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There's something amazing happening at Pleasant Manor - a rest home at the very edge of town. A little girl name Rosie is creating miracles in the lives of its residents using the wondrous power of love. Because of Rosie, Cleston, a wood craftsman, finds his gift rekindled; Helen, an Alzheimer's patient, instinctively trusts the little girl; Jake, the war veteran, begins to feel whole again; Ina, who, though blind, helps people see the beauty all around; and, most importantly, Bessie. Rosie and Bessie become inseparable best friends. Through Bessie, Rosie learns some invaluable life lessons, including Home is a place where you're surrounded by love. Just before Christmas, when the woman who had taught her so much about living speaks of dying, Rosie learns what true love and beauty and friendship really mean.

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Carrie says

Sweet story.

M says

Sweet story. I like how the chapters were named for the residents. A reminder that everyone has a need to feel acknowledged and valued, and has something to share in return. Have a kleenex nearby...

Kimberly says

This was a really simple to read book, and I read it one night while curled up on the couch by the lit Christmas tree-which really added to the good feeling I got when I read this book. The story is of Rose, who lives in a house next to a rest home and spends most of her waking hours at the rest home getting to know and love the residents. She brings joy and love into the the lives of the residents and she becomes good friends with them. Just as you would come to expect in a story where a rest home is involved, the story made me sad, but it was a touching story that made you think about the way you can influence the lives of those around you for the good.

Teri says

This is a very sweet and charming story about a little girl named Rosie, who with her mother, lives in a small farm home behind a Senior Assisted Living Care Facility. Rosie's mother is the cook for the residents and Rosie practically lives there when she's not in school. Her best friends are the elderly residents and they come to love her. Rosie and Bessie, one of the residents, become inseparable best friends and she learns invaluable lessons on life from Bessie. This is a little gem to be enjoyed by all ages.

Ryceejo says

Cute, short read about a little girl who touches the lives of different people in the care center. 3 stars is generous, however. I made an effort to get involved with each new character introduced, only to have the ends not tied up with each one. Did Fred and Rosie celebrate another birthday together? What happened to Helen and her husband? I can't say it was a waste of time because you can read it so quickly, but it's either a way too dragged-out Sacramento meeting object story, or an overly abridged "novel," as the cover claims.

Costs \$1.99 at Deseret Book; it's worth exactly that price and not a penny more.

Reread Update: Changed to 2 stars; still feel the same way!

Braelyn says

Realistic fiction. 2008. This is a cute story about a little girl named Rosie who forms a relationship with Bessie among other members of the care home where she lives with her mother who is the cook. Rosie learns about true friendship, acceptance, and love. This is a very sweet book and I would recommend it to anyone who likes stories related to Christmas or friendship.

Kate says

What a lovely little story! I knew I would love it when I found out that it was set in a care centre. I had the opportunity to work in a similar facility for a while, and loved the residents we had there. I believe there is so much to be learned from interacting with the eldest part of the population, just as I believe there is much to be learned from interacting with the youngest. To combine the innocence of Rose, who basically was growing up in the facility, with the wisdom of the residents is just . . . magic!
I loved how Rose became the adopted granddaughter and friend of those she had the opportunity to be with at Pleasant Manor, and how her friendship with Bessie taught them both very important lessons.
4.5 stars

JoAnna says

A sweet little story about a little girl who lives in a care center. (Her mother is the cook.) Rose is a blessing in the lives of the people who live there and they, in turn, teach her many important lessons about accepting people. Short and sweet, it's perfect for a Christmas-time read.

Theo says

This is a cute little book. This is the type of book I think of when thinking of a Christmas book. I think this is a great book to read to your kids under twelve.

Kym says

A heartwarming read that is good for anytime of the year, but especially at Christmastime.

Dee Toomey says

Christmas Rose was a heart-tugger. I really enjoyed reading this book, perhaps because I was a geriatric nurse and the setting of this book is a nursing home, but I think more because the author uses this setting to teach such important lessons about unconditional love. Not a well-known book, I found myself concerned

that others wouldn't be able to have the chance of reading this as well. That being the case, if you can find this book, you will enjoy reading it. It is a short novel and can be read quickly, but the effects will last beyond the last word!

Heather says

In this book about a little girl named Rosie and her new found friends that come and go in her life you will see what it truly means to love someone for their inner beauty. Rosie's relationship with Bessie was so complete, what an example of love Bessie was to Rosie and the friendship she forged with Ina and Rosie really pulls at your heart. This is a touching book with such human honesty as to our behaviors and really opens your eyes to how elderly feel. We are all the same in wanting friendships and acceptance. This not just a Christmas book and it'll be a tear jerker so keep tissue close by.

Megan Jones says

Christmas Rose is a sweet story showing friendship has no age barrier. The characters are well-written. I found uncanny similarities between the characters and individuals in my own life. The book follows the growth of friendships between a little girl named Rosie and the residents at a care center and specifically her best friend, Bessie. The book has Christian undertones but is more of a feel-good book rather than a religious book. I easily read this in one evening. This would be a sweet story for families to read together then take elderly neighbors a treat or visit the local care center. This story is not just for the holiday season, it could be enjoyed year-round.

Kim says

This book was written by my friend and former neighbor (when I lived in Lewiston, Utah). It is a sweet Christmas story about a little girl named Rose. Rose lives with her mother in a home adjacent to a care center. Rose's mother is the cook at the center and therefore Rose spends all of her spare time with the residents. Rose touches the hearts of all of her new friends and learns invaluable life lessons from her favorite friend, Bessie. Have a tissue handy!

Julie says

This is the sweet story of the friendship between a little girl and an elderly woman It teaches us to love unconditionally and look on the heart instead of the outside appearance. I wouldn't necessarily call it a Christmas book, however.
