing. Little sister Maggie has a small role and she's actually a bit dumb in my opinion. I know she's a teenager but her thought process is a little more juvenile than even that at times. There are some side characters as well which don't really add anything. And lastly the bad guys who were polar opposites of each other and also not the smartest bunch either.

The plot was actually decent and probably would have been more enjoyable to read if the characters were decent as well. It was kind of rushed though and I think the book would have actually been more charming without all of the intrigue that Garlock brought into it. There's some minor cussing and some harsh talk by the bad guys, but it's a pretty tame book in my opinion. The romance was only so-so and I think that's because I didn't like the characters who were involved in the romance. In fact, I would have rather read about the older lady Mabel having romantic interludes than reading about Nona and Simon.

Ah well, I'll still read more by Garlock but hopefully they'll be an improvement on this one. The charm just wasn't there this time.

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## **Sana says**

### ARKANSAS

I felt that if Betty White wrote a book it would be "On Tall Pine Lake"...

The language is over-explanatory throughout.

At some point there is a comment made that one of the main characters, Maggie, thought that someone she encountered in the woods was a bad person until she saw his teeth were straight and it eased her anxiety...wait what? Another character who appears to be helpful is "good" until we find out he smells bad...in the end he turns out to be bad...the judgements are solely based on appearances...beauty = goodness

It was my first novel of this author and I have no desire to read any other of her 50 novels...

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