GATHERING ROSES  
  
"Gathering Roses" touches on issues that many of  
today's youth face, including struggles with depression,  
addictions, self-love/self-esteem and the impact on  
friendships and sexual relationships, and the influence  
of the Internet on intimacy/communication and  
relationships.  
  
Here's what people are saying about "Gathering  
Roses":  
  
"This is a very contemporary, coming-of-age story. Lori  
is coming to accept who she is. I could see her growing  
and maturing throughout the book. This is a book of  
relationships; it steps beyond the issue of gender and  
reaches to the heart of interaction. Ms. Weisberg is a  
very talented author. I recommend "Gathering Roses"  
to young adults." -Reviewed by Debra Gaynor for  
Reader Views "[www.readerviews.com](http://www.readerviews.com)"  
  
"You will be turning the pages until the very end, as you  
are taken on their journey of self discovery."-Review by  
Joan Burton for BookLoons Reviews  
"[www.bookloons.com](http://www.bookloons.com)"  
  
"I think most female readers will identify with Lori and  
Angela as they could really be any one of us and  
Weisberg has done a great job with that." -Posted by  
AKA Delaney for Great Reads Grows Up Review  
  
"Great book, well written and very insightful. Full of  
interesting characters and clever dialogue. The author  
is well on her way to mega stardom after only her first  
book. Highly recommended." -Dragons of the Pyramid  
Book Review  
  
"I read the entire book in about a day finding myself  
caught up in the development of the relationships, and  
really wanting to know how on earth the heroine would  
escape the trap(s) she found herself in. The  
development and resolution of these problems are  
managed in a masterfully subtle fashion, in a way that  
reflects the outcome of so many relationships and  
segments of our lives."-Reader comment  
  
"The book is edgier than the books I usually read. But it  
wasn't long before I was hooked: I finished it in one  
sitting. The characters are well-drawn, the writing is  
excellent, and the e-mail exchanges between Lori and  
her friends are hilarious. Lori's emotional growth was  
slow enough with enough missteps to be believable. I  
recognized myself in her several times, and found  
myself nodding at some of her hard-earned wisdom.  
Read this book if you've ever found yourself in a bad  
spot that you just couldn't seem to move past." -Reader  
comment  
  
"In my opinion, Gathering Roses is an excellent read  
because I feel it touches upon themes which young  
adult women do face in the modern world but may not  
openly discuss with others, due to the sensitivity and  
nature of these situations. The author has a great sense  
for description and propriety in defining the situations  
that the main character has faced in the context of this  
work, while being true to their nature and not robbing us  
of the narrative by leaving too much to the imagination."  
-Reader comment  
  
"This is an entrancing book. I usually read for 30  
minutes before bed, but found myself unable to stop  
with Gathering Roses. I read the whole book in two  
nights. The main character, Lori, goes through many  
conflicting feelings but throughout remains true to  
herself. The ending is heartwrenching. A must read!!!"  
-Reader comment  
  
"I was sad to have finished it so quickly as I felt like I  
really knew the characters. I highly recommend this  
book to all!" -Reader comment  
  
A great first novel. It is realistic and thought provoking --  
an edgy YA. I'm proud to have this autographed book in  
my personal collection, and more proud to know the  
author-- a dynamite person! –Reader comment  
  
Anyway, here’s where I landed. First, let me say that I  
found the novel wryly amusing, truthful, and  
contemporary; the characters were authentic, quirky,  
and appealing… The hook in your novel is the use of emails  
and instant messaging as a central form of  
communication among the four principal characters. In  
other words, the novel alludes to the sad (to me) reality  
that many people today find it easier to say things via  
electronic media than to express the same thoughts  
and desires in person. -Playwrite (New York)  
  
Thank you so much for your book. I read it this past  
week, and found it to be entertaining yet insightful. You  
certainly know the inner lives of the people you write  
about, and I think the book will strike a resonant chord  
with young adults.  
-Professor, Graduate School in Psychology (California)  
  
Thank so much for the book Gathering Roses, it is a  
great addition to our library.  
-librarian (Utah)  
  
I adored "Gathering Roses" and would love to add "All  
Across Canada" to our children's collection! Thank you  
very much for the offer. As a small library, we have a  
very limited budget, and gifts like this brighten my heart  
and give the library just that much more interest. -  
librarian (Illinois)  
  
The earlier book "Gathering Roses", which you  
donated, has been very well received. Our patrons are  
reading it and enjoying it. Thank you very much.  
-librarian (Virginia)  
  
Yes, I am definitely interested in getting a copy of your  
book! We have a copy of "Gathering Roses", and the  
kids are reading it. I think this new book will be a "hit"  
also. -librarian (Arizona)  
  
Your book "Gathering Roses" is making the rounds in  
the adult section of the library right now since the adult  
librarian liked it and wanted to let the adults get a look  
at it. -librarian (Massachusetts)  
  
"Gathering roses" has been taken out by some of the  
teenagers which is great - it is an area that has been  
neglected in the past and I have been working on  
developing a selection of fiction which is popular and  
getting in more teenagers who will read! -librarian  
(Wisconsin)  
  
Your teen book is being read by some of the more  
mature teenagers which is nice. They seem to do best  
by being left on their own to discover the books on the  
shelves which is great - they ignore all displays! -  
librarian (Wisconsin)  
  
Your earlier donation, Gathering Roses, is getting a lot  
of attention on our new book shelf. -librarian  
(Pennsylvania)  
  
Thank you very much for donating your book  
“Gathering Roses.” It will be added to our Young Adult  
section this week. It was a very good book and I  
already have two people on hold for it. -librarian  
(Illinois)  
  
Your book “Gathering Roses”, gathers no dust on our  
shelves. Thank you again for your donation. -librarian  
(Wyoming)  
  
Congratulations for writing and publishing such a well  
received book. Your main character Lori is a person I'm  
sure many of our students will be able to identify  
with/relate to. (Have I dangled my participles?) I like  
how you've started your chapters and how you've used  
the email format--first/second nature to young people  
today. I appreciate your willingness to share your book  
with us by your donation. Thank you so much. -college  
librarian (California)  
  
The donation of your book was a wonderful contribution  
to the library and we would gladly welcome your second  
book. -librarian (Wisconsin)  
  
Thank you for your previous donation, “Gathering  
Roses.” Our patrons are enjoying reading your book.-  
librarian (Arkansas)  
  
Your "Gathering Roses" book has been processed and  
out to the public for 2 months and is circulating well. -  
librarian (Wisconsin)  
  
- I actually have a teen reading your YA novel as we  
speak!! Thanks so much! -librarian (Iowa)  
  
Thank you again for donating "Gathering Roses," it is a  
lovely book and we like it very much. -librarian  
(Wisconsin)