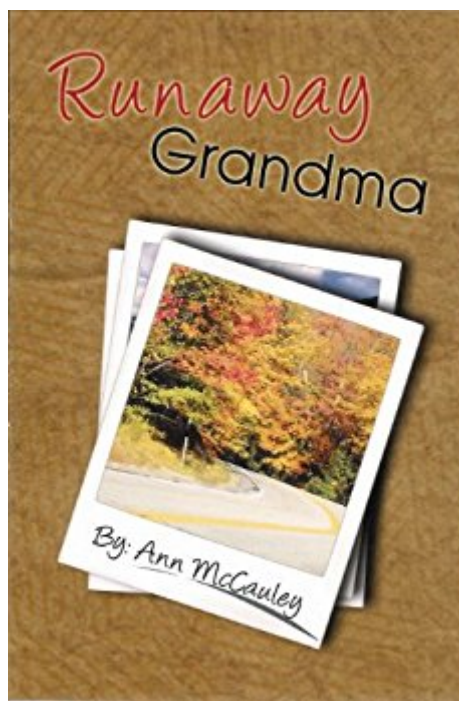


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Runaway Grandma



Synopsis

Retired widow, Olivia Hampton, age 70, meticulously plans a new future. After faking her suicide, she moves on with a new identity and begins a new life. A haunting tale...can a person ever really escape from the past and start over?

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Customer Reviews

This is a well written and interesting book about a woman who decides to start her life anew at 70. Olivia is a widowed retired school teacher, whose adult children have no real interest in her as a person, but rather only value her for her financial assets. Tired of being ignored, demeaned, and used, Olivia fakes her disappearance as a possible suicide and takes off for parts unknown. After an entertaining but short interlude on the road Olivia stops at a b&b in Harmonyville Pennsylvania and decides to stay. In Harmonyville Olivia finds some of the things that were missing from her old life (a romance and several good new friends), but she also is haunted by the choice she made and the lives she left behind. Her journey is a striking exploration of the benefits and costs of pulling up your roots and starting over at a time when many are content to continue with what they have. It is a

story filled with memorable characters, laughter, and tears.

Something many elders fear as they age - that their children will begin to take advantage of them for their money before they buy the proverbial farm. "Runaway Grandma" is one grandmother's way of dealing with it - by faking her own death and seeking a new life elsewhere. She attempts to settle in another state entirely, but the past has a habit of sneaking up on people can causing trouble as the past typically does. "Runaway Grandma" is highly recommended to any elderly reader who may be experiencing the same problems as the titular grandmother in this book, and for community library fiction collections.

Olivia is 70 years old and unfortunately doesn't have a very good relationship with her grown children. She is getting the message that they may actually take her freedom away by having her declared incompetent. So she fakes her own death and moves far away and has the life she wants not the life her children want her to have. The story is much more involved than this but not to give away a wonderful story I won't say more here. Life has a way of going around and coming around in the most unusual way sometimes. This is a great read, I enjoyed it very much and wondered the whole time if the author knew someone who really did this. Sometimes Grandma's have to take care of themselves.

Ann McCauley's second novel "Runaway Grandma" fits the mood for a good read. I enjoyed the wonderfully descriptive characters, and easily identified with Olivia/Alice/Dorothy. McCauley polished Ray into a sweet romantic gentleman from a diamond-in-the-rough. This book reminded me that there have been times during my life that I wanted to retreat from my hum-drum over-scheduled existence as a Mom, Gram, and Gram-the Great. The surprising twists prove that this book is "truly one of a kind." Five stars again for Ann and we're looking forward to volume number three. Betty Fralich, Avid Fan

The title says it, Grandma Olivia is tired of being ignored or taken advantage of by her ungrateful adult children, and escapes to start a new in Western Pennsylvania. This novel has a very strong heroine, whose struggles are undoubtedly realistic, as well as inspiring. The descriptions of life in a small town in Western PA are as close to life as can be. It's an enjoyable, and inspiring story of second chances and grit. Highly recommended.

This book is one of those books that captures you on page one and does not let go. I believe that it is the author's remarkable ability to create characters that are very real and easy to connect with. Even though this is the tale of a "runaway grandma"...the author's skill in making this character so real allows a reader of any age/and or gender to engage with her and walk with her through the story. The trials and tribulations she endures are ones that we all share at various stages in our lives. Truly a universal story that touches us all.

Runaway Grandma was a wonderful read! This book explains the reality of life and how sometimes things don't turn out the way you had expected. Too often we hear stories about how love, loss and greed can morph loved ones into strangers. This story shows how brave Olivia was in her ability to take the hand that life had played her and turn it into something meaningful for herself. No, it is not a funny read as some may have expected but it is indeed an interesting perspective on how quickly your life can change. Well done Ann, well done.

Widowed Olivia Hampton uses extreme measures to escape her demanding, scheming children. Olivia's actions create emotional highs and lows. There are tears and laughter with these ups and downs. Every widow should read this book. You may not want to follow Olivia's path, but maybe you will. Ann McCauly has created a very different, enjoyable book. You will not want to stop reading until the very last page.

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