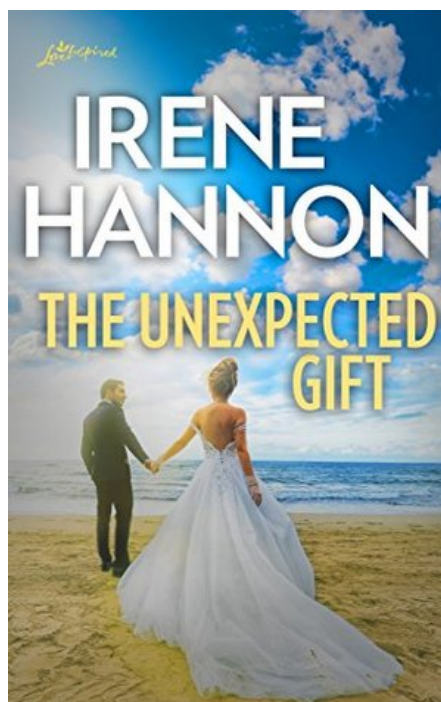




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A Yuletide Legacy

When city girl Morgan Williams arrives in Seaside, Maine, on Christmas Eve, to claim the cottage she'd inherited, she comes face-to-face with the handsomest man she's ever seen. But looks aren't the only thing that Grant Kincaid has to offer. And when he enlists Morgan's help to raise money for Good Shepherd Camp for troubled kids, she realizes there are more important things in life than expensive cars and fancy clothes. Soon Morgan is yearning for a different life...one that includes faith and a strong, steadfast Grant by her side.

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Judie Dooley says

a quick read. good holiday read.

Sandra says

The Unexpected Gift was a delightful read. The characters are well-developed, normal, interesting, sometimes humorous. The author has given us three very different characters as sisters who were all given a very unusual gift by their Aunt Jo when she passed away. This particular story is more about Morgan, the high-strung, fast-tracking business lady who is a workaholic and who doesn't have time for family or friends in her life. Is this really who she is, though, and will she be able to accept and meet the conditions of the will? When Grant enters her life, even more difficulty arises, as she tries to incorporate her fast-paced business life with the life of a quiet, small and serene community where her Aunt Jo's cottage was situated.

I really appreciated how well Irene Hannon wrote this story with surprises, sadness, motivation and love. It was 'an unexpected gift'. I loved this prayer that Ms. Hannon left for her readers at the end of the book. "As you journey on life's often winding path, may the Lord always be with you, guiding your steps. And, with trust in His abiding presence, may you, too, find the courage to follow your heart and to look toward tomorrow with hope and joy."

This is also my wish and prayer for all of you, my Goodreads family and friends, too.

Lynn says

I really liked this book.

Christy says

After her aunt passes away, Morgan Williams arrives in Seaside, Maine on Christmas Eve to claim the cottage she'd inherited. She meets Grant who volunteers at Good Shepherd Camp, a camp for troubled kids, ones from broken and/or abusive homes, drug addicted, etc.

Initially, Morgan is unhappy about having to be at Seaside. She is used to the fast-paced city life style of Boston, fancy clothes, restaurants, & expensive cars. Things like Love, faith, and God had taken a back burner as she built her career.

After spending more time with Grant, Morgan soon realizes there are far more important things in life than fancy clothes and expensive cars. She now wants a future that includes love, God, faith... and Grant.

This was a very good read. I enjoy how Ms Hannon was able to take a hard-core ad executive and show a more human, soft side. Well done!

Dianne Sidebottom says

Morgan and Grant's story a sister in the sister and Brides series. I will now need to read the other sister's stories. this was an ebook from the library.

Jamey says

Morgan was so used to living on the fast track that she couldn't help but resent her deceased great aunt when her will was read. In order to gain her inheritance of a cottage by the sea, Morgan needed to spend 4 weeks there, and volunteer on the board of a teen camp in the span of a six month period. The cottage was to be co-owned by the recently widowed Grant, and the two couldn't help but butt heads as they tried to work through the stipulations in the will. This book emphasizes full reliance on God, and the importance of faith and family. The characters learn how to let go, make faith-filled decisions, and sacrifice worldly desires for things that last. "The Unexpected Gift" is a simple, feel-good book with a positive message that doesn't take a lot of brain power to read.

Gabrielle says

Morgan Williams is just your typical city girl, with the job she has she doesn't have much time to spend with her family, but when she inherits a cottage around Christmas time all that soon changes. From there she meets Grant, the part owner of the cottage she is taken aback by his kindness and his worry about her being alone on Christmas. She does find him a wee bit suspicious however, she isn't quite sure who Christine is or why he must visit her everyday but she doesn't want her suspicions to get in the way of her friendship. Cut back to Grant, his wife Christine has suffered a major head injury which left her brain dead now he must face the difficult decision to keep or take his wife off of life support. All that's left for Morgan to do now is to pray for Grant, that God will bring him comfort. As Grant and Morgan spend more time together Grant has been praying and asking God if its to soon to have feelings for another woman again. God soon has an answer for both Grant and Morgan and they seem very happy with the outcome. I found the book to be very inspiring and loved the message that with God all things are possible.

Dee says

Two-haiku review:

Fast paced ad exec
Must stop and smell the roses
For inheritance

Third book in series
Nice deep look at characters
Less Christian focus

Nikki says

Too sluggish in pace from the beginning.

Veronica says

Wow, that's what I have to say about this book. This book was one of a kind. Definitely a tearjerker early in the book. Not a book I'd recommend for a light read. The story line is definitely one of a kind. I only gave it 4 stars because I was a little disappointed with how quickly it wrapped up. I also thought the epilogue wrapping up the series was overly sappy. Overall this is a great book and one I would read again.

April Suter says

Morgan's aunt left her 1/2 interest of a cottage in Maine and she must live there for four weeks. This busy marketing executive thinks she can work in helping a charity but living there will not work...until she loses her job and finds so much more.

Vivian says

2.5-star read

Fran says

In the will of an elderly great-aunt, three great-nieces were given a portion of her estate with stipulations attached. Meeting these stipulations, over a period of six month, resulted in a surprising end to this love-inspired, quick-read story.

Cynthia says

I loved this book! It pulled me in and held my attention. I really felt what the characters were feeling. I highly recommend this book!

Jan Mcleod says

This book is about loss, second chances,grief, priorities, faith, family, love, and a legacy that changed lives.

It is a very good novel, well written, and has characters and conflicts easily recognizable.

Morgan was a work-alcoholic until she was forced to go to Serenity Point where she encounters the values that really matter and that she has missed because of her goals.

The epilogue was a bit questionable because of prior details that had not been given, but still a very good story.
