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On The Loose: A Katie Parker Production, Act 2



Synopsis

Life is looking up for Katie. After being placed in a new home, she's finally adjusting to her foster family. But tragedy shakes her fragile world as a tornado rips through town and her foster mother is diagnosed with cancer.

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Customer Reviews

Six months into her stay with her foster parents, Katie Parker is finally adjusting to her new family. But after a tornado rips through the town of In Between, nothing is ever the same again. When her foster mom, Millie, is diagnosed with cancer, Katie begins to doubt if God really does care. What will happen to Katie? Could she possibly have to leave In Between and the family she's come to depend on? Things spiral even further out of control when Katie juggles a science fair project, a malfunctioning best friend, spring break plans, and holding the attention of her own Prince Charming. It's going to take more than a glass slipper and some fairy dust to fix Katie Parker's problems. But will help come in time?

Jenny B. Jones is the author of A Katie Parker Production series, including the book In Between. Though now an adult, she still relates to the trauma and drama of teen life. Jenny is thrilled to see

her writing dreams come true, as her previous claim to fame was singing the national anthem at a mule-jumping championship. The author and high school teacher resides in Arkansas.

I read through Book 2 immediately after reading Book 1. Katie Parker is a great female protagonist. I would definitely recommend this series to anyone who enjoys a well written YA novel. As the series progresses, I find myself falling for Katie's quirky foster family. That's the REAL love story that's been progressing from Book 1 through Book 2, the love a family coming together. Sixteen year old Katie does have a love interest in this book, but that storyline takes a backseat to the love she shares with her new support system of good friends and a great foster family. Loved this book! There's a stronger Christian thread in Book 2 than in Book 1, but I didn't feel as if the author's beliefs were being crammed down my throat. This is a clean read, but NOT sickening sweet. Like Book 1, A few tears were shed by this reader for fictional Katie Parker. If I could meet this character, I'd give her a hug. She's fantastic!!!

Now having spent six months with her foster parents, 16-year-old Katie Parker feels bonded with James and Millie Scott. She's made some close friends at school and church, and even learned to deal with her kooky foster grandma Maxine. Yet just when she's started to feel a bit grounded for the first time in her life, Katie receives devastating news...Millie has cancer. Katie can't believe it. How could such a good woman like her foster mom be hit with something like that? It makes no sense to Katie, who is still struggling to understand the faith that the Scotts embrace. Understandably, Katie is filled with a range of emotions, from anger to sorrow to helplessness. Yet as time passes, she begins to gain a little glimpse of what God is all about. Thanks to her best friend Frances and other new friends, Katie also learns - for the first time in her life - what it means to not be alone. Jones' characters feel true to life...and although there is a distinctly religious thread running throughout, it is by no means dominating the book. Katie is quick-witted and often sarcastic (in a humorous and likable way). Readers can't help but root for Katie to find what she has been searching for.

Even though this series was written for teenagers, and at 62, I am a senior citizen, this is a wonderful story about the battles Katie is working with. Learning to trust the foster family, even when their long lost daughter returns home. This is about Katie finally getting "it". Learning what great things our God did for victims of a tornado that destroyed homes in the area and hearing only praises to God for the outcome. Lives saved!

This is a fun book to read. It is filled with sass, quirkiness, faith, insights and many of life's struggles and God's faithfulness. Funny characters and a funny storyline. Laughed a lot reading this book.

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Katie Parker is a character not to be missed; nor this series! I laughed (out loud several times), I cried, and I devoured this novel! This may be a YA novel but I challenge anyone to give this series a try, you will not be disappointed. Jones is a brilliant author, who not only crafts a well written story but does it while keeping you completely charmed and captivated all the way through! With witty writing, completely believable and likable characters, and insightful humor this novel navigates the ups and downs of life, family, friendships, faith and more. Jones manages to impart some wonderful and insightful truths while not being preachy, it just flows and breaths true. Bring on Book 3!!!

I think I downloaded the first book in this series because it was free. I absolutely loved this series! The author's name caught my attention because it was so similar to "Junie B. Jones." These books are so much fun to read. I love the character's humor and also the serious side of the subjects. I loved the way that the author portrayed foster care, Christianity, and human frailty. Growing up in a family that did foster care, and as an adoptive parent, I could really relate to the characters in this book. I could read this over and over again.

I love this series. The characters are sweet, sassy, and many times very funny. Can't wait to read the next one!

I read the first book and loved it so much that I immediately bought the second. I wish I wouldn't have. For some reason this book makes me lose the connection that I had with the main characters - Katie. Her grandmother saves the book by being her crazy kooky self and that at least got some laughs out of me. Besides for that, I found the book boring with an overdose of christian ideology and beliefs that I wasn't expecting. I won't be reading the 3rd book.

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