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## Editorial Review

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**\*Starred Review\*** On the run from a powerful, abusive ex-husband, Tandi Jo Reese finds refuge in a deserted caregiver's cottage on Hatteras Island. The locals assume that she's there to take care of the main house, and they offer her friendship and support. Hiding from a wealthy criminal is a harrowing endeavor, and things are especially difficult for Tandi, since she has two children. Tandi then discovers the unusual heritage left behind by the deceased owner of the big house, Iola Ann Poole, who kept a prayer box for each year of her life. As Tandi reads the contents of each box, she is inspired by Iola's rich life and absolute faith. But Tandi's road to faith and trust is not an easy one. She still has the tendency to choose the wrong kind of man, and her teenage daughter's rebellion is out of hand. With a careful eye to detail and a beautiful, lyrical style reminiscent of those of Mary Alice Monroe and Patti Callahan Henry, Wingate vividly sets Tandi's struggles in a once beautiful Victorian mansion now falling to ruin and guarded by a cranky cat in a small town recovering from the ravages of a hurricane. --Shelley Mosley

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-- **Debbie Macomber**, NYT #1 Bestselling Author

**"A book that transcends** simple hope and healing while capturing the heart of the reader. Tandi's story is an enchanting take on family ties, redemption, and of allowing oneself to be swept up into a river of grace regardless of one's past. And, in the end, perhaps it's also a testament to the fact that maybe, sometimes, you really can go home again." - **Karen White**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Time Between*

"Lisa Wingate writes with **grace, beauty and so much heart.**" -- **Sarah Jio**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *THE LAST CAMELLIA*

**"Tenderly woven.** Skillfully threaded. **A grab-your-heart story** about faith, the healing power of love and how both are often found in unlikely places." - **Charles Martin**, -- *New York Times* Bestselling author of *Unwritten*

**"Lisa Wingate is a remarkably gifted storyteller.** Her novels both captivate and cradle you, and *The Prayer Box* is Lisa at her finest. Tandi's extraordinary journey of healing and hope on Hatteras Island is a **mesmerizing thrill** and a joy you'll want to savor. However, **beware, you will not be able to put this story down!**"

- **Beth Webb Hart**, best-selling author of *Moon Over Edisto*

Wingate writes with a sensitivity and lyricism so effortless, weaving a community atmosphere with a comforting story of personal healing--ForeWord Reviews

With a careful eye to detail and a beautiful, lyrical style reminiscent of those of Mary Alice Monroe and Patti Callahan Henry, Wingate vividly sets Tandi's struggles in a once beautiful Victorian mansion now falling to ruin and guarded by a cranky cat in a small town recovering from the ravages of a hurricane. [Starred review]--Booklist

Relatable characters and vivid portrayals of events both current and historical create an enchanting, memorable pilgrimage into the fullness of faith and love.--Publishers Weekly

Readers will delight in this gorgeously written, true gem of a novel. Wingate has a way with phrasing that makes one stop and savor certain passages because they are incredibly meaningful--not only to the telling of the tale, but to the reader's own life. Realistic characters and a saga of life, love, and rebuilding make a gorgeous treat. [Top Pick]--Romantic Times Book Reviews

Running away from her past, single mother Tandi Jo Reese rents a cottage on Hatteras Island, but when her elderly landlady dies in her sleep, the task of cleaning out Iola Anne Poole's big house falls to Tandi Jo. Tandi comes across 81 decorated prayer boxes containing notes: pieces of a life well lived. In them, Tandi finds not only redemption but peace with her past. VERDICT Two-time Carol Award winner Wingate ("Blue Moon Bay") has written a moving and inspiring story with interesting female characters and a colorful Southern backdrop. A good option for fans of Nicholas Sparks and Mary Alice Monroe.--Library Journal

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