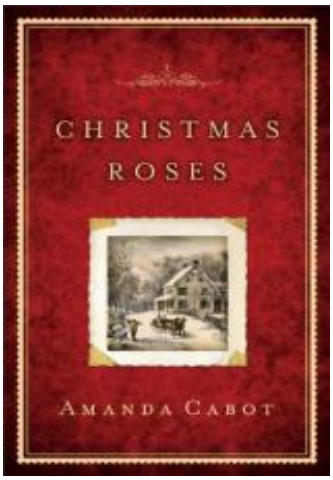
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Christmas Roses

by Amanda Cabot



About the Book

Celia Anderson doesn't need anything for Christmas except a few more boarders, which are hard to come by in this small mining town. She certainly doesn't have a husband on her Christmas wish list. But when a wandering carpenter finds lodging at her boarding house, she admits that she might remarry if she found the right man --- the kind of man who would bring her roses for Christmas. It would take a miracle to get roses during a harsh Wyoming winter. But Christmas, after all, is the time for miracles...

Amanda Cabot invites readers to cozy up with a romantic, heartwarming tale of the greatest gift of all --- love.

Discussion Guide

1. A number of people in Easton urge Celia to remarry for her daughter?s sake. Do you think that would happen today? Why or why not?

2. What was your reaction to Jacob?s proposal? What would you have done if you?d been in Celia?s shoes?

3. Mark finds himself overwhelmed with anger at times. Do you think you would have reacted the same way if you?d been in similar circumstances?

4 . Although the adage claims that actions speak louder than words, Celia longs for words of love. Why do you think the words are so important to her? Which do you prefer, words or actions?

5. Celia, like many people, associates specific foods with certain holidays. Do you have any special foods that you serve only at holidays? What are they, and what memories make them special to you?

6. Mark admits that he?s afraid of fatherhood. Do you think you?d have had the same fears if you?d been in his situation? Why or why not?

7. Celia talks about connected strangers. Have you heard that term before? Are there any people in your life whom you?d consider to be connected strangers? Do you think they?ll ever become close friends? Why or why not?

8. A sermon becomes a turning point in Mark?s life. Have any sermons affected you that deeply? If so, what were the subjects?

9. Were you surprised by Lionel?s Christmas Day revelation? Why or why not?

10. Celia?s mother called Christmas the season of miracles. What miracles, small or big, have you experienced at that season?

Author Bio

Amanda Cabot is the bestselling author of the *Texas Dreams* series, CHRISTMAS ROSES, SUMMER OF PROMISE and WAITING FOR SPRING. Her books have been finalists for the ACFW Carol Awards and the Booksellers Best. She lives in Wyoming.

Critical Praise

"Amanda Cabot?s characters and storytelling create the extraordinary out of this Texas tale. I?m in love with her books."
? Laurie Alice Eakes, author, LADY IN THE MIST

"In Cabot's *Westward Winds* series starter, readers will enjoy reading through the story's twists and turns. The characters are an interesting bunch; some of them are quirky, some are serious, but all have a story to share. With each book, Cabot writes something new and fresh."
? RT Book Reviews of PROMISE OF SUMMER

"Crafting characters rich with emotion, Amanda Cabot pens a compelling story of devastation and loss, of healing and second chances. But most of all, of transcending faith."
? Tamera Alexander, bestselling author, FROM A DISTANCE review of Praise for SCATTERED PETALS

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