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After the tragic death of his wife, Alec Riley struggles to put his life back together. He and his three children are lost in their grief... until Sophie walks unexpectedly into their lives. Having left her native Czechoslovakia, Sophie has discovered the land which seemed so bright with promise is far from her dream. A highly educated woman, Sophie now finds herself keeping house for Alec and his family. How can Sophie find peace in her new job? Will God use her gentle spirit to help heal Alec's broken heart? From the author of *The Visitor* and *Bamboo and Lace* comes a warm contemporary story of God's tender mercies and loving intervention in the life of one family.

## **Sophie's Heart Details**

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## From Reader Review Sophie's Heart for online ebook

### Alexa says

Great romance. Its my second fav. Book by Lori Wick, notwithstanding- her magna opus -Pretense.

This is a book you just have to read because if i describe anything, you will configure the plot and it may steal your enjoyment of it.

Highly enjoyable, a thick novel, you will immediately get get hooked into the storyline.

I read this eons ago and yet I still want to read this book again. It a heart warmer!!!

Romance: genre.

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### Jessica says

I was extremely disappointed in this book. I've read one other book by Lori Wick and I really enjoyed it. But this one was way over the top and too much. By the end I couldn't get through it fast enough and I ended rolling my eyes and some of the cheesy conversations. I thought the characters were too sentimental. They cried way too much and too often, they prayed ALL the time. It seemed like there was at least one prayer on every page. I remember there was a time that Sophie and Mr. Riley were at McDonalds and they decided to pray. I just think that is too much praying. The thing that really had me rolling my eyes is towards the end of the story Sophie helps her dying neighbor convert and come unto the Lord. All the lady had to do is say she believes in Christ and say this prayer and she was forgiven of everything and she was saved. I'm a Christian and I think there is more to it than that. I think repenting takes more than just saying you believe and praying.

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### Evelyn says

Really good book.

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### Susan Webb says

I love this book. I have read it so many times that I am on my 3rd copy of it. It tells a story or redemption after pain, of forgiveness and finding your way back to God, and a young woman, far from home, showing the love of Christ in all she does. I wouldn't really call this a contemporary romance, but there is a happy ending. Every time I read it, I cry tears of sadness and tears of joy. A really good book. If you want to know how a courtship should be between two Christ-followers, one with children and a widower, one single and never been married, then this is the book for you.

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### Lauren says

Out of 5

Style of Writing: 1

Originality/Creativity: 3

Character development: 2

Plot development & flow: 2

Enjoyment Factor: 1

Overall Rating: 1

I give this book a one based on the fact that I didn't finish it. I bought this book on my kindle but returned 3/4 of the way through because I really didn't care how it ended and wanted my money back.

This book is about an immigrant named Sophie during the late 1980's who travels to America fulfilling her and her grandmothers life long dream.

In Chicago she meets a woman through church who leads her to a new job as a housekeeper/nanny for a recent widower (the lady's brother).

Sophie moves in and makes herself a fixture in their home and lives and the man eventually begins to fall in love with her.

This book has the stuffs I love but the style of writing just doesn't deliver for me. It's choppy and lacks depth.

A would-be somewhat major conflict can occur and the author would more or less drop it the following paragraph. The plot wasn't too original but started strong and could have developed nicely but just didn't.

As I said early I didn't finish the book because I no longer cared how it ended.

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### **Rachel Dodson says**

I really liked this book. I love the way the story turned out and I enjoyed each of the characters. I felt that they were all well developed and believable. My only real dislike was the length of the story. The edition that I read was over 400 pages long. I really felt like there were a few spots that could've been edited down to shrink it and the story wouldn't have suffered. The content of this book is also extremely spiritual which can be a good thing. Just to let you know this isn't just a clean romance the evidence of Christ jumps right off the page. Overall a great story and I can't wait to read more by Lori.

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### **Tonya says**

This is another of my favorite books. It is about a woman who moves to the US from Prague in the 1980s. She has to find her place in this country while she works as a house keeper for a family that has recently lost their mother/wife. As with all of Lori Wicks books, it involves a romantic relationship between an man and woman as well as different character's relationship with God. It is uplifting and almost every time I read one of her books I find something that applies to my life right now either my relationship with someone else or my relationship with God. I love most of her books for this reason.

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### **Natalie Mishne says**

I read this EVERY year, it's a tradition. Timeless story, amazing characters, wonderful lessons, awesome ending. What more could you want?

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### **Abbie says**

I read this book many many moon's ago but I still remember it. I might even have to reread it. Its a great story and I remember not being able to put it down. The story line(a bit hard to remember since its been at least 10 years since I read it) was about Sophie who be comes a nanny to three children who's mom has died. The father is still dealing in his grief. Sophie slowly starts to bring love and God back into the family and ends up finding love alone the way.

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### **Everydayreader1 says**

Sophie wants to come to America, and when her name comes up on the immigration list, she leaves her native Czechoslovakia, and begins working in a restaurant in Chicago. But she is lonely. One day, she attends a Bible study. She is a believer, and there she meets Janet. Janet's brother is struggling to raise his three children, after the tragic death of his wife, and Janet, knowing of his need, and Sophie's wish to live somewhere more quiet, brings Sophie and the family together. Everyone is nervous about the arrangement, but they agree to give it a try. Their lives are changed forever as they struggle to adjust to the changes life often brings.

This is a wonderful story of love and faith and God's provision. I read this marvelous book many years ago, and have just revisited it again. It is a treasure.

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### **Sarah says**

Re-read today and remembered why I didn't like it all that much. There are some sweet moments, but it's not a very well-crafted or well-written book, and it seems like many elements are only included for their "preach factor". Jesus and Christianity are so much bigger and more beautiful than a few tacked-on moral sentiments or a deathbed conversion scene can hope to convey, and while some of the ways the characters lived and/or expressed their faith were more realistic and deep, the incongruities made it hard for me to appreciate the story overall.

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### **April says**

This is the best book lori has written in my opinion. every chapter touched my heart, lifted my spirit.

Sophie is the most beautifully written character I've ever come across. She herself made the story extraordinary with every chapter she appeared in.

I loved the plot, the characters, and just the whole book.

Well done Lori. Well done.

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## Joy Avery Melville says

I think this is one of my favorite Christian Fiction books. It's the first Lori Wick novel I ever read. I've put it on my 'keeper' shelf in my personal library. This book will be on the list of 'must-reads' for my granddaughters.

Sometimes we see Christian Fiction as either preachy or fake - this is neither. I've seen first hand the kind of grief, survivors guilt, growing love between a child's nanny and her employer (not myself) and am able to see this character-driven story as true to life. It may have some less realistic dialogue between the children but I have to say I've heard some rather over-protected children speak that way.

I have no problem with it and will highly recommend this book to anyone - Christian or non-Christian. But - not my copy - I'm protecting that one with my life. ;0

I read it first when it was released but re-read it this Spring. Just as I'd remembered - it's my favorite Lori Wick book with The Princess a close second.

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## Nelly says

This book was on my to-read list for a while and I bought it a few months ago, but just now got around to reading it throughly. I actually do like some christian fiction, sometimes I'm in the mood for a clean romance,so the point is I didn't miss the smut, but I did miss a good entertaining plot, the whole book was just about how she baked, cleaned, and in the middle of the book her boss noticed she was a woman and a not-so-dumb one, because she can speak FIVE languages, yeah that's it FIVE, I'll write it again in case you didn't understand F-I-V-E. I'm stressing the fact that she can speak five languages because the author did so too, anyway Alec finds out he's in love with her and they start "dating" and there's also a bunch of kids, and a lot of churchgoing, grocery shopping and blahblahblah, boring! That's all I can say about this book, which is sad because when I begun reading I thought it was rather nice, and because I wasted my money on it In short this is what the book is all about using the main character's own words, it contains spoilers, read at your own risk.

"(...) Her grandmother telling her to leave Czechoslovakia. Living in Chicago. meeting David and janet. Coming to the living room of this house on Holly Court and seeing the faces of the Riley Children. Meeting Gladys. Falling in love with Alec. Watching Mrs.Kent come to Christ and then Mr.kent a year later.(...)"

This book was just ok, didn't love nor liked it very much, 2 stars because I'm feeling charitable

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## Brooke says

I've also read this book several times over the years. It is a bit more of an undertaking than The Pricess but still every bit worth it. This is another modern day fiction book that takes place after the mother of the family dies and Sophie, a new immigrant, comes to live with the family. There are many funny parts as Sophie tries to fit into the culture and many serious moments as she tries to help this family with their grief. This book always makes me cry! (in a good way, I love when a book can bring out emotion in a reader). I truly love this book.

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