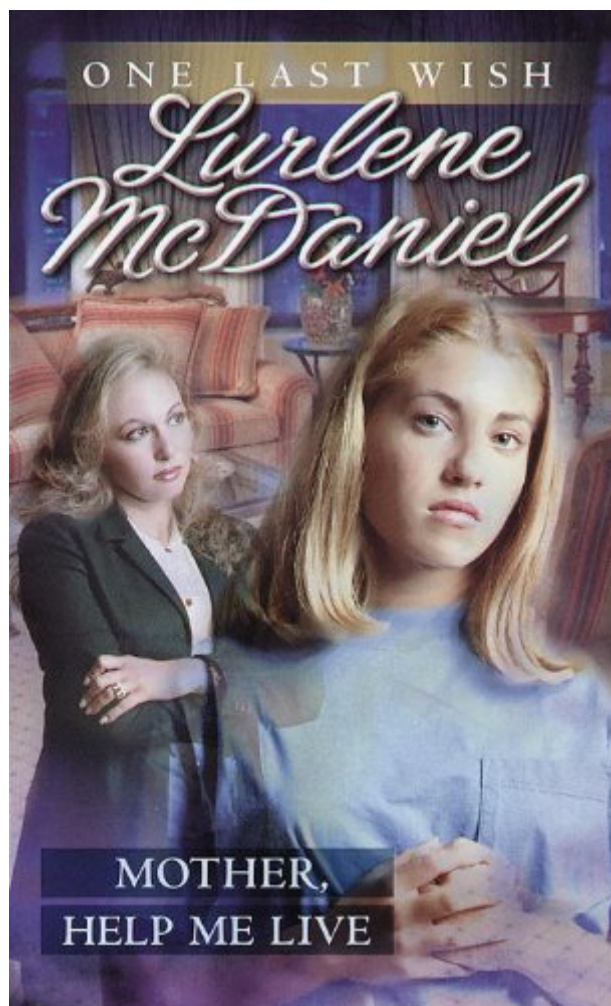


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Synopsis

Sarah Mcgreggor has leukemia and needs a bone marrow transplant. It is at this critical moment that Sarah learns she was adopted. When the "One Last Wish" check arrives, Sarah decides to search for her birth mother--and a chance for life. From the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

One of my Favorite stories! I can connect more to the main character in the since I am adopted just like her. :)

Title: Mother, Help me LiveBy: Lurlene McDanielReview by: J. KuPeriod: P.1 In Mother, Help me live, Sarah Mcgreggor, at the age of 10, finds out that she is diagnosed with leukemia. She endured treatments for three year, but her leukemia still responed. Dr. Gill thought a bone marrow transplant would be the best cure for Sarah's leukemia. Dr. Gill said the bone marrow should come from her

brother or sister. Right away, Sarah's parents knew that her brother and sister's bone marrow wouldn't work, but Sarah didn't understand why. Later, she learned that she was adopted when she was three days old. She wanted to find her birth mother to ask if she could donate some of her bone marrow. Sarah woke up one night and found a letter from OLW foundation. She opened it up and read the letter. In addition to the letter was a check for one-hundred-thousand dollars. Once she found her birth mother, she went to go see her. Janelle didn't want to have anything to do with Sarah so she shut them out. Before Sarah was about to go home, Janelle came and said that she would never be a suitable candidate for donating bone marrow no matter if it matched or not. Janelle had breast cancer and she went under chemo and radiation. The doctor told Janelle that the disease had a tendency to run in the family. I really liked this book because it is filled with hope. Sarah never gave up, she always believed that something good would happen. This book has a very strong family bond. All of the family members are very close. Whenever someone is in need, atleast one of the family member will be there. I don't like this book because it is too sad. It makes me cry as you read the book. I have read a lot of Lurlene McDaniel's books, each time I read it I always think, "what if that was me? or what would happen if that was me?" Stories about dying make other people wonder about dying. My favorite part of the book is when Sarah and Janelle get together again. Mother and daughter get reunited. If I was Sarah, I would be really excited and happy because I am about to meet a woman that I have never met before. My other favorite part is when Sarah receives the letter from the OLW foundation which was written by JWC. The letter read, Dear Sarah, You don't know me, but I know about you, and because I do, I want to give you a special gift. Accompanying this letter is a certified check, my gift to you with no strings attached to spend on anything you want. No one knows about this gift except you, and you are free to tell anyone you want. Who I am isn't really important, only that you and I have much in common. Through no fault of our own, we have endured pain and isolation and have spent many days in a hospital feeling lonely and scared. I hope for a miracle, but most of all, I hoped for someone to truly understand what I was going through. I can't make you live longer. I can't stop you from hurting, but I can give you one wish, as someone did for me. My wish helped me find purpose, faith, and courage. Friendship reaches beyond time, and the true miracle is in giving, not receiving. Use my gift to fulfill your wish. Your Forever Friend, JWC I really like this letter, it is very touching and from the heart. It makes a person feel good about having someone to understand what you are going through. Although this person wishes to remain anonymous, he/she will be greatly thanked.

Sarah Mcgreggor is a girl with leukemia. Sarah goes to the hospital and she finds out that she

needs a bone marrow transplant. This transplant could be some bone marrow from her mom, dad, sister, or brother. Then her mom and dad said to her to go up to her hospital room and wait for them. Sarah's parents came up to her room and tell her that she can't have the transplant because her parents aren't really her parents. She was actually adopted and Sarah got a little mad though. Sarah then goes to California where her real mother was there. Sarah then meets her mom and asks her to donate her bone marrow to her so she can live. Her mom had let her down saying go home though. The next day Sarah's real mom came to her hotel and told her about her heritage. Sarah's dad had died in a plane crash and her real mom had breast cancer so she couldn't give her bone marrow because she didn't have any good marrow. Sarah ends up in the hospital when she came back to her home town. Sarah doesn't know if she is going to live. Do you think she will live? That is a thing to learn in the next book though.

To be honest, I never would have just bought this book off the shelf. The reason I read it was because I bought a "One Last Wish" trilogy with three 'One Last Wish' stories because it included "Sixteen and Dying". But since I had it, I ended up reading it. Sarah is 15, and has just gone out of remission. When she was 10 she got diagnosed with cancer and it took 3 years, until she was 13, to achieve remission. And now it's back. The chemo won't work this time, and her only hope is a bone marrow transplant. The doctor tells her that siblings will probably have the closest match, so she just assumes her younger sister and brother will work. Sadly, it's not that easy. Sarah's parents are forced to tell her that she was adopted when she was 3 days old, and that her siblings won't be compatible, as there's no blood relation. Sarah's shocked and hurt that her parents would keep such a big secret from her. She realizes that her only hope is finding her birth mother, the one who gave her up for adoption 15 years ago. If she can find her mother, then her mother will be compatible, and Sarah won't die. As you can see, it's sweet. And it's obviously a mother daughter book. It just wasn't that interesting to me. There really wasn't that much suspense.

I thought the book was really well written. I could totally identify with the lead characters feelings. I told my best friend to read it, and we talked a lot about the book. My best friend is adopted, and she said that she sometimes had the same feelings as Sarah. Thank you Mrs. McDaniel, my friend now can talk more openly about her emotions. Keep up the good work.

When Sarah McGreggor was 10 she learned that she had Leukemia, after undergoing 3 years of painful treatment her leukemia responds and her doctors tell her if she's well for 5 years they will

pronounce her cured. But at 15 Sarah learns that her leukaemia is back. The doctors tell her that a bone marrow transplant is her only hope and that the best chance of a match is from a sibling. Sarah's parents look worried but Sarah doesn't know why. She is convinced that Tina or Ritchie her brother and sister will save her. But later Sarah's parents tell her that when she was 3 days old they adopted her. Soon after that Sarah receives a mysterious gift from the OLW foundation. Sarah uses the money to search for her birth mother. But will she find her in time? Plus what if nobody in her natural family matches her? Sarah has high hopes but how long can she last?

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