Into Every Life Rain Must Fall

Ishmael Chambers, the one-man staff of the newspaper on San Piedro Island in Puget Sound, is covering the 1954 trial of a high school classmate accused of killing another classmate over a land dispute. Actor Peter Marinker—a stage veteran who has appeared in such movies as The Russia House and The Emerald Forest—takes us deep inside the world created by David Guterson in his award-winning 1994 novel. We learn the sensory details of life in a small fishing community; the emotional lives of people scarred inside and out by World War II; and the deep and unresolved prejudices toward the island's Japanese Americans, who were interned during the war—a tragedy that led to financial advantage for some islanders. Marinker deliberately but nimbly moves from the characters distinctive voices to the poignant interior perspectives of the soulful, wounded Chambers as he tells a combination love story, murder mystery, and painful history lesson. (Running time: 15 hours, 10 cassettes) --Lou Schuler

Into every life some rain must fall. Yet the beauty of winter is that it is transformed into delicate, crystalline snowflakes. That is why the title for this book is a good metaphor for the nuances and mysteries in life that happen to us as humans. It certainly does that for the characters within this book.

The author is a skilled storyteller. He has created touching characters that are easy to relate to. His writing style is lyrical and beautiful. It reads like a gently warming fire that blazes into an intensity that will move you and transform you.

From that standpoint, the book has a deeply spiritual dimension. I especially appreciated that since I am the author of a spiritually-themed book entitled The Misadventures of Sister Mary Olga Fortitude.
This book is a love affair between two beautiful souls. It also is filled with drama that leads to tragedy that will ultimately make you question the fairness of life. Yet beneath it all lies the inspiration of the strength of the human spirit. It will guide you as a reader to seek a greater meaning of this life that is filled with enigmas. In the end, you will be a changed person. That is how powerful the book is!

Davis Aujourd'hui, author of The Misadventures of Sister Mary Olga
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