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Bachelor Girl (Little House Sequel)



Synopsis

In this eighth and final book of the Rose Years series, Rose has become an independent young woman. She leaves RockyRidge Farm, first for Kansas City to learn how to be a telegrapher, then for San Francisco. Her dream is to work for a year or two, save a little money, and then marry Paul Cooley, her childhood sweetheart. But the big city has all sorts of surprises in store for Rose, and she finds that she's destined to travel a road she never even imagined.

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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Customer Reviews

I have been disappointed with the entire Rose series, but particularly this book. I've been reading the series along with my daughter, but I doubt if either of us would bother if we weren't looking for answers to 'what happened next' to Laura and Almanzo. If this is a true picture of Rose's life and personality, then I am very sorry for her. She spends most of her time bored, discontented and depressed; she sees her parents as hopelessly outdated and old-fashioned; she chooses, time and again, to do things her parents disapprove of, then does not seem to learn from the misery those choices cause to herself and others. I find little of the independent spirit of Laura in this book. For example, upon returning home after a school year in New Orleans where she became interested in

social issues, Rose laments that her peers in Mansfield seem to care nothing about those issues. But Rose does nothing to educate the others or even express her newfound views. After moving to Kansas City (to attend a telegraph course at her parents' expense, which she applied for in secret), Rose finds a decent room to live in, only to abandon it meekly when an overbearing acquaintance of her mother's demands that she must move. When she confronts her boss, asking that he make good on his promise to give her a raise, she dissolves into tears and leaves the office when he refuses. Spunky? Independent? I don't see it. She moves to San Francisco, where she moves in with the first friendly girl who speaks to her, and soon joins a 'fast' life of driving, dancing, and drinking till all hours of the morning. Though MacBride throws in a few token statements of Rose's supposed better sense, Rose's actions speak the loudest. "This life...., wasn't for her, she knew. But it would do until she got a better idea.

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