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Allie And Bea: A Novel



Synopsis

An Charts bestseller. Bea has barely been scraping by since her husband died. After falling for a telephone scam, she loses everything and is forced to abandon her trailer. With only two-thirds of a tank in her old van, she heads toward the Pacific Ocean with her cat on a mission to reclaim what's rightfully hers, even if it means making others pay for what she lost. When fifteen-year-old Allie's parents are jailed for tax fraud, she's sent to a group home. But when her life is threatened by another resident, she knows she has to get out. She escapes only to find she has nowhere to go until fate throws Allie in Bea's path. Reluctant to trust each other, much less become friends, the two warily make their way up the Pacific Coast. Yet as their hearts open to friendship and love from the strangers they meet on their journey, they find the courage to forge their own unique family and begin to see an imperfect world with new eyes.

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Customer Reviews

I read an ARC (Advance Review Copy) of Allie and Bea, by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

OMG I LOVE THIS BOOK for so many reasons! The story is relevant and the characters are likeable and authentic. Allie comes from a privileged home and is an innocent teenager who finds herself at the mercy of the foster care system. Her group home placement proves dangerous and Allie must escape from multiple would-be predators. One of them wants to physically harm her, and the other intends to sell her into the sex trade. Bea is a senior citizen who falls victim to a scam which leaves her penniless. Homeless and desperate, Bea decides that she and her ancient cat will live in her deceased husband's old bakery van. Through sheer circumstance, Allie and Bea's paths cross and an important relationship is formed. Catherine Ryan Hyde teaches valuable lessons about family, love, and relationships. Thank you, Catherine, for another inspiring journey! Allie and Bea is available for preorder now. It comes out on May 23. Be sure you have your copy!

This is a story about two homeless souls and their discoveries in life. When a hardened old lady becomes homeless by no fault of her own she is forced to live in her van. On the road a teen ager flees from being sold into prostitution by escaping into the old lady's van, much against either's will. Thus begins the journey through Highway One. I've taken the routes they took through California, Oregon, Washington. It was delightful to travel the way again, but more delightful was watching the friendship began. The ending made me cry, and I don't cry easily. Well thought out and told. I'd give it a ten if I could.

This story is about an unusual friendship between young teenager Allie, and elderly recluse Bea. Allie's parents have been arrested for tax fraud, leaving Allie to fend for herself in the juvenile court system. When her life is threatened, Allie is forced to run away, where she encounters an even greater danger in the world of human trafficking. She decides her only option is to take her chances on the streets. Bea is in a situation where she finds herself homeless after falling for a telephone scam and losing almost everything she owns. Bea decides her only option is to pack her recliner chair and her cat into her van and live that way, until she can decide another option. When Allie's and Bea's paths cross late one night, it is the beginning of an adventure that will change both of them, as they learn to break down barriers and trust each other on their journey northward along the California-Oregon-Washington coast. The scenery and events are so accurately described that the reader feels transported into the van right along with the main characters. This story would make a wonderful film! Highly recommended!

This being the first book by this author that I have read, I'm under the impression that the author is a young adult writer. This is a delightful story of Allie and Bea - can't help but love the both of them. Allie's commitment to vegan-ism could very likely influence a young reader and I didn't like the author using her pulpit to young adults. At the same time, the author made Allie a very likeable and knowledgeable beyond her teen years being a good role model for other teens. Bea is a a crotchety old gal who wins your heart.

This author never ceases to delight me with her unique story lines which puts you right there with the characters! I was wrapped up in the way Bea figured out the best way for her to live her life after becoming virtually homeless. And in her own way, teenager Allie, was out of her home as well and living in a dangerous situation. Exciting how the two connected and worked things out for themselves and each other. They formed a bond so strong. Still my favorite author, Catherine Ryan Hyde.

I love this author. Things that happen in this novel are unexpected and unanticipated. As an older person, I could empathize with Bea. Allie shows the fortitude required for her to merely survive after her parents are cuffed and taken to jail all of a sudden. We are talking riches to rags in one chapter. The journey for these two characters begins with some ethical, and soul searching decisions made by both. Don't misread me...humor abounds as well as suspenseful. A great easy read.

I loved this book so much! It provided great examples of how a person's world can change so quickly turning the life they completely upside down. I had to put this book down during certain parts because I was afraid of what was going to happen next to a main character, only to pick it back up a short while later to make sure they came through okay. The relationship between Bea and Allie was enjoyable to watch develop. I loved the adventure they went on, how they solved problems, how their opinions and judgments changed along the way. How they grew. This story made me think about my life choices, how I can better enjoy my life and what is really important to be happy.

Reading Allie and Bea, I learned so much about runaways and the troubles they can get in to. Sometimes the "system" just doesn't work. Bea was a great person who didn't realize it because of her own problems. So many people today could be just like her, not wanting to accept welfare after years of hard work and she chose a life she wasn't really prepared for or thought-out. The book

shows how the young can benefit from being with older people and learning from each other. Very good reading.

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