

*God's Green Liniment*

**Lois Johnson Rew**

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God's Green Liniment, a novel by Lois Johnson Rew and illustrated Avis Johnson Thomas, talks about the struggles of an immigrant. Alice is the main character, and she has polio, which makes her feel pain and also ashamed. She suffers from many hardships living in a rural farm community in Illinois. However, with the help, support, and love from her beautiful family and from her warm neighbors, Alice is able to recover and overcome her troubles. She is plagued by nightmares, but courageously battles to be strong again. There are also many charming details and events about living on the farm, which provide a very genuine historical context.

I liked this book because it's very real and touching. There were also lots of simple illustrations that showed what was going on in the story, and I really liked the detailed sketches. They did not distract from the story at all, and even added to the historical content of the novel. This book is a very easy read, and I would recommend it to my friends. Older teens may get bored by the book, since the story is not particularly original or complicated. Nonetheless, I enjoyed the simplicity and the message of the story. There were also lots of neat descriptions and plays with words, which I also liked.