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'Tis the season, and in Haggerty, Georgia, that means Christmas programs, caroling, front-decorating contests, and plenty of festive food to share with yours sometimes eccentric neighbors. Not everyone, however, has caught the Christmas spirit. Kate Iverson doesn't want to accept that there will be more babies in her future, even though her doctor is certain that her childbearing years are behind her.

Despite her discouragement, a recurring dream has Kate convinced that there is yet work for her to do. Through faith, prayer, and the assistance of inspired friends, Kate soon becomes part of a modern Christmas miracle- and learns a powerful lesson about the true meaning of Christmas.

(This comes after Backtrack, #8 in the Haggerty Mystery Series.)

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R. says

My first copy of this book was actually a gift at a book signing where I met Betsy Brannon Green. My second copy was a gift from a friend when the first one was slightly damaged while she borrowed it. This is a very short and sweet, yet sometimes melancholy Christmas story with the favorite characters from Haggerty. Kate is struggling with the fact that she can't have any more children while being pushed to do family history (though her own is already finished) and Miss Eugenia has her own loneliness issues. Mark seems the most ambivalent of the group and even Miss Annabelle admits to going along with many of Miss Eugenia's plans just to humor her sister (amusing considering the way the two of them often snipe at each other in public). As a short story, this is very easy to read in a brief sitting once you get going on it.

Brenda says

Christmas with Miss Eugenia and the Iversons? I love it:) Darling story about listening, doing service and the importance of family. I loved Kate and Mark's interactions with one another, and grumpy old Miss Eugenia and her big old softy heart. Cute quick read:)

Erin says

I'm still searching for "good" Christmas stories. Is it too much to ask for a decent plot, well developed characters, and engaging to read? Apparently so. So many Christmas books are simply drivel, including this one. I didn't even know it was an LDS themed book until about halfway through when all of a sudden the main characters started discussing temple ceremonies. There were also stereotypical characters like the nosy next door neighbor that didn't have children of her own and so she was completely involved in the families life. Why did her sister keep popping up? Yeah, I have no idea because it didn't add to the plot.

The thing that really drove me nuts was the main characters aching for another child (the desire for another child didn't drive me nuts, it was the way it was described and handled). I know exactly how that feels. However, in the middle of the book it is revealed that she had a hysterectomy and so she cannot have children. After that detail is revealed, she switches from aching for having another child to wanting to adopt. She thinks the adoption process involves filling out some paperwork and then voila! a child is yours (it would be lovely if it happened this way, but usually the wait is long and difficult). Then she figures out why she keeps dreaming of a crying baby and suddenly her desire for another child is gone! THAT IS WHAT IS REALLY ANNOYING. Desire for a child just doesn't disappear.

The whole plot felt really rushed.

Sally says

Not much too this story. It tried to teach the true meaning of Christmas, but just involved a story that was

easy to anticipate with little substance.

Ann says

Quick little book, kind of fun and touching.

Thebarrys10 says

A fun, easy read with no murder or mystery! The same characters as in the author's other books are in this one and the plots are that it is Christmastime and everyone in town is decorating their door for a contest and the main character is struggling with the fact that she is not able to have any more children. Support, relationships and love is abundant.

Lisa says

A charming, brief visit to Mark and Kate Iverson, Miss Eugenia, and the other characters in the Haggerty series, the best books in which are *Hearts in Hiding* and this longish story. I like the family history angle and wish that the story had been longer and had explained how the Iversons got into fostering babies, which they are doing without background in a later Haggerty book. A fine little Christmas read for LDS readers.

Victoria says

better than average "Mormon lit"-- a bout a mom who wants more children but can't and how she "finds" the baby of her dreams.

Jodie says

I loved this book. Maybe it's because I love family history, but it was good.

Betsy Crane says

Good lessons and the truth of them made my heart swell but, the story was a round-a-bout way of getting those truths across. Not sure what the cookies recipe had to do with any of it, but it sounds like a good recipe. I will try it.

Michele says

I started this book last Christmas, got half way through it and was interrupted by life and the busyness of the Christmas season. I should have picked it back up immediately and finished the story then, I wish I had. This story touched my heart and made me think about what more I could be doing to experience the true meaning of Christmas in my daily life?

There is nothing quite like a Christmas season spent with family, good friends, and neighbors, but Kate Iverson is having a hard time catching the Christmas spirit amongst the bustle of the season and upon it all, she is losing sleep from a recurring dream of a crying baby. Kate is longing for another baby but has been told that she can't have any more children. So why is she dreaming of a crying baby girl? Through a wonderful Christmas miracle Kate experiences the true meaning of Christmas.

Sharon says

Good book that teaches what giving is all about. Serving others.

Barbara says

I liked it and it is a short read and easy to read. I really liked the fact that Kate found the missing child of that family and was able to put the family back together for all to see. I also liked the theme of her book. You'll have to read it to find out what I mean.

Dalesse says

This is a sweet little story, but really short and a bit of a disappointment after the other great books Green has written about the characters in Haggerty.

Monica says

Christmas in Haggerty is a compelling story of a small LDS family and their southern neighbors in the small town of Haggerty. Sharing friendship, love, and support is the essence of the small town leading up to Christmas. Miracles large and small happen as everyone shares the Christmas spirit.
