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Book 1, A Circle of Quiet shares fruitful reflections on life and career prompted by the author's visit to her personal place of retreat near her country home. Book 2, The summer of the Great-Grandmother, offers a loving and poignant portrait of her mother in old age, which is more about living and dying. Book3, the Irrational Season, follows the church year from Advent to Advent, reflecting on its seasons and spiritual rhythms reflected in the life of the church and the author's own life.

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Debra says

In my opinion, the best description of marriage came from The Irrational Season by Madeleine L'Engle.
HANDS DOWN.

"But ultimately there comes a moment when a decision must be made. Ultimately two people who love each other must ask themselves how much they hope for as their love grows and deepens, and how much risk they are willing to take...It is indeed a fearful gamble...Because it is the nature of love to create, a marriage itself is something which has to be created, so that, together we become a new creature.

To marry is the biggest risk in human relations that a person can take...if we commit ourselves to one person for life this is not, as many people think, a rejection of freedom; rather it demands the courage to move into all the risks of freedom, and the risk of love which is permanent; into that love which is not possession but participation...It takes a lifetime to learn another person...When love is not a possession, but participation, then it is part of that co-creation which is our human calling, and which implies such risk that it is often rejected."

Bookwyrm says

Absolutely great books. Only reason these aren't on my classics shelf is that there is a time frame for stability and lasting. Read these in a low period of my life, they really helped.

McKinley says

Read the first one and enjoyed it.

Trish Crossett says

Wonderful reflections on spirituality and the joys and troubles of living.

Claire says

Each book hit me differently.

For now, I most enjoyed the third book, with thoughts on faith, the liturgical year and life.

I could highlight pages upon pages of different topics and themes that I love.

