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Dr. Beare's Daughter has [a] quality that feels like a conversation with the author. The narrative flows easily and keeps the reader engaged from moment to moment. Each style decision from the addition of the family photographs to actual images of pertinent letters helps immerse the reader into the life of the author and transfer her emotional highs and lows to the reader. Even the decision to have handwritten script headers for each chapter sets a mood for this memoir.

All the little details keep the reader in the story and paint a picture of what was a complex family dynamic that demonstrated how the author never felt she fully belonged even though she did know love. This was a hard subject and will be eye-opening for many who do not understand the underlying psychology of adoption.