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The Roaring Twenties comes to a very small town At a time when most American girls are dreaming of bobbed hair and flapper dresses, Hestia Myatt dreams only of becoming a doctor. On a visit to Maiden, North Carolina, to care for an ailing aunt, Hestia becomes reacquainted with a handsome former classmate, Booth Barrington. Things are going well for Hestia until her glamorous cousin, Selene, mysteriously arrives from New York. Selene turns the heads of every bachelor in town and she seems to have set her sights on Booth. Will Hestia become resentful of her cousin, who can talk of nothing but speakeasies and wild soires? Or can Hestias maidenly influence convince Selene to change her world-weary ways?

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## From Reader Review Love Finds You in Maiden, North Carolina for online ebook

### **Katie W says**

Hestia is a young woman in the early 1920s who goes to a small town to care for her aunt. Her cousin ends up joining them, since she's in the family way and needs to endure her confinement in secrecy. Booth, a man of Hestia's acquaintance from years past, makes an appearance and Hestia is definitely interested.

I really enjoyed learning more about the roaring 20s--phrases, expressions, fashion, etc. However, this story was a little lacking in the romance department. I definitely could have used more.

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### **Amy says**

It was ok, not as good as the first in this series I read. They are written by different authors, so that has an effect (or is it affect, I can't ever remember). I got tired of them talking about the main character leaving to go back home and so nothing could happen with the boy she met. It was not resolved soon enough for me and then not enough given to it at the end. He just proposes and everything is fine in the last 2 pages of the book. Disappointing end.

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### **Dawn says**

Nice, clean story but very predictable and slow moving.

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### **Sandy Duke says**

I've enjoyed all of the books I've read in this series. This one started out a bit slow, but it did continue to hold my interest. I enjoyed stepping into the 1920's and examining how society was changing during that decade.

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### **Barbi says**

What a sweet, heartwarming book!

I loved Hestia, Aunt Louisa, Selene, Artie and Booth. I also enjoyed the fact that you got 2 romances for the price of one with this book.

It was neat to read about the 1920s in this book and how differently Selene and Hestia approached things such as style and language. Selene used many phrases that I had never heard of.

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### **Lauralee Bliss says**

I loved this setting and time period - it was unique and interesting. I did find the plot a bit too predictable, but that's how it goes with many books.

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### **Whitney says**

I loved this book! The time period, the small town setting, and how the main characters each changed in their own ways and both found love!

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### **Maggie Boyd says**

The roaring twenties are more of a whimper in Maiden NC. Hestia comes to Maiden to take care of her ailing aunt. The trip also serves to get her out of town after a broken engagement which has been accompanied by battered self-esteem. Hestia's fiance broke up with her because she kept her hair long, her dresses longer and her stockings black rather than nude. Not silky black but a clunky cotton black that made her look like an old lady. When her fashionable cousin Selene comes to Maiden too, Hestia finds proof that fashion can lead to folly when it turns out Selene is pregnant. But as the two girls get to know each other, who will influence whom?

Adding some spice to our characters lives are two local men. Neighbor Booth knows both girls as childhood playmates. But can he possibly have a future with Hestia as more than friends? Artie has a past and much like Selene, had to build a new life for himself amid some judgment. Will he be able to be more than just a friend and mentor to the lovely young woman?

The author did a great job of capturing the era but I was confused by her story and characters. Booth wanted Hestia but seemed to have no idea how to go about a courtship. Hestia couldn't seem to shut up about her ex. The aunt vacillated between being judgmental and then for no reason whatsoever giving in on the very issue that was originally condemned. It was an okay story but those problems kept me from loving it.

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### **Victoria says**

This is a love story about two ladies who are cousins who visit their bed ridden Aunt Louisa in Maiden, North Carolina. They each needed to get away from problems at home. It is 1922 and one of the cousins is very old fashioned for her age while the other is a bit of a flapper. The two of them start to form bonds and learn about one another while also beginning to learn more about faith in Jesus and true love. Each of them have a love story and it was wonderful to read! I think it definitely made me feel like I was there while reading it.

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### **Lena says**

I loved it!

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## ??Trea says

Once again, I'm reviewing a *Love Finds You* that I had previously read. The first time I read this, all I had to say about it was that it was interesting. While that is a bit true this time around as well, I have to say that I was not that impressed by the story overall as well.

I found it to be extremely preachy, even for an Inspirational title. I can understand that this was set in the 1920s and some people were like that back then, but this too things a bit too far for my tastes. I didn't care for Selene's entry into the story or her continued presence, though I did enjoy seeing her path back to the Lord and the eventual romance that blossomed because of it.

Hestia and Booth's relationship was the main focus, but I really didn't see much where a romance could bloom, just from the short moments of interaction between the two of them. I also hated that Hestia's career ideas were unfulfilled and unexplored past her deciding that she empathized too much with patients to be of use to them. There were other options back then besides homemaker!

All things considered, this is not one I wish to keep in my Kindle library, but it is worth reading at least once.

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## Emmamac says

It was a very good read

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## Barbara says

Set in the 1920's, this book gave an interesting look at what life might have been like at that time, the choices women had to make, and the societal changes that were occurring. The romances portrayed were sweet, and the ending was satisfying. I enjoyed seeing the characters change and grow throughout the story, but there were times it seemed like a little bit more action would have made it even more interesting. There were good reasons, but several of the characters weren't able to go anywhere or do much for part of the time, which cut back on what adventures could be woven into the plot. Historical fiction lovers will enjoy experiencing the 1920's through the eyes of several characters of different backgrounds and experiences. Probably closer to a 3.5 for this reader.

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## Lorraine says

**SUMMARY:** The Roaring Twenties come to a very small town...Two young women visit their ailing aunt in Maiden, North Carolina, where both seek to recover fro broken romances. But one of them harbors a scandalous secret...

**REVIEW:** Although fairly predictable, this delightful roaring 20's novel gives a wonderful glimpse into the changing mores of the young people of that time period and how the changes led to heartache and pain for some of them. The old-fashioned storyline reminded me of Grace Livingston Hill's writing.

The theme of second chances as displayed by both Selene and Artie after giving in to temptations brought

about by changing society and the loss of focus on faith due to those temptations was well developed throughout the story. In turn, both Booth and Hestia displayed how a strong Christian foundation can cope with accepting those changes that still maintained that foundation.

I enjoyed the author's depiction through Aunt Louisa of accepting some changes while standing strong on the basics of a good moral compass whereas Miss Olive depicted those who live in judgment rather than leaving that to God.

I did feel that the story did slow down in places but overall a good read.

FAVORITE QUOTES: "I think that as long as a person seeks the Lord's guidance every day and stays in His will, life will be all it's meant to be."

"Keep God close at hand, no matter what the style or notions of the day may be."

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### **Liz says**

Pretty good.

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