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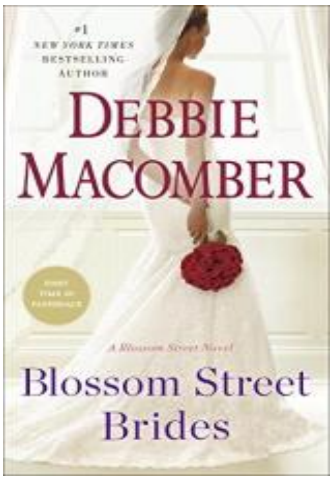
Blossom Street Brides: A Blossom Street Novel

by Debbie Macomber



About the Book

#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Debbie Macomber has won the hearts of millions of readers with her moving and inspiring stories. Now wedding bells are ringing in the tight-knit community that gathers around A Good Yarn, a store in a pretty Seattle neighborhood. Knitters come to the store to buy yarn and patterns but somehow they leave richer in friendship and love.

Lauren Elliott has waited years for her long-term boyfriend, Todd, to propose, yet he seems more focused on his career than their relationship. When Lauren learns that her younger sister is pregnant before she herself even has an engagement ring, she feels overjoyed yet disheartened. Knowing she can?t put her future on hold, Lauren prepares to make a bold choice --- one that leads her to a man she never dreamed she?d meet.

Newly married to her second husband, Max, Bethanne Scranton is blissfully in love. But with Max?s job in California and Bethanne?s in Seattle, their long-distance marriage is becoming difficult to maintain. To complicate matters, Bethanne?s cunning ex will do anything to win her back.

Lydia Goetz, too, is wonderfully happy with her husband, Brad, though lately she worries about the future of A Good Yarn. As she considers how to bring in business, she discovers that someone has beaten her to the punch. Baskets of yarn are mysteriously popping up all over town, with instructions to knit a scarf for charity and bring it into Lydia?s store. Never before has her shop received so much attention, but who hatched this brilliant plan?

As three women?s lives intersect in unexpected ways, Lydia, Lauren and Bethanne realize that love heals every heart, and the best surprises still lay ahead.

Discussion Guide

1. Elisa and Garry married young and are still very happy together. Why do you think Elisa reacts the way she does when her daughter tells her about her pregnancy and marriage? What about Elisa?s reaction to Lauren?s wedding? What does it say about Elisa as a friend?

2. When Rooster accuses Max of not trusting Bethanne, he counters by saying, ?I trust Bethanne, the one I don?t trust is Grant.? What do you think about Max?s behavior toward Bethanne and Grant? In what ways is his mistrust of Grant a reflection on his trust in Bethanne?

3. Weigh the pros and cons of Max moving to Seattle versus Bethanne moving to California. Which scenario do you think makes the most sense? Why?

4. Should Rooster have told Lauren about his previous marriage? Why do you think he didn?t? Is her response an overreaction? How do you think you would respond?

5. Grant is using his daughter --- and his soon-to-be-born grandchild --- to get Bethanne back into his life. What are his true motives? Have you ever had interactions with someone like Grant?

6. After the confrontation between Rooster and Todd at the restaurant, Rooster thinks that Lauren is just using him to make Todd jealous. What about Lauren?s behavior could make him think that? Do you think she was fair in the way she ended things with Todd? Why or why not?

7. How could Bethanne better handle the situation with Grant?

8. Max ponders that Annie?s ?pride came at a steep price.? What are some other examples in the novel of pride getting the best of someone in this book? What are some times in your life when you, or others you know, have paid a price for pride?

9. Lydia is grateful that her customers are generous people. What are some of your favorite reactions to handmade gifts that you?ve given to others? What gifts have you been particularly grateful to receive?

10. What do you think about Lauren?s father asking to do a background check on Rooster? How do your feelings change knowing what the background check revealed? If your parents asked to do a background check on your spouse or potential spouse, how would you react?

11. Lauren realizes that she must stop listening to other people?s advice and start listening to herself. What are some instances in your life where other people?s advice got in the way of doing what you thought best? What was the result of following their advice? How would these situations have turned out differently if you?d listened to yourself instead?

12. Evelyn tells Lydia, ?don?t borrow trouble.? What does she mean by this? Was Lydia right to talk to Evelyn about Casey?s dreams without telling her? How could she have handled the situation differently or better?

Author Bio

Debbie Macomber is a renowned #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and one of today?s most cherished writers, with over 200 million copies of her books sold globally. Her novels beautifully depict meaningful relationships, celebrating family bonds and enduring friendships, and inspire readers with stories of connection and hope. Macomber?s works have collectively remained on the *New York Times* bestseller list for more than 1,000 weeks, with 15 titles reaching the top spot.

In addition to her captivating fiction, Macomber has authored bestselling cookbooks, adult coloring books, numerous inspirational and nonfiction titles, and beloved children?s books. Known as ?the official storyteller of Christmas,? her annual holiday tales are adored by fans, many of which have been adapted into original Hallmark Channel movies. She is also the author of the bestselling *Cedar Cove* series, which was adapted into the Hallmark Channel?s first dramatic scripted television series, enjoying a popular three-season run.

Debbie and her husband, Wayne, are dedicated parents, grandparents and recently great-grandparents. They reside in the Pacific Northwest --- the charming area that inspired many of her books.

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