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In the tradition of *The Bridges of Madison County* and *Message in a Bottle*, the bestselling author of *Dancing at the Harvest Moon* presents a moving story about a beautiful woman who returns to her small hometown, carrying with her a secret and still flaming the desires of a man who loved her as a young girl.

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Marleen says

Such a beautiful, gripping read!

Sandra says

A very sincere story of true friendship

Karen says

Short, light and fluffy. Very likable setting and characters in a compelling storyline about a woman who is dying of cancer and returns to the town she grew up in and re-connects with her childhood friend who was always in love with her. Heavily laden with candles, angels and all American sappiness I still wanted to finish the book and found myself getting choked up at the end. Of course, the northern Maine setting made it feel right to me. I found it interesting that the author actually grew up in this far northern Maine town on the Canadian border and chose to use it as a setting for this story. She also describes the actual town layout, parks, businesses and local characters. Not a mind enhancing read-just a soothing little book before bed.

Joyce says

In the book Candles on Bay Street, the author KC McKinnon tells a story of small town veterinarian Sam Thibodeau's first love coming back to live where they had grown up together. DeeDee Michaud brings with her a 9 year old son and has come back to find him a home knowing she is dying of cancer. Sam still holds a torch for DeeDee even though he is happily married to another veterinarian. Surprisingly, his wife Lydia and DeeDee become friends and Lydia supports Sam in agreeing in advance to adopt DeeDee's son trooper after DeeDee dies. Sam, Lydia, and DeeDee all draw close together in helping DeeDee approach the end of her life. Although the plot is an unlikely one, the author did a beautiful job in developing the main characters--especially the emotions Sam goes through in struggling to deal with DeeDee's impending death.

Donna says

I heard of this story originally when Hallmark made a movie of it (which i only got to see the first half hour of) - and then discovered the book was out of print. When I ran across a copy at a used book sale I nabbed it and it sat on my shelf for a while. A couple weeks ago my hubby and i had a long ride across country and I decided that he might enjoy this as a "read aloud" book. He enjoyed it so much that he finished it off himself (unusual for him) and left the rest for me to read on my own. Which of course i did.

I grew up across the border from Canada myself, in a small town in upstate NY, so the setting was familiar,

even nostalgic. I found the first part of the book dreary (of for god's sake just get over the lost love thing!!) but loved the second half...death and life go hand in hand and how we deal with our mortality is a huge thing.

All in all a good read.

Brandy says

So sweet but so very heartbreaking

Dawn Myers says

Sentimental, predictable.

Claudia Cheyne says

Sam Thibodeau is thrilled to hear that his first love, Dee Dee Michaud, is returning to their home town thirteen years after running off to marry Bobby Langford. She has Bobby's son Trooper but has been raising him as a single parent most of his young life. Dee Dee starts a candle making business with great success. Eventually it becomes obvious that Dee Dee is in poor health. She is depending on the people she grew up with to help get her through some difficult times. If I say anything more I would give away too much of the story. This book was made into a Hallmark Hall of Fame movie. I have not watched the film version but I've read the book twice. Keep the Kleenex box close by.

Mich says

Didn't read about the book beforehand- just started to read and the first chapter sucked me in. Makes you think about friends and life. Would compare to a Mitch Albom book

Watching movie. Oh my. Just as good as book!! Watch it with kleenex

Cam Steiman says

A tearjerker of the best kind. This is a beautiful story about love, loss, and the faith of friendship. The story has a timelessness that pierces the heart and soul. The flicker of candle light is a little more magical to me because of K.C. McKinnon's novel.

Vera Neves (Sinfonia dos Livros) says

Quando peguei nesse livro para ler, a minha intenção era a de lê-lo e depois libertá-lo para uma possível troca ou venda. No entanto, não sou capaz de o tirar para sempre da minha estante...

Uma história que começa no presente/passado e sem nunca se perder as raízes.. Uma história passada em Fort Kent, uma cidadezinha repleta de gente de moral, de gente boa e de gente com um passado histórico...

Sam, um veterinário dessa cidade, casado com Lydia, também veterinária e amante das cidades do interior Canadense, reencontra-se com o seu primeiro amor de adolescência. Dee Dee Michaud... uma linda rapariga que tinha fugido com um rapaz mal tinha acabado o secundário.. engravidou e 12 anos depois de se ter ido embora regressa com um filho de 9 anos, Trooper. Quando se encontra com Sam e Lydia, revela que está a morrer e que precisa de um casal meigo e honesto que lhe fique com o filho. Dee Dee tornou-se conhecida depois do seu regresso por ter uma pequena loja de velas handmade... Ela costumava dizer que em cada vela que se acende, nasce um anjo...

Devo dizer que houve alturas no livro em que as lágrimas brotaram dos meus olhos, mesmo sem eu querer.. principalmente na altura em que Dee Dee parte para a eternidade.

Recomendo vivamente.. Uma história repleta de amor, saudosismo, amizade, dor e muita muita ternura!

Jenny says

An absolutely wonderful story set in Fort Kent, Maine around 1997. It is about friendship and living and dying. Very well written. It is also beautifully illustrated by John Hafford.

The story is about best friends Sam and Dee Dee, who have been friends since they were toddlers. Sam was in love with Dee Dee, but she fled off with another man the night they graduated from high school in 1982. He went off to college and met and married his wife.

Dee Dee comes back to town after 15 years with her young son and she opens a candle making shop in her parents old house. She is dying and she asks Sam and his wife Lydia to adopt her son.

It is such a beautifully written book. It is written from Sam's perspective, and it is almost a coming of age in your 30's story as one confronts some of the issues of adulthood. It also touches on the forbidden subject of helping someone to die with dignity.

I cried while reading it because of the lost love, the friendships, and Dee Dee dying.

The story had a nice flow to it, and the ending was beautifully done.

I absolutely loved it, and would recommend it. It is one that I will keep and share.

Maybe one of the reasons that I loved it was because I grew up in Maine and graduated from high school in 1981. I do know that it was so very well written that I now want to read her book, Dancing at the Harvest Moon. K.C. McKinnon is the pen name of Cathie Pelletier, and she has published books in both names.

Weaverannie says

Een intriest verhaal over een ooit populaire high school leerlinge, die, ondanks alle waarschuwingen wegliep met een jongen, die net een iets mooiere auto had dan de anderen, die bovendien in drugs dealde en onbetrouwbaar was.

Haar buurjongen Sam vertelt het verhaal. Hij was verliefd op Dee Dee. Zij woonde naast hem, maar toen hij, na hun eindexamen, wilde vragen, of ze zijn vriendin wilde zijn, liep ze weg.

Nu is hij dierenarts in zijn geboorteplaats, samen met zijn vrouw Lydia.

Dee Dee keert terug naar Fort Kent. Zij maakt en verkoopt kaarsen in wat haar ouderlijke woning was. Ze heeft daar haar intrek genomen, samen met haar 9-jarige zoontje Trooper.

Lydia sluit vriendschap met Dee Dee. Sam ziet het met de nodige twijfel aan.

Dan blijkt, dat Dee Dee een geheim met zich meedraagt, dat de levens van haar oude vrienden (en de nieuwe, Lydia) voorgoed zal veranderen.

Jonna says

Probably one of the most depressing books I have ever read. Pass it by, folks; pass it by.

Josie Cook M.A. says

A treasured story of commitment, trust, and loyalty between two souls that never truly parted ways. A must read by McKinnon that has such wonderful reflections on what love is and what loss can do to a family unit unless there are other cherished friends close-by to help and support the one in need of it.

This book honors all the veterinarians in our world working hard to provide their needed services. Inside these pages, a close-knit community is honored, too along with the unique setting.

The artwork that graces each chapter is full of beauty and it gives a unique flavor to each chapter before it is read. The quotes are also very fitting and give another added dimension to each chapter with the relationship and also reflecting back on the talent of candlemaking and the use of candles. Dee Dee's choices in life are represented and her character is vibrant. The narrator supports her throughout the storyline along with the secondary characters.

Sam's struggle is sad and touching as he tries to face his own demons about making a critical choice that will affect his own family unit. He and his practice are a strong presence as this story unfolds through him. His wife is always present and has such a giving soul. Her commitment to him and his past connections are so emotionally moving. These friends rallying around each other and providing strength during a critical life crisis are apparent in this beautiful end-product.

The St. John River is present along with the Canadian border and the bridge that serves as the crossing. Nature is often mentioned and used as a device throughout the story. Fort Kent is represented but there is no real Bay Street in it. However, many of the other elements do exist in northern Maine. Music of the time period is often referenced in this book--another special touch.

I must warn readers that this one is a real tear-jerker at times; however, it also has some very cheerful funny

moments sprinkled among the pages. It is an emotional roller coaster to experience. I was sad to see it end and I would have loved more about this community and the local residents. All good things must come to an end. This is truly a fabulous book that must be shared and passed around to others.
