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Synopsis

).When WilliamÃ¢â ¬â„¢s father leaves, his mother promptly goes out and adds four dogs and a cat to their lives. WilliamÃ¢â ¬â„¢s sure that nothing can fill the hole left by his father, but the new additions to the family are determined to help. With his sister, Elinor, and his mother, William will learn that Ã¢â ¬Å“familyÃ¢â ¬Â• can come in all shapes and sizes, because sometimes we find love through magic, and sometimes that magic is all around us.

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Customer Reviews

"MacLachlan writes with simplicity and limpid clarity, acknowledging strong emotions evoked by the father's departure and depicting the events that follow with sensitivity and bits of humor."--"Booklist""Newbery Medalist MacLachlan tackles the familiar yet always heart-wrenching subject of parental separation in her venerable spare and moving style.... The characters are individualistic, believable, and likable, and the impulsive acquisition and heartwarming presence of the animals suggest an affecting work of realistic fiction."--"Publishers Weekly""Newbery Medal-winning author Patricia MacLachlan has written a captivating and charming book with just the right amount of magic, love and family bonding that will delight readers of all ages."--Kidsreads.com* "The spare prose, in William's authentic voice, conveys pathos and humor; the boy's cautious observations and Papa's earnest explanations are offset by Elinor's droll one-liners and the dogs'

succinct comments. Deft characterization adds richness and depth to a deceptively simple narrative, and appealing charcoal pencil illustrations throughout reflect the action."--"SLJ", starred review"The combination of a fanciful plot and likable, honest, straightforward characters makes this a solid cross-genre work with lots of appeal. The animal voices add further interest, as the pets observe the emotions of the humans around them, particularly William, before the people are even aware of their own feelings. While this will obviously draw in fans of animal tales, it will also attract fans of realism willing to stretch."--"Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books"

Patricia MacLachlan is the author of many well-loved novels and picture books, including Sarah, Plain and Tall, winner of the Newbery Medal; its sequels, Skylark and CalebÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Story; EdwardÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Eyes; The True Gift; Waiting for the Magic; White Fur Flying; and Fly Away. She lives in western Massachusetts.Amy June Bates has illustrated many picture books, including Sweet Dreams and ThatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s What IÃ¢â ¬â„¢d Do, both by singer-songwriter Jewel; Hillary Rodham Clinton by Kathleen Krull; and The Brothers Kennedy, also by Kathleen Krull. She lives in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, with her husband and three children.

"Waiting For The Magic" is a story about a boy whose father goes away to try to do some writing in peace. In the meantime, his mother is having a baby. As soon as the boy's father leaves, him, his mother and his sister adopt four dogs (Grace, Neo, Bitty, and Bryn) at the animal shelter. When you were a kid, did you ever think animals talk? Well, this story takes your imagination, soars it over a sunny sky, through glorious waters, and brings it forth to a high place where imagination rules...

husband goes off because he "needs time to be by himself to write." smart mother takes the kiddies to a pet shelter and they adopt 3 dogs and 1 cat. the children love the animals. the cat, lulu, gets to ride around in a doll buggy and is dressed up too. the dogs form friendships with each child and their mother. husband/father comes back. mother is pregnant. father tries to explain why he runs off to the children. rest of book resolves the problem in an unique fashion. well written book. everyone should read it. helps for relationships. pkj

My third grade students loved this book for a read aloud! They were begging, "Just one more chapter...please!"

I loved this book, I have read it about 10 times because it is so funny and it makes me happy. I am a

big reader, but when I want something simple and short u always look towards this book. It is totally amazing and everyone should read it!

I really don’t like to read but all my friends said this was the BEST BOOK EVER so I read it. I will have to say my friends were right this is THE BEST BOOK EVER!!! You have got to read it there are so many mysteries. I will be telling people to read it for sure!!!BEST BOOK EVER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

My third grade daughter bought this book for her school at their "library event." She read it very quickly and loved it so much I bought it for her for Christmas. She has read it, again, twice! This book is so "magical" that, eventhough she is on the fourth "Harry Potter" book, she also enjoyed this much simpler tale very, very much. Will be looking for more titles by this author.

Bought this for my 9 year old. First book she’s read all the way through without having to force her to read she actually wanted to keep reading it and now she loves Patricia McLachlan books.

My daughter and a group of 10 year old girls used this book for a summer book club read. They found it difficult to not read further than the weekly assigned pages. They loved it!

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