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Many lives are touched by Andy's beloved sister Rosellen. Andy's bitterness and anger regarding Rosellen's illness threaten his relationships with Beany and his family. Rosellen's warm and loving influence positively affects many surly and unfriendly personalities at Harkness High. Johnny becomes infatuated with a bleached blond carhop named Garnet Storm who creates a great divide between Beany and Johnny. Will Johnny marry Garnet?

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Laurence says

I love this Beany Malone series. In fact I am planning on ordering the whole collection to give my daughter on her 16th birthday. For lovers of local history: the Malones "lived" in the Denver of the 1940's-60's Denver. There are numerous references to real places, sometimes with a slightly altered name. In this one Adair and Martie go to the inauguration of the Air Force Academy; Beany visits her Beau at Berkeley base; in another she goes dancing at the Acacia Gardens (i.e. the old Elitch's Garden) where there is an amusement park, she shops on the Boulevard, walks to church at St. Mary's (the cathedral?), eats at a very select senator's Club across from the capitol...you revisit old time high schools, teenage hangout places, but more the more pressing issues of the times are always addressed: the uranium rush, banking scams, the dating scene, the war efforts, real (read sacrificial) love, dying, flaws of character that are "worse than death", a congenial home vs. penthouse living, substantial vs. decorative cooking...It's American history, with a large dose of Colorado history.

Betsy says

I believe the first time I ever cried over a book was when one of the main characters died in this one (see, I'm avoiding spoilers).

Karen says

One of my favorites of the Beany books. Rosellen (who coincidentally has the same name as my sister-in-law, the only real person I've ever met with that name) develops into a very real character and her story is genuinely touching and tragic. I liked the way Weber showed several of the characters responding to her personality and making changes in their own lives because of it.

Andy's reaction to events is realistic and Beany's rather clueless response is very typically Beany. The Johnny/Garnet story is indeed almost painful to read about, but I loved the denouement in the coffee shop.

Susan says

Love that Beany.

Margaret says

Beany is back with family, friends, and troubles. Being the new editor of her high school paper she is in charge of making it an activity for every student. Miggs (we met last book) isn't getting along with the Harknessites, Johnny is putting his interests (and money) elsewhere, Andy is coming home for Christmas,

and Rosellen maybe be walking! The biggest issue with this book (for me that is and the reason for 4 stars instead of 5) is Johnny and Garnet Storm. Honestly, I'm pretty sure is possessed or something. He isn't Johnny in this book, not to give his sisters the benefit of a doubt or his father and stepmother.

Mary M says

This was a tough one to read (re-read). I didn't really remember it from the first time I read the series as a teen - maybe I missed it. But it was well done and respectful of the characters.

Rosemary says

My favorite of the Beany books!

Ileen Warren says

Cookies done

Stephanie says

I've always loved this author's talent for coming up with great titles. This is her best.

A Bright Star Falls is powerful book that deals with tragic circumstances in unsentimental ways. Personally, it's my favorite book in the Beany Malone series.

I do think Johnny acts like a royal ass in this book, and can't help but wonder at what the Malone family would have thought if Beany had behaved in this fashion.

Audrey says

This book deals with more serious subject matter than previous 'Beany' offerings. Perhaps the heavier plot and more grown-up characters are what made it difficult for me to put down. It is sad, though, and at times downright depressing! Rosellen's death definitely found me teary-eyed (even though a few books back I remember thinking that it seemed like her death was being foreshadowed). I found it interesting that Garnet Storm was introduced as one of the few (perhaps even the first?) character in the series with basically no redeeming qualities. As much as I disliked her, I couldn't help feeling a little sorry for her, and I think it was slightly mean of the other Malones to automatically cold-shoulder her. I like Miggs, but I kind of miss Kay. As usual, Dulcie continues to liven up the narrative. The ending change-of-heart was a bit sudden, but I can't say that I really would have the book end any other way. I think it's becoming clear, though, that Andy isn't really the one for Beany.

Wendy says

A beautiful, truthful, painful book. I was in high school when I read this and felt like I just couldn't bear it. Constance, I'm sad about Rosellen and Andy, but I'm saddest about Johnny.

CLM says

Kleenex, more Kleenex! Although I don't know if I am sadder about Rosellen or Andy!
