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Circle of Amber Kristina's existence in the tiny village of Ventuva, northwest Lithuania, seems idyllic until her husband Romas is brutally murdered. Forced to improve three young kids on her own, she depends on the ancient gods and her mother Elena for assistance. Trying to retain her country's traditions during two world wars, Kristina battles to overcome poverty and the villagers' suspicions. Bonus quality recipes in the back of the publication Does it hold the important to a family group mystery? After that she finds a small leather bound publication amongst her mother's possessions. On the other side of the world, in Australia, Gaila fights her very own demons.



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A great read Circle of Amber is an interesting go through for a variety of reasons.1. Existence in Lithuania beneath the guideline of Russia is usually depicted very well, showing how folks of lower economic means actually resided and survived in such a place.2. Fascinating All of my grandparents were immigrants from Lithuania, so this book had a special meaning for me personally.3. The customs which were handed down for years and years and held alive by these basic living people.4. The language was preserved by the peasant and those much less economically fortunate and passed on through the generations.5. No punches are pulled regarding the difficult life those living at that time endured. Also, right now I can make Lithuanian food and understand how much of what things to add instead of guessing on a regular basis.6. The characters in the book really touched my heart. We did not have relatives in the us (my mom did have a very distant cousin) nor do we live near various other refugee Lithuanian families.. Wish someone would execute a language edit.8. There is a great last section in the book with the recipes for many of the dishes that are mentioned in the book, in addition to how to make a few of the alcoholic beverages.9. The dispersion of the Lithuanians following the war is usually well depicted with the writer's home nation, Australia, being spotlighted.. The dedication of those Lithuanians who got to leave and reside in another country, with their native country, language and customs. Two Stars New book - horrible writing .Overall, a very well written book by an author who knows personally on the subject of her heritage. I understood several of the emotions the people were going through because I experienced them myself. ... You can read and identify with much of what the writer writes. saw information about this reserve on Facebook in "I REALLY LIKE Lithuanian Food I first found information regarding this book on Facebook in "I Love Lithuanian Meals.. And wow, the reserve sure answered some questions about my entire life growing up in America to refugee parents. I grew up watching Keep it to Beaver, The Donna Reed Display, Ozzie and Harriet, etc. One will not think of Lithuania when one thinks of food. I was around 4 1/2 or 5 whenever we came to America in the 1950s. Of training course, I didn't find out about the lives of my grandparents, but equipment of the people were parts of bits and pieces of my parents.) Amazingly, for a saga that spans many generations, the start and end of the tale are tied jointly in a remarkable and surprising twist! Here food is among the "main characters" of the novel. My father was a carpenter and didn't function in the packing home (because so many refugee men) and my mom worked in a medical center cafeteria not factories (because so many refugee women), so most of the people my parents worked with were American. Thank you because of this, Jura Reilly. Alcoholic beverages, then, as now, is a curse and reason behind many horrible factors. And adding just a little apple sauce to the kokletai (like little meatloafs fried on the stove) to keep carefully the meat gentle - wow, now that is certainly a first for me personally. Five Stars Jura Reilly is a great story teller. A captivating tale that moves through many generations of an extended family, from the Lithuanian village of Ventuva in the first part of the twentieth century, and closing in Sydney, Australia, pretty close to the current. It is definitely well-written, and provides fascinating insight in to the Lithuanian existence and traditions through the age range. One meets a wide variety of characters on the way, yet the author manages to weave their specific stories right into a coherent and fascinating tale complete with episodes of suspense (Will the level of resistance fighters get captured? Did someone die naturally or was it murder? Can they get married? May be the spouse unfaithful?, therefore in my own mind my family must have been like the TV households and not like these were (refugee family). Five Stars Very informative, of how Lithuanians finished up in Siberia after the war. I came across it easy to read, and fascinating more than enough that

once I finished it I went back the next day and browse it all over again! As someone originally from the Baltic states it's always wonderful to listen to of a book discussed our people As someone originally from the Baltic says it's always wonderful to hear of a book written about our people, culture, foods, and history. Fine book and interesting.. An added bonus is the recipe section at the trunk. Many thanks for keeping our background alive Jura! A captivating read! I highly recommend this publication! The village is not some romantic place with a beautiful hearth, a wood burning up fireplace, but actually a rather dangerous spot to live. The trials and hardships of initial living under Russian occupation, then undertaking a harmful get away from the Nazis, and finally learning to adjust to an unfamiliar environment in post-WWII Australia, are depicted in poignant detail, alongside endearing descriptions of happier encounters such as for example love and courtship, together with moving portrayals of heartbreak and loss. A little love story woven in adds to the enjoyment. It sometimes caused problems, but it was the method it had been, and still can be in many ways." I bought the reserve because I wanted the Lithuanian dishes in back..savior was the tested recipes in the trunk....10.waste of money..7. I also liked the vivid descriptions of Lithuanian customs, like the preparations and celebrations for feasts like Easter and Xmas, and the descriptions of the numerous culinary traditions (there is usually even a recipe section by the end of the book). great historical content Badly written, great historical content. There are various types of alcoholic drinks which come from Lithuania, some are really great sounding (and, I would add, great drinking) that aren't found anywhere else in the world. All of the reviews were created by Mary Majauskas. I go through each one of these books. Circle of Amber weaves a pleasant tale of many generations, encompassing so much of our history seamlessly and quickly. Describes life in Australia. Lithuanians should go through it.



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