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**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER**

Debbie Macomber has won the hearts of millions of readers with her moving and inspiring stories. Now wedding bells are ringing in the tight-knit community that gathers around A Good Yarn, a store in a pretty Seattle neighborhood. Knitters come to the store to buy yarn and patterns but somehow they leave richer in friendship and love.

Lauren Elliott has waited years for her long-term boyfriend, Todd, to propose, yet he seems more focused on his career than their relationship. When Lauren learns that her younger sister is pregnant before she herself even has an engagement ring, she feels overjoyed yet disheartened. Knowing she can't put her future on hold, Lauren prepares to make a bold choice—one that leads her to a man she never dreamed she'd meet.

Newly married to her second husband, Max, Bethanne Scranton is blissfully in love. But with Max's job in California and Bethanne's in Seattle, their long-distance marriage is becoming difficult to maintain. To complicate matters, Bethanne's cunning ex will do anything to win her back.

Lydia Goetz, too, is wonderfully happy with her husband, Brad, though lately she worries about the future of A Good Yarn. As she considers how to bring in business, she discovers that someone has beaten her to the punch. Baskets of yarn are mysteriously popping up all over town, with instructions to knit a scarf for charity and bring it into Lydia's store. Never before has her shop received so much attention, but who hatched this brilliant plan?

As three women's lives intersect in unexpected ways, Lydia, Lauren, and Bethanne realize that love heals every heart, and the best surprises still lay ahead.

## Praise for *Blossom Street Brides*

“[An] enjoyable read that pulls you right in from page one.”—***Fresh Fiction***

“A master at writing stories that embrace both romance and friendship, [Debbie] Macomber can always be counted on for an enjoyable page-turner, and this Blossom Street installment is no exception.”—***RT Book Reviews***

“A wonderful, love-affirming novel . . . an engaging, emotionally fulfilling story that clearly shows why she is a peerless storyteller.”—***Examiner.com***

“Rewarding . . . Macomber amply delivers her signature engrossing relationship tales, wrapping her readers in warmth as fuzzy and soft as a hand-knitted creation from everyone's favorite yarn shop.”—***Bookreporter***

“Fans will happily return to the warm, welcoming sanctuary of Macomber's Blossom Street, catching up with old friends from past Blossom Street books and meeting new ones being welcomed into the fold.”—***Kirkus Reviews***

“Macomber’s nondenominational-inspirational women’s novel, with its large cast of characters will resonate with fans of the popular series.”—***Booklist***

“*Blossom Street Brides* gives Macomber fans sympathetic characters who strive to make the right choices as they cope with issues that face many of today’s women. Readers will thoroughly enjoy spending time on Blossom Street once again and watching as Lydia, Bethanne and Lauren struggle to solve their problems, deal with family crises, fall in love and reach their own happy endings.”—***BookPage***

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### **Beth says**

Debbie Macomber has a way of making her writing feel like home. Once again, we are swept into real world situations and given a front row seat to the struggles of love and marriage. *Blossom Street Brides* is simply real life experienced by fictional characters. You don't get a glossed over picture but true human emotions, struggles and triumphs. This story was an intimate perspective of new marriages, marriages struggling and marriages that seems to be going well. I found this story to be a quick, easy, enjoyable, read.

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### **Melissa says**

If you havent read the other books in this series, this book would be fine as a "stand alone" book.

In this book, we meet Lauren, who works near the yarn shop and has waited years for her boyfriend to propose. She has to make a decision on whether to keep seeing him or break up with him...

It was nice visiting again with Bethanne and Max. They love each other very much but Bethanne's ex-husband keeps interfering!

And, Lydia ( who owns "A Good Yarn" shop ) is puzzled on who is leaving baskets of yarn in public places around town, ( there is a note in each basket of yarn for people to work on the scarf for charity and then take it to Lydia's store. ) Lydia is married and has a family life that she enjoys very much.

I enjoyed the story lines of this book. With each of these ladies having a unique romance in the book, it was very interesting to follow them and see how their stories turned out!

As each story "unravels" you will find the charm and wonderful characters that Debbie Macomber is known for!

5 stars!

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### **Meg says**

This review is based on an ARC provided to me by the publisher.

I'd like to visit Blossom Street. Everytime I read a Debbie Macomber book I feel like I am right there with all of the familiar places and characters. In this episode we get a look at marriages, some going well, some on the rocks and two just starting out. A quick read and an enjoyable diversion. I will certainly read her next book.

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### **Gulen says**

[bu kitapta rooster ilk evlili?ini lauren'e söylemedi diye ç?kan tart??ma ve ayr?l?k, en sonunda lauren'in kabullenmesi ile bitti, ama rooster bir "özür dilerim, söylemeliydim hata yapt?m. senden bundan sonra hiç bir ?eyi sakla

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### **Kathryn says**

Enjoyed this addition to the Blossom St series. It was great catching up on the knit shop, Lydia and her family and to meet a new character or two like Lauren and Max. A couple of men who seem to be slow to get the message their time in the sun was finished!

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### **Sue says**

I received a free download of "Blossom Street Brides (Blossom Street #10), by Bebbie Macomber through NetGalley, in exchange for an honest review. This is a contemporary romance novel that is a real treat for the reader. I have to admit that I read mostly mystery suspense thrillers, and some romance novels, that hold my interest...and I felt right at home reading this novel. I loved it!

This novel revolves around three woman; Lauren, Lydia and Bethanee, their passion for life, their relationships and the thread that binds them all together...their knitting. And they all meet at the shop" A Good Yarn", where Lydia is the owner. The setting for the novel switches between Seattle, Washington and California.

Lydia is married to Brad and they have two children: Cod , Brad's son of his first marriage, and Casey, a beautiful young girl adopted at 12 years old. Casey is suffering from nightmares, possibly a fear of being returned to foster care. Casey spends all her available time with her grandmother, who is suffering from Alzheimer's. They have a special bond.

Bethanee, runs her own party-business in Seattle and is happy married to Max, who owns a wine export business in California, with his partner, Rooster. Bethanee's ex husband, Grant, has now decided he wants his wife back...but it is too late. Life has moved on for Bethanee. Grant even resorts to putting their daughter against her own mother.

Lauren is thirty four years old and still single and has felt that life has passed her by. She has given up on Todd, a famous anchor of the local newspaper, and her boyfriend of three years, and has decided to break up. Todd was content to leave things the way they were...with no formal commitment. Another one bites the dust!

Soon after that, she meets Rooster, Max's partner at winery, and the chemistry between them is magical. They decide to get married while in Las Vegas, but will this relationship hold up?

This novel is book about special relationships, second chances, and family ties...but mostly about the strength of LOVE. It is about living with the consequences of their actions and the ties that bind people together...and the freedom to make their own decisions.

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### **Me says**

My favorite part of the book was only a tiny subplot but very clever. Knitting baskets complete with yarn, needles and instructions to knit as much as you want and drop off the completed item at a homeless shelter were left in numerous public places.

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### **Crystal says**

I have been a fan of Debbie Macomber for a long time now. I have even had the pleasure of meeting her twice. Wow, it was a great experience. So whenever I see she has a new book coming out I just can not wait to get my hands on it to read.

I have had the opportunity to read most of the Blossom Street series books and I have enjoyed each of them. I really enjoyed the catching up with some old friends in Blossom Street Brides.

I really enjoyed reading Lauren Elliott's story. Instead of knitting baby blankets for her own happy family she's preparing to make her YOUNGER sister a blanket for her new baby. This sets things into motion for Lauren. She decides to make some life changing moves and ends up meeting a wonderful new man. I loved Rooster (with a name like that how I could not instantly love this guy?). He's rough and tough biker dude on the outside but on the inside this guy has a heart made out of gold. I really enjoyed reading this story. I don't want to tell you too much because then you will miss out on the fabulous story.

Lauren's boss at the Jewelry store is having some family issues too. This adds more drama to the story and I enjoyed watching this story unfold as well.

I had the chance to revisit Lydia and her yarn store on Blossom Street. Lydia has a very happy life with her wonderful husband and great kids. However a few things are going on that are causing Lydia and family a few problems. It was great to catch up with Lydia again though and I really enjoyed seeing how things were going with her family.

Bethanne's life is full of problems. She is happily married to her second husband Max. However, they have a long distance relationship that they are trying to work out. Add to that, Bethanne's family and some of their opinions they are making her life awfully difficult. This is a great love story of Bethanne and Max though. I'm not going to tell you more you are going to have to grab your own copy and see how things unfold

between this sweet couple. I adored Max and his love for his wife, he is truly a great guy.

On the whole I really enjoyed the whole story and I look forward to reading more about the Blossom Street gang again soon. I always enjoy anything Debbie Macomber writes though so I'll be anxiously awaiting whatever she has coming out next.

I received a copy of this book from Netgalley so that I may have a chance to read it and share my thoughts with you. As always it has been my great pleasure to share my thoughts with you on Blossom Street Brides.

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### **Michele says**

Like having lunch with an old friend, visiting Blossom Street again is always sweet.

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### **Marianne says**

Blossom Street Brides is the tenth book in the Blossom Street series by popular American author, Debbie Macomber. Lydia Goetz, proprietor of A Good Yarn in Blossom Street, is concerned. Her adopted daughter, Casey is having terrifying nightmares with increasing frequency, and her mother, Mary Lou seems to be rapidly deteriorating, both physically and mentally. She is also intrigued: someone is leaving Knit Me baskets around the town with needles, yarn and instructions for a simple scarf for charity, to be delivered to A Good Yarn on completion. Her good friend Bethanne Scranton (whom readers will remember fondly from the very first Blossom Street book, and the eighth in the series) is happily married to her biker, Max, although their long-distance marriage is challenging, but continues to have problems with daughter Annie, who is still hopeful Bethanne will reunite with ex-husband, Grant. The news of her younger sister's pregnancy prompts Lauren Elliott to confront her long-time boyfriend, TV broadcaster, Todd Hampton about their relationship. She is now certain he will never marry her, and she has no intention of remaining single and childless. Enter Rooster Wayne, good friend of Max Scranton, and she unexpectedly sees in this biker a man who ticks all the boxes on her husband list. But Todd is not prepared to let go quite so easily. This instalment has an elopement, a hastily arranged marriage, an aborted honeymoon, attempted blackmail and three pregnancies. Macomber touches on everyday topics like pride and jealousy, trust and honesty, as well as dementia, long-distance relationships and the effects of childhood trauma. Macomber is the mistress of the heart-warming read.

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### **Margaret says**

Debbie Macomber's books are sort of a guilty pleasure in that I sometimes feel like I should be reading something with a little more substance or depth. Maybe something a little less predictable. But sometimes it's just nice to know that everything will end just fine and most of the characters will live happily ever after. Reading a Macomber novel is like watching a Hallmark movie - simple, pleasant, and not many surprises. There are times when that's exactly what I need. Blossom Street Brides was a weekend's welcome escape to a fantasy land where women have time to knit for pleasure, men are devoted to their families, everyone is kind, and all is right with the world.

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### **Janet says**

“We are family” – it’s the title of a 1979 dance hit song by Sister Sledge but it sums up the feeling I get when I pick up a new *Blossom Street* book. *Blossom Street Brides* is #10 in the series, with every story spinning out from Debbie Macomber’s core metaphor that friends are family. Even more interestingly, that members of your family aren’t necessarily your friends—as adults, we have the opportunity to re-examine and re-visit the hurts and joys of childhood and if we do the hard work, perhaps we’ll be lucky enough to have family relationships with ties that bind by more than the ties of blood.

So it is with *Blossom Street Brides*. I’ve always loved Lydia Goetz’s story—the cancer survivor whose knitting store A Good Yarn is the anchor of *Blossom Street*. Her husband Brad and their children, daughter Casey and son Cody, have become very familiar to us. Realistically, money is tight for the Goetz family and that reality makes their day-to-day life all the richer. Magically, baskets with yarn from A Good Yarn, needles and the beginnings of a scarf, pop up all over the Seattle. Lydia doesn’t know what to make of this—she’d love to take credit but had nothing to do with it—but as a human interest story (scarves for the homeless) her store starts to get some much needed and well-deserved publicity and her fortunes take a significant upturn.

Switching metaphors for a second, a book in any Macomber series is a crazy quilt, with glimpses of continuing stories, hints of stories to come and, always, a community that ranges from unborn babies to grandparents on the other side of life’s journey. Not played for pathos, but as a cross-section of life as it’s being lived, with worries about payroll juxtaposed with visits to nursing homes and cheering on sports-mad children.

Macomber’s realistic portrayal of the tricky transition from a full-time parent of a child to becoming the parent of an adult is a bonus. Whether you’re a helicopter parent, a parent who works with an adult child, a parent in a second marriage with a resentful ex and children who are still sorting it out—you’ll see parts of yourself here. Possibly because of my age and the age of my grown-up children, these parts of *Blossom Street Brides* interested me the most.

The romance of a seemingly sensible woman who carefully prepared a husband list and then threw caution to the winds (in Vegas, of all places!) is darling. My one caveat with Lauren and Rooster’s story, taking *Blossom Street Brides* down to a 4 ½ star, is that the classy jewelry store employee meets rough and tumble biker tale is too reminiscent of Max and Bethanne’s love affair. A small quibble though. I thoroughly enjoyed my return visit to *Blossom Street*.

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### **Margaret Chind says**

If you know me at all, you may know that I do not read much general market fiction. Most of my reading hours are spent in the Christian Fiction, and mostly Christian Historical Fiction world. There is about a handful of authors that I make exception for in the general market and Debbie Macomber is one of those,

especially when it comes to her Blossom Street series, which I own all of! One of the things that I love about this series is that each book could easily stand on its own two covers and this one does as well. However for those readers that have read any of the other books in the Blossom Street series it's enchanting to meet Lydia again on the page and read more of her own romance.

I read an advanced copy and at the end it just makes me want to jump further back and reread the series. I think that Debbie Macomber has a great ministry. She entertains, but she also provides just enough seeds and reassurance that those with faith and those without can gain from reading her stories. I remember enjoying *Hannah's List* (the first one in the series that I read and #7 in order before I knew about the series) so much and my mother assures me that *Starting Now* is just as good to read. In the early winter I enjoyed a ARC of *Starry Night: A Christmas Novel* a different stand alone and loved it too!

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### **Ruth says**

It was pleasant to be back with the residents of Blossom Street. Once again, Debbie was able to spin a tale about the lives of the people there giving them real life issues to overcome. We find that some people are falling in love, while other relationships end. Casey doesn't seem to be feeling secure in her adoptive home and begins to have nightmares. Lydia worries about her mom's failing health and long distance relationships are strained. The personalities that Debbie invents are spot on and very realistic. It is a fast read and enjoyable. I am already looking forward to her next Blossom Street tale.

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### **Carole (Carole's Random Life in Books) says**

This review can also be found at Carole's Random Life in Books.

This was just okay for me. I didn't love it but I didn't hate it either. This isn't normally the kind of book that I would pick up but I added it to my to be read list several years ago largely because of my mother. When this book was being released, my mother was undergoing chemotherapy during her third battle with breast cancer. I took her to all of her doctor appointments and chemo treatments so we spent a lot of time together and she loves Debbie Macomber's writing. I added this book to my review pile due to my mother's recommendation but I accept full responsibility for letting it linger there for years. I did like the book and am glad that I finally picked it up.

This is one of those books that tells several somewhat connected stories. I don't always care for this method of storytelling because I often like one of the plot threads more than the others and the book's momentum seems to slow down with the focus switched. I had those issues with this book and think that I would have enjoyed the book a lot more if one of the stories would have been the primary focus of the book.

Lydia, Lauren, and Bethanne all share a love of knitting and know each other through their hobby. Lydia runs the local yarn store and is dealing with some issues in personal life with her adopted daughter and her mother's health. She is also trying to solve the mystery of the knitting baskets showing up all over town tied to her store. Lauren is ready for a long term relationship and decides to move on from her boyfriend and then quickly meets Rooster and finds that he may be the man she needs in her life. Bethanne and her husband live in different states due to work obligations but are deeply in love. Bethanne's daughter and ex-husband are adding an extra set of challenges but they are determined to make things work.

I liked all three of the stories but the book as a whole just felt too sweet. It really shouldn't have been a surprise that the book read like a Hallmark movie since several of her books actually are Hallmark movies. As I worked my way through this book, some of the characters just seemed unrealistically nice and conversations didn't always feel authentic because everyone was just a little too perfect. There were a few characters that were causing problems and being difficult but the overly sweet tone of the book never seemed to subside.

I have listened to Cassandra Campbell's narration in the past and have always enjoyed her work. She had a pretty large cast of characters to deal with in this book and I thought she did a great job of it. There were times that I thought that the narration was a little too saccharine but I really think that this was due to the dialogue more than anything else. I wouldn't hesitate to listen to Cassandra Campbell again in the future.

I would recommend this book to readers that like a sweet and clean story. I did want to see everything work out for the characters and liked the book overall. I don't think that there is anything groundbreaking in this book but it was a nice story.

*I received a digital review copy of this book from Random House Publishing Group - Ballantine via NetGalley and borrowed a copy of the audiobook from the library via Overdrive.*

### **Initial Thoughts**

I will be honest....I didn't love this. I didn't hate it but this really is not my kind of book. I requested this one from NetGalley over 4 years ago probably because I was spending a whole lot of time with my mom who was going through chemo at the time. My mom loves Debbie Macomber's books but I think that this was just a little too sweet for my tastes. Even the narration of the audio sounded overly sweet at times.

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