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Kaye Gibbons : On the Occasion of My Last Afternoon before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised On the Occasion of My Last Afternoon:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A fictional memoir set against the backdrop of the Civi WarBy MoneypittI re-read this book as a part of a reading group challenge. My book journal noted that I had enjoyed it immensely, so I was anxious to see how I would feel many years later.The book is still a fascinating story, one that keeps you reading. Kaye Gibbons is a lovely writer whose words paint visid scenes and bring characters to life in clear detail. Against the backdrop of the Civil War, we get to see the often twisted lives of one family.On a second reading, many years and many, many books later, the story is not as fresh, nor as riveting. The dysfunctional family, the tragic occurrences, the convenient coincidences, and the sometimes cliched portrayal of the South and Southerners tend toward the predictable. With age and wisbom I have developed a cynicism that makes me ask too many piercing questions about characters, plot points, and historic accuracy to read without passing judgment and I found a few things a little hard to swallow.This is why we re-read a book. To see how the story, the writing, and the characters change as we change.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Realistic Account of One Woman's Life during the Civil WarBy Grandmother of 6To say the plot is "predictable" is not a good reflection of this book, but we all know how the Civil War turns out, and we know about the atrocities that occurred during that time. There were no "twists" or "surprises" there. This book is one thoughtful and courageous woman's account of her life on a Southern Plantation with an overbearing father and the presence of slaves, and her later work during the war caring for a family and a hospital full of desperately wounded men. She is courageous, but she is not perfect. We see her humanity, her questioning, her mistakes, and her dependency on her beloved husband and servant.1 of 1 people found the following

review helpful. I enjoyed this book because of Kaye Gibbon's writing ability. By C. J. Edwards I enjoyed this book because of Kaye Gibbon's writing ability, imagery, and its historical aspect. I felt like there should have been a glossary though. I've lived in the south nearly all my life and was sent hunting for words through the beginning chapters. It did feel a little bit two dimensional to me compared to Kaye's other books, but I got the idea she was trying to convey the bigger picture here, and perhaps that meant we didn't get to know these characters as well as those in other books.