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)