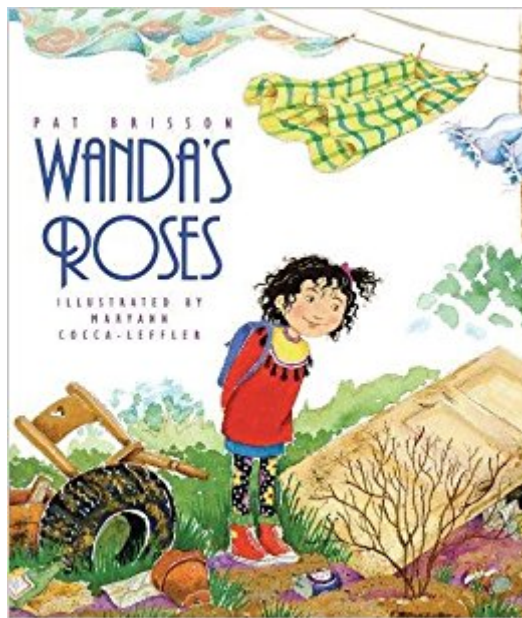


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Wanda's Roses



Synopsis

When Wanda discovers a thornbush growing in an empty lot, she's quite sure it's a rosebush ready to bloom. So she clears away the trash, checks on it every day, and brings water from the butcher shop across the street. But no roses appear. Wanda's neighbors and friends are all doubtful, but when she invites them to a tea party in her "rose garden" one day in June, they're in for a big surprise. Pat Brisson's warm-hearted story and Maryann Cocca-Leffler's vibrant illustrations make this book about a child's simple faith one that children will long remember.

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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Customer Reviews

Brisson (*Your Best Friend*, Kate) creates a lovable new character whose unwavering optimism transforms a rubbish-ridden vacant lot into a rose garden. Convinced that a bare thornbush is really a rosebush about to bloom, Wanda exuberantly cleans up the lot so that the bush will get more sun and air. "You'll see," she says, "in a few weeks that whole lot will be full of roses." Wanda's neighbors are skeptical: "If that's a rosebush, then I'm the queen of England," one thinks to herself; "If that's a rosebush, then I'm the king of France," the next muses privately. Still, charmed by the girl's enthusiasm, they all help her. After a month without blooms but with much camaraderie, Wanda's neighbors contribute rosebushes, and "the whole lot was filled with the biggest, most

beautiful, sweetest-smelling roses that anyone had ever seen--just as Wanda had always said it would be." Cheery watercolors complement this upbeat urban tale, genially depicting the city's great variety, from a chubby butcher to a kindly old woman with nylon knee highs rolled down around her ankles. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Kindergarten-Grade 2-Wanda finds a thorny bush in a vacant lot and decides that it must be a rosebush that needs a little attention. She thinks about it, does library research, and tends the plant regularly, as various neighbors stop by and attempt gently to talk the child out of her rosy hopes. A month of watering, waiting, and clearing away surrounding trash brings no blooms; undaunted, Wanda attaches paper flowers to her special bush and invites the neighbors to a tea party to see the "rose garden." Cocca-Leffler's droll and friendly gouache and colored-pencil illustrations show a parade of six neighbors of various ages, sizes, and ethnic backgrounds on their way to the party, each bearing a blooming rosebush for the hostess. This story of one person's faith against all odds and a caring community is told simply and with good humor. Carolyn Jenks, First Parish Unitarian Church, Portland, ME Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This story is a great resource for teaching community. Wanda is convinced that her bare bush is a rose bush and cleans out an abandoned lot to give it more fresh air and light. With the help of the community the lot is transformed into a beautiful rose garden. Great story even better idea!

Great story and the book is in great shape, just as described.

I bought this for my grandsons - I don't know how they like it, but I enjoyed reading it! It's an optimistic, uplifting book that shows a lot of diversity, friendship, and hope.

I've loved this book since I was a little girl going to the library with my Mom! Perfect condition! Thanks!

This is a beautiful story about a little girl with a wonderfully optimistic world view. She is determined and focused on her goal and through her own efforts, and the enthusiasm of others, her dream becomes a reality.

my sisters name is pat brisson too an im wanda lov it

The book arrived in great condition. Thank you.

Wanda's Roses is a lovely and inspiring tale of a young girl who comes across a litter-strewn yard one day and sees a lonely, thorny bush which she assumes is a rose bush. Wanda is determined to care for this bush and she sets about clearing the area of litter. When the people in her neighborhood see her work, they are astonished to learn that Wanda thinks this thorny bush is a rose bush. The adults know better, but are they necessarily wiser? This story demonstrates how a little girl with so much faith refuses to give up and in the end brings the entire community together to create a beautiful garden of roses. The story is simple yet meaningful and the illustrations are beautiful. My seven-year-old daughter is inspired to start a garden of her own after reading this story:)

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