

A heart felt autobiography –“Ten Thousand Sorrows”, the story of Elizabeth Kim’s journey describes her tragic life of loss and unhappiness, and allows us as readers to share feelings with her. Through the loss of her mother, and her childhood as a half white, half Japanese American living with religious Christian parents, we as readers have the ability to feel empathy towards her. That is only possible from a fantastic writer. Kim communicates many of her feelings and her thoughts exceptionally well throughout the entire autobiography, and as you read you want everything to get better for her. You hope the story has a happy ending. Kim had as dark of thoughts as suicide but she managed to pull through, not for herself but for her daughter, which gives hope to readers. It seems she went through as bad as it gets and she painted the picture in our heads, but she is now realizing there is hope. This novel also illustrates that love is the most powerful force there is. Losing and gaining love changed Kim’s life for the worse and for the better. In the end it was love that kept her alive, which is truly inspiring. I give Kim two thumbs up and will be recommending her autobiography as it was moving and made me grateful for what I have and how great my life truly is.