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Tammy says

Ahhh,a good sweet wholesome Christmas story

A most wonderful story that is full of holiday joy. The characters are a wee bit wacky and so are the situations. Some things are just down right laugh out loud funny! And just WHO it's that little man with the vials of water????

Robyn Spencer says

See my review of The Prayers of Agnes Sparrow. It took me a lot longer than usual to read this book, again because of the poor editing and inconsistencies throughout. I'd give it even lower than a 3 star rating if I didn't enjoy Joyce Magnin's characters as much as I do.

Loraine says

The residents of Bright's Pond are all delightfully zany characters who all come together to make a loveable small town community. Christmas brings with it a crooked little man who makes all the residents of the nursing home feel young again and acting silly, a romance that leads to a wedding, and a young girl who finds a new home and new life.

Lisa Johnson says

Title: Blame it on the Mistletoe (Bright's Pond Series)

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There are three other novels in the Bright's Pond Series and the titles are: The Prayers of Agnes Sparrow, Griselda Takes Flight and Charlotte Figg Takes Over Paradise. The characters introduced in the first three novels continue in this fourth novel, Blame it on the Mistletoe. Griselda is a middle-aged, single woman who has lived in the same small town all her life and even still resides in the same house she grew up in. Come to think of it, Griselda's life rarely has changed. Now, with her on-again, off-again high school sweetheart, Griselda feels unsure of marriage to Zeb because she has finally had time to herself instead of caring for her sister Agnes or someone else in the town.

With Christmas right around the corner, Zeb, after a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration with friends that Griselda helped make, pops the question to her again. This time the answer is "yes"! However, her flight instructor is after her affections as well, which really throws the future bride's emotions in a loop.

Throughout the novel, the reader will be enticed to read more as a mysterious little man is in the area affecting a change in the hearts and lives of the townsfolk, especially those residing in a nursing home.

Joyce Magnin writes a novel that really is unique in nature as it has mystery, a plethora of characters and an ending that will be a surprise and delight to the audience. The wonderful characteristic feel to this novel for

me was the quirky personalities attached to the various residents of the Bright's Pond community. These make-believe people are the "normal" kind of people one reads in a work of fiction, but definitely can be people that are real.

I loved how Griselda was created as someone who took on the cares of those around her and loved caring for them. Zeb owns the town café and is the sole master chef and owner of the diner. Rosie, who is a widowed woman, talented seamstress and is one who often speaks before thinking, but she is treasured by many of her neighbors. Many others in the book have one special quality that reminds me of most small towns and that is when a need is known most usually pitch in to help. Of course, the down side is that everyone knows each other's business whether it is something good or bad.

Don't miss enjoying the book! My rating is 4 stars.

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Debbie says

"Blame It On the Mistletoe" by Joyce Magnin gets 4 stars from me. This book is a long story, and it did seem to drag on at times. But with that said I did like the book! This novel is the fourth novel in the "Bright's Pond Series", it is a stand alone but I might have been able to give it five stars if I had read the other books in this series.

This story is about the strange happenings at Greenbrier Nursing Home. It is also about Griselda Sparrow and how her sister's needs and other issues keep coming between her and her boyfriend Zeb. Add the new pilot and his airplane to the plot and Zeb's jealousy and you have a little love story in the middle of the strange happenings.

This book is written in first person's point of view, that of Griselda Sparrow.

What is causing the nursing home residents to start acting ten years younger. They are holding hands and kissing and climbing trees and riding tricycles through the hallways (I know I thought the same thing, why would they allow tricycles inside the nursing home). There is even a wedding among the residents.

Is this happening because the residents are being drugged or is it something more simple, like the Fountain of Youth has really been found? Is Leon Fontaine who he says he is or is he a con artist? The police detective of the town, Mildred Blessing is determined to find out and arrests Leon and he escaped and the evidence grows against him.

There are funny scenes in this novel, such as Ruth's Hawaiian Tropical Thanksgiving that goes awry. There is even a chase to catch a runaway camel.

Christmas Eve was a joyous occasion and also a sad ending to the book! I never imagining it ending that way but am glad that if the sad part had to happened, the good part happened involving a little girl named Mercy and her brother!

The ending left me wondering if there is another Bright's Pond novel coming!

I was given a free copy of this book by Abingdon Press Fiction for my honest review to be in the 2013 Christmas Blog Tour!

Kathleen (Kat) Smith says

The elderly residents of Greenbrier's Nursing Home are simply up to no good! No good in the eyes of the residents of Bright Pond that is. Now that Hattie Grace who is almost ninety years old is now riding a tricycle like a three year old, and another couple is kissing like teenagers under the newly built gazebo on the property. Just what is really going on?

As Police Chief Mildred Blessing attempts to investigate all the angles on this strange dilemma, along with the nursing home doctor, they believe that someone is putting something in the food or water that the nursing home residents are drinking. Ever since Leon Fontaine has come to town and begin building things around Bright Pond, the residents here, are now acting a whole lot stranger than normal.

In the novel, Blame It On Mistletoe by Joyce Magnin, the reader is introduced to some of the quirky residents living in Bright Pond. From a beloved woman named Ruth who is prepared to out do all the previous Thanksgiving festivities that have been hosted at others homes, by offering a Thanksgiving Tropical Luau and making it definitely one that will be talked about for years to come.

Griselda is at her wit's end trying to decide if she is in love with Zeb, the diner's chief cook extraordinaire or her new aviation teacher, Cliff. Now if only she could discover what love really means while both are doing their very best to try and impress her.

I received this book on my Kindle compliments of Net Galley and Abingdon Press for my honest review and this one is just perfect for not just Christmas but anytime. You can't help but fall in love with the amusing characters of Joyce Magnin's Bright Pond series, and this one is no exception! I rate this one a classical 5 out of 5 Christmas stars!

Laura Cushing says

I likely wouldn't have picked this up if I noticed it was Christian fiction as I have had some bad reading experiences there. But this was a pleasant cozy fiction with the church and Christmas miracles being part of the characters lives and plot, not smothering the non Christian reader. I was a little unsure about the intended time period, with the characters having old fashioned names and a little girl being referred to as a Negro. Would have liked more detail on that. overall though a pleasant seasonal read.

Shari Larsen says

You might be wondering why I would be reviewing a "Christmas" book in the middle of summer, but I love

this author and her Bright's Pond series, and I just couldn't wait any longer to read this newest one.

There are strange things happening at the Greenbrier Nursing Home, where Griselda's sister Agnes has been living for a few months. The old folks there have suddenly gotten friskier, riding tricycles and acting like teenagers in love. All this is attributed to the newest resident of the Paradise Trailer Park, Leon Fontaine, who believes he has discovered the "fountain of youth" right in the trailer park. But chief of Police Mildred Blessing is suspicious and sets out to investigate.

Meanwhile, Griselda is deciding between pilot Cliff Cardwell, who is teaching her how to fly, and old high school sweetheart Zeb Sewickey, owner of the Full Moon Cafe. All while working at the library, and helping to plan the annual children's Christmas pageant, (with a runaway camel) and the town's annual holiday parade.

I really enjoyed this book, and spending time with the quirky but lovable characters of Bright's Pond again. The ending was satisfying, but hopefully there are more books planned, because there are still a lot more stories to tell about the people.

Dorrice says

How do you describe Joyce Magnin's books? Fun reading, easy reading, carry the Christian message reading. No, not always the whole Gospel, but enough to catch the interest of any reader who is searching. I have now read 3 of her Brights Pond series and enjoyed all of them. (That's why I keep coming back for more!)

Her characters are well drawn. Some of them are real people, and then just for fun she throws in people like Leon Fontaine in "Blame it on the Mistletoe." Leon is not believable as a person, but he is nevertheless lovable, and this book could not have happened without him. Agnes Sparrow is real, this happens in real life and we hear every once in a while about some person who weighs as much as she does. Her character helps the reader understand such people better.

Another thing I like about Joyce Magnin is that she completes the story before she closes the book on us. The only incomplete thread in the story is Grisela's desire to get her pilot's license, and we can hope she does go ahead and get it.

Anyway, I thoroughly enjoyed reading this story and I am looking forward to reading "Griselda Takes Flight" which I have just downloaded to my Kindle.

Anne L. Botkin says

Great Christmas read!

Very heartwarming touching Christmas tale. Eclectic characters you'd love to get to know! A must read for the Christmas season

Teresa says

Sweet story

Sweet story with fun and interesting characters. The town of Bright's Pond is full of unique individuals. But whether they've lived there all their lives or are newbies to the town, they bond together to make a delightful community. Relationships develop, choices have to be made, and lives are changed forever. Blame it on the Mistletoe is a quick and entertaining story that will have you chuckling and tearing up as you fall in love with the folks who celebrate life and cheer each other on through the good days and the bad.

Robin says

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Review: Filled with loveable quirky characters that take on a life of their own throughout the story interwoven into that is characters from other books written by the author. This is a story about people who are given a second chance at life to do things and act without the adult perspective heightened self-awareness. It did take some time to get used to a book about older people. I did enjoy the realness of interaction between the two sisters and the giving of self in visiting people that are unable to get up and go on their own. While slow moving at the start it was worth wading through all the 'getting to know you' phase to dig into the mystery of why did all these people seem to be getting more youthful.

I would like to thank Net Galley and Abingdon Press for allowing me to read and review this book in return for a free copy and I was never asked to write a favorable review by anyone.

Kathy says

Another good book in the Brights Pond series.

Victor Gentile says

Joyce Magnin in her new book, "Blame It On The Mistletoe" Book Four in the Bright's Pond series published by Abingdon Press takes us into the life of Police Chief Mildred Blessing.

From the back cover: Just married

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The folks have suddenly grown younger, happier, and even a bit friskier thanks to Leon Fontaine, the newest Paradise Trailer Park resident. But Mildred Blessing is suspicious and sets out to investigate while the wedding to end all weddings is being planned.

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Welcome to Bright's Pond. I did not read the first three books in this series, A mistake that I plan to correct quickly, however I was quickly drawn into the characters and did not feel that I was missing anything. Leon Fontaine, a new resident at the Paradise Trailer Park, has rebuilt the old fountain which leans a bit, similar to the way he does. Since then the residents of the Greenbrier Nursing Home are behaving in a younger manner. It's either the water or drugs and Mildred Blessing, who is also new to Bright's Pond's and the one and only police officer which, of course, makes her the chief of police. Get ready for a Hawaiian Thanksgiving, a wedding and a Christmas Pageant like you have never seen before. There is a lot going on, all of it is fun and all of it is entertaining. You will find yourself laughing out loud as you enjoy the going on in this delightful little town. All of the characters are fun and Ms. Magnin has a way to really keep you interested in this story as you keep flipping pages wondering what will happen next.

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Paula says

This was my first book by Magnin. I may have liked it better if I had read some of the others first, but this just did not grab me.

I didn't care that these characters all seemed uneducated, which turned me off right away. Just because you live in a small town doesn't mean everyone is uneducated. The romance between Griselda and Zeb just didn't do it for me either. She still seemed to be waffling on her wedding day.

I did like the Christmas theme and how all the townspeople came together. I liked the bit of magic that Leon provided. I also liked the Mercy character.

I may try another book by this author but I don't think I'll go back to the 3 first books.
