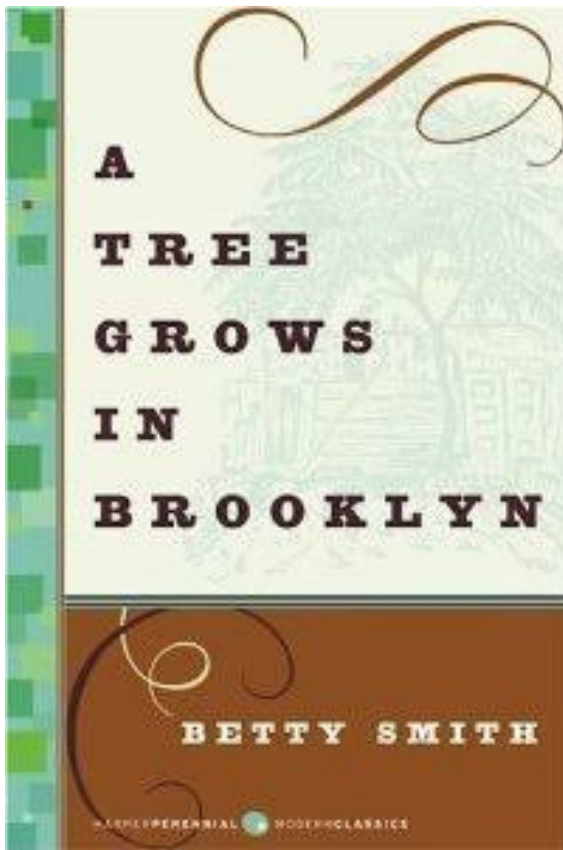




A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

by Betty Smith

Review by Lucia



Semi-autobiographical

What originally made you interested in reading/watching/playing this media? How did you hear about it or come across it?

My English class read it together for an assignment.

Is it part of a series? If so, what series is it?

No

What is this media about? Make sure to give enough interesting details without spoiling too much!

The book follows the story of Francie Nolan, a girl growing up in poverty in Brooklyn. She lives with her brother, Neeley, and parents Johnny and Katie. The story chronicles their life together as they fight to survive in a harsh environment.

Who are the main characters? What makes them interesting or unique?

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn follows the main character Francie Nolan as she grows up. Her family lives in poverty for a majority of the novel; despite this, though, she has a great imagination and loves to read. The book follows her life from ages 11-17, and highlights her relationships and hardships she faces as she works to survive in Brooklyn. She shares a great admiration for her father Johnny Nolan, an extremely talented musician that struggles to hold a job. Her relationship with her mother Katie Nolan is more strained, especially as she favors Francie's brother Neeley.

Does this media remind you of anything else you've read/watched/played?

No; I found it to be a very unique story!

What type of person might enjoy this media? For example, this book is for someone who likes Percy Jackson, someone who enjoys getting scared, someone who likes a challenge, etc.

This book would be best enjoyed by people who like learning about history, specifically how life in poverty was like in early twentieth century Brooklyn.

Did you like this media? Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not?

I found the book somewhat interesting, but I wouldn't have finished it if it wasn't a class assignment. Although I wasn't a big fan of it, I understand its appeal and would still recommend it to people who like this type of book!

Do you like the cover? Does it convey what the media is about?

I like the cover! It does convey what the media is about, but in a more symbolic way. The cover shows the titular tree that grows in Brooklyn. Just like the tree does its best to grow and survive in the city, the main character Francie does as well.