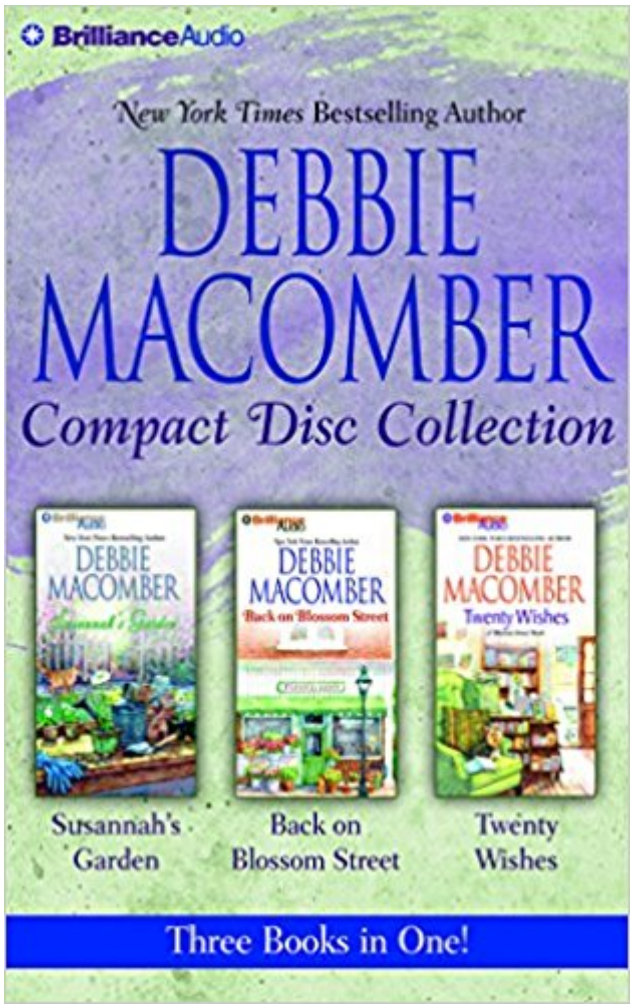
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Synopsis

SusannahÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Garden:When Susannah Nelson turned eighteen, her parents sent her to school abroad. She said goodbye to her boyfriend, JakeÃ¢â ¬â •and never saw him again. Now, at fifty, she finds herself regretting the paths not taken. Especially the chance to be with Jake.Ã¢â ¬Â| In returning to her hometown of Colville, Washington, to her parentsÃ¢â ¬â„¢ house, her girlhood friends and the garden sheÃ¢â ¬â„¢s always loved, she also returns to the pastÃ¢â ¬â •and the choices she made back then.Back on Blossom Street:ThereÃ¢â ¬â„¢s a new shop on SeattleÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Blossom StreetÃ¢â ¬â •a flower store called SusannahÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Garden, right next door to A Good Yarn. Susannah Nelson, the owner, has just hired a young widow named Colette Blake. A couple of months earlier, Colette had abruptly quit her previous jobÃ¢â ¬â •after a brief affair with her boss. To her dismay, heÃ¢â ¬â„¢s suddenly begun placing weekly orders for flower arrangements!Twenty Wishes:Anne Marie Roche wants to find happiness again. At thirty-eight, her lifeÃ¢â ¬â„¢s not what sheÃ¢â ¬â„¢d expectedÃ¢â ¬â •sheÃ¢â ¬â„¢s childless, a recent widow, alone. She owns a successful bookstore on SeattleÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Blossom Street, but despite her accomplishments, thereÃ¢â ¬â„¢s a feeling of emptiness. On ValentineÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Day, Anne Marie and several other widows get together to celebrateÃ¢â ¬Â|what? Hope, possibility, the future. They each begin a list of twenty wishes, things they always wanted to do but never did. Anne Marie begins to act on her wishes, and when she volunteers at a local school, an eight-year-old girl named Ellen enters her life.

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Customer Reviews

Debbie Macomber, the author of HannahÃ¢â ¬â„¢s List, 1022 Evergreen Place, Summer on Blossom Street, 92 Pacific Boulevard, and Twenty Wishes, is a leading voice in womenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s fiction. Three of her novels have scored the #1 slot on the New York Times, USA Today, and Publishers Weekly bestseller lists. Debbie Macomber's Mrs. Miracle was Hallmark Channel's top-watched movie for 2009. Winner of the 2005 Quill Award for Best Romance, the prolific author has more than 140 million copies of her books in print worldwide.

I recently started listening to the Blossom Street series on audio during my commute. I was excited to start the next book, and had purchased this set of three books, including this one, Back on Blossom Street and Twenty Wishes. I noticed on the box that this one didn't say "a Blossom Street Novel" under the title on the cover image, so I did some online research to determine which book I needed to read next. I can't stand reading a series out of order. I found mixed information, but on Debbie Macomber's website, it lists this as the next book, preceding Back on Blossom Street. So, I started it.Right away, it got into the story about Susannah and her family, etc. Ok - fine. After quite some time, I realized I hadn't heard ANYTHING about any other other regulars from Blossom Street (Lydia, Alex, Jacqueline... anybody?!), and started to get irritated. So, I stopped listening and started on Back on Blossom Street. Ahhh - there are the characters I was expecting! Right away, Lydia & friends made an appearance. Hooray! So, I just figured that Susannah's Garden happened to be written between books in the Blossom Street series and made its way onto the official series list.BUT THEN... there is a part not too far into Back on Blossom Street that mentions a new flower shop called Susannah's Garden. Damnit! Not wanting to miss any critical information, I swapped back to Susannah's Garden to hopefully pick up on what I missed. I listened the whole way through and it wasn't until literally the last five minutes when they even mentioned Blossom Street. Spoiler Alert: Susannah buys Fannie's Flowers and calls it Susannah's Garden. THAT IS THE ONLY THING THAT LINKS THIS BOOK TO THE BLOSSOM STREET SERIES.So, if you're in the middle of the series like I am, skip this one. If you're obsessed with DM and want to read everything she's ever written, this is a fine read. But, it really has nothing to do with the series. And, for that, I am kind of angry. They threw me off with this random story and now I need to refresh my memory on where everyone on Blossom Street left off in A Good Yarn. Ugh. Darnit, Debbie!SUSANNAH'S GARDEN - The story itself started really slow for me. In my opinion, there was way too much mundane day-to-day information on Susannah's mother in the first half of the story. It really poked along for me. If I hadn't been hoping to catch the linkage to Blossom Street, I would have stopped listening rather quickly. Maybe I was a little biased (in a negative way) due to the fact I was annoyed that the

book didn’t seem to have a connection to Blossom Street, but I thought this was the worst DM novel I’ve read. It picked up toward the end a bit, but even then things became pretty predictable and just so-so.As for the audio version, the narrator’s annunciation of certain words bothered me (such as the words "true" and "Coalville"). Her character voices were also pretty annoying. I’d rather the narrator not use any special voices if they can’t do a seamless character voice. This lady used a shaky, loud, grumbling voice for the old man and a shaky weak voice for the mother. Perhaps the most annoying, though, was the voice she did for Chrissy, who is an almost-20-year-old. She voiced her as if she were 6, and that really bothered me. A 19-year old is a grown woman and should have a normal female voice, not that of a child. Hopefully the rest of the Blossom Street books are ACTUALLY about the crew we know and love from A Good Yarn. Fingers crossed.TWENTY WISHES - This was a fine book, and introduced some new characters into the series. My main complaint was the narrator for this book. She has some sort of lisp and talks in a way that you can tell her tongue is too big for her mouth (or something like that). It was incredibly bothersome to me throughout the story. I am not writing this to be rude - I have nothing against people with disabilities of any kind. But, it was a very poor choice for someone to be narrating a book. If this kind of thing bothers you, it will drive you nuts listening to Twenty Wishes.To sum things up: SUSANNAH’S GARDEN SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THIS SET. If you are reading the series, skip this one and go straight from A Good Yarn to Back on Blossom Street. TWENTY WISHES would be better to read in book form due to the annoying lisp of the narrator.

good series- arrived promptly - works well

Enjoyed it

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I read the whole series and Debbie Macomber did a great job with the plots and characters. The

books are very heart warming and shows how good friends really matter in life.I would recommend this series to everyone.

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