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"Sally Cox goes to work in a nursing home after her husband of thirty years leaves her for a younger woman and in serious financial straits. The only thing bigger than the chip on Sally's shoulder is her faltering faith and her attachment to a ninety-year-old nursing home patient named Elsie Rigsby, who suffers from dementia and whose mind wanders in and out of reality."

## **Poor Mrs. Rigsby Details**

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### **Bekah Kirkland says**

I like certain parts of this novel, but I don't think it's nearly as good as her other novels. I much prefer her other novels- that contain more mystery & suspense- with less predictability.

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### **Denise says**

Despite the story being a bit unbelievable I enjoyed reading it and imagining what it would be like if I knew where a large amount of money was hidden. It was a bit tiring how Sally always complained about how hard her life was but was glad she reconsidered in the end.

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### **Cienna Lyon says**

It's a mystery that also has old people and money and Jesus. Shouldn't have expected anything else, would not recommend for the casual non-religious reader.

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### **Devin says**

The first "Christian Fiction" book that I've read, and I have to say I did enjoy it. It was mysterious and captivating.

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### **Sarah Gambino says**

you know, I usually kind of hate Christian. writing. (I am a Christian btw) I hate how magical Christian writing tends to make being a Christian out to be. but this one was actually pretty good. it rarely makes the insinuation that Christianity and God are the solution to all our problems, but rather a refuge to weather the storms in. well written, if a little scattered. in the end, it came together nicely. I wouldn't recommend it to everyone, but it certainly has some good lessons in it.

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### **Ellie says**

This book has questions in the back for you to think about. Nice book for anyone struggling with finances. Kathy Herman seems like a delightful person herself and commits to being involved in the conversations about her books on letstalkfiction.com. I would like to read more of her books, this one is enjoyable with many characters of varying backgrounds and clashing personalities.

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### **Sara Carbone says**

I had no idea what I was getting into when found this book for a dollar. It ended up being way more religious than I expected, I like how she she didn't push the religious stuff till the end, it made it more realistic that way. Overall, it was good and I'm glad I read it.

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### **Teresa says**

Very good book, I couldn't put it down.

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### **Loraine says**

When we stray from God our choices often become self-serving.

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### **Pamela Leinenweaver says**

Great book love this author can't wait to read her other 19 books

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### **LuAnn says**

This was such a fun and interesting story! I had never read anything by this author before and picked up the book at a second-hand store. I wasn't disappointed. Wonderful writing, intriguing scenario. Just simple a great read!

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### **Amy says**

This is not a book I would typically pick up. I tend to find Christian novels to religious and if I wanted a religious book, I would read Max Lucado or Beth Moore. However, this is the book my book club chose, so I read it. And it was good. I didnt even realize it was Christian Fiction until about half way through. The story line held together well and progressed; the characters were believable and the ending was not predictable. Overall, I did actually enjoy it and I may have to look up this authors other books.

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### **Sandy McCarthy says**

Fun book + Mystery = Can't beat it!!  
Kathy Herman is a wonderful author - try her books!!

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## Nora St Laurent says

Poor Mrs. Rigsby gets so confused. But she's Sally Cox's favorite patient at Walnut Hills Nursing Center. It's too bad her only relatives are her insensitive son, Harry, who's always badgering her about money, and a charming but unreliable grandson.

Harry Rigsby is retired, but these years aren't exactly golden for him. He's been reduced to eating ketchup sandwiches when his Social Security check doesn't stretch to cover the whole month. It just isn't fair. He has long suspected his mother of rat holing money, but she won't admit to it. Trouble is, if he doesn't find out before her mind goes, he'll never see a penny of it....of all kind of evil.

Sally Cox is drowning in debt and resentful that her job at the nursing home doesn't pay enough. When Mrs. Rigsby tells her and a coworker that she's hidden money from her greedy son, the coworker devises the perfect scheme to end Sally's financial woes - and opens a door to something evil?<

I really like this book, it's a keeper.

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## Susan says

SPOILER ALERT: I randomly pulled this book off the shelf at the library and checked it out without realizing it was Christian fiction. I do not normally read Christian fiction even though I am a Christian myself, because the writing usually leaves something to be desired. However, I had never read this author, the story looked promising and I love a good mystery, so I gave it a try. Unfortunately the writing was mediocre and the story dragged. This book was not quite mystery, not quite thriller, mostly moralizing. The dilemmas the characters faced did not ring true, and the characters' changed lives happened just a little too quickly and easily. Everything worked out a little too perfectly in the end. After stealing a huge sum of money, Sally gets off with community service because the police put in a good word for her; Sally agrees to consider reuniting with her ex-husband (who cheated on her, divorced her for a younger woman, and left her high and dry financially) after just one week of seeing him again; marries him again after 5 months; and convinces her probation officer to let her leave the state to visit her new grandchild because he thinks she's a nice person. Even the most unlikable, selfish character in the book ends up turning his life around, being okay with not getting his share of his mother's money and going to Bible study--after just a few days of working in a soup kitchen with some Christians (and without even being a Christian himself yet). And his ex-wife forgives him for all his past failures after one brief meeting in the cemetery at their son's grave.

I guess what bothered me about this book is that it failed to show these real life struggles in a believable way. Making the right choice doesn't always mean you escape the consequences for your actions, you get to keep

your job, or you get to have your wife back after you cheated on her. Even if you promise profusely that you'll never do it again. Everything seemed a little too rosy. It's true that Christ changes lives. It's true that salvation transforms people. But this book proclaims a rainbow-hued version of reality where once sin is forgiven, everything is instantly fixed. Life doesn't work that way. There are still consequences to be paid and relationships to be restored.

Also, being a huge mystery fan, I was disappointed that the murderer turned out to be someone who had nothing whatsoever to do with anything that happened in the book. There were no clues to be followed, no trail of evidence, no satisfying reveal. Just a totally unexpected character who never actually made an appearance in the story happening to come by and commit the murder--almost by chance.

Sigh.

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