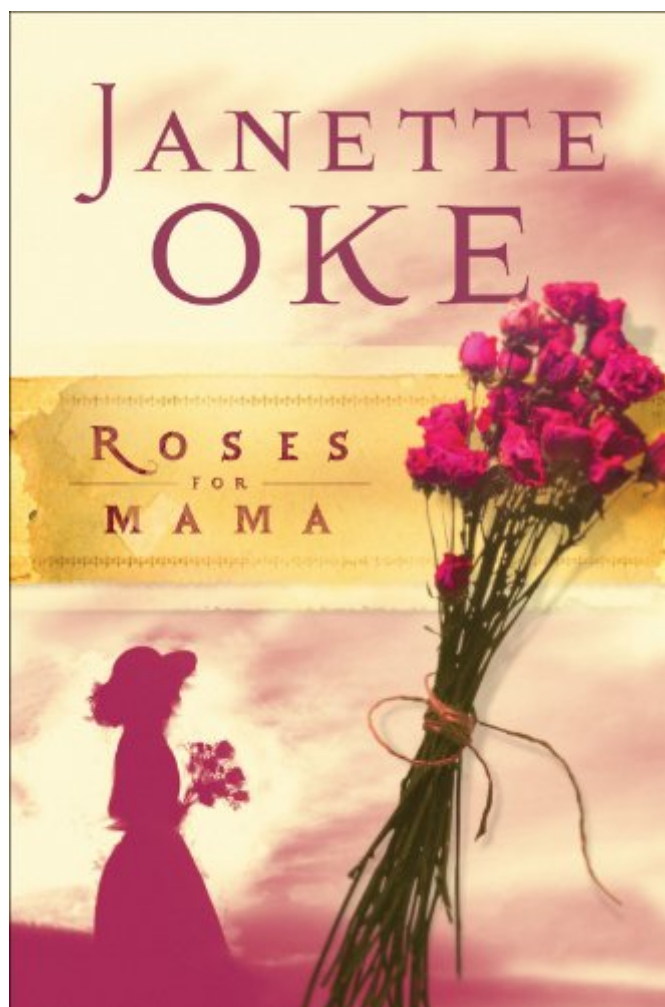


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Synopsis

She's cared for her siblings as best she could . . . but is it enough? Instead of the new life she and her family expected to forge out west, seventeen-year-old Angela is thrust into the role of caring for her three younger siblings after the death of their parents. With the help of her older brother, and trust in God, Angela is determined to raise the children as her mother would have wanted. As the youngsters grow, the questions and challenges intensify. Angela feels trapped and overwhelmed. Surely no man will ever want a woman who comes with three children in tow. Is this the plan God has for her life? Will she ever find a way to balance her own dreams with the promises she made to her mama?

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The touching story "Roses for Mama," could not have been written better. Jannete Oke used her warm, comforting style of writing to make her readers laugh with the characters and cry with the characters. Oke described the character's feelings and surrounding so well, it seemed as if you were actually in the story!! None of the story was missing...except the sequel! I can't wait for that to come out (hopefully, she will write one). I mean, she described beautifully every point in the story. In

some of her other books, it seems as though she didn't exactly know how to give the details of what she was talking about. Therefore; she would just tell us what happened, not necessarily show us what happened. However, that was most definitely not the case with this book. In other words, I didn't find myself wanting to know more about certain scenes, she described them all. Furthermore, on top of having beautiful, let me emphasize beautiful, writing techniques, the plot was well thought out, charming, and very enjoyable. This story is about a 17-year-old girl Angela and her struggle to survive. When Angela was 14, her mother and father both died, much to the sadness of her and her siblings. She and Thomas, her 19-year-old brother, were left to fend for themselves, while trying to care for their younger siblings. Although Angela is only 17, it seems as though all of the fun from life has been sucked away. For, she solely, well...with the little bit of help her siblings, has to take over the duties has to take over the duties a grown woman would do, such as washing, ironing, cleaning, and meal preparing, but at age 17.

Seventeen-year-old Angela Peterson and her nineteen-year-old brother Thomas face a situation that not many their age do. Since they moved West with their parents and siblings after their mother's health declined, they have seen both of their parents die and now manage the family farmstead and raise their younger siblings (Louise, Derek, and Sara) alone. With the help of God and their kindly neighbors, the Andersons, Angela and Thomas find themselves managing to "head" their family well. However, now that Angela is getting older, she is finding that Carter Stratton, a young, handsome rancher who recently moved into the Peterson's hometown, seems to be looking for more than Angela's friendship. How will Angela respond to this? How will she continue to raise her family if she is married? Can she and Thomas continue to raise their "family" as Derek, Louise, and Sara all seem to be coming to terms with the death of their parents and facing adolescence?...As you read this plot summary, you are probably thinking, "What a sad book" and "What a predictable plot." Well, first, I must say that this book wasn't sad at all. Janette writes in such a positive way and makes all of her characters face trials with faith and dignity. I really love how she shows in her writing that a bad situation (like the death of parents) can be turned into a learning and growing experience. Thomas and Angela (especially) were both inspiring characters who serve as great role models of how a moral, Christian person lives and acts. Yet Janette never gets "preachy" or fake-sounding with her "do good" message. It is hard to explain this phenomenon, but as I read this book it seems that it is written so honestly and sincerely that its truths just shine through and you feel encouraged and comforted (instead of preached at).

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