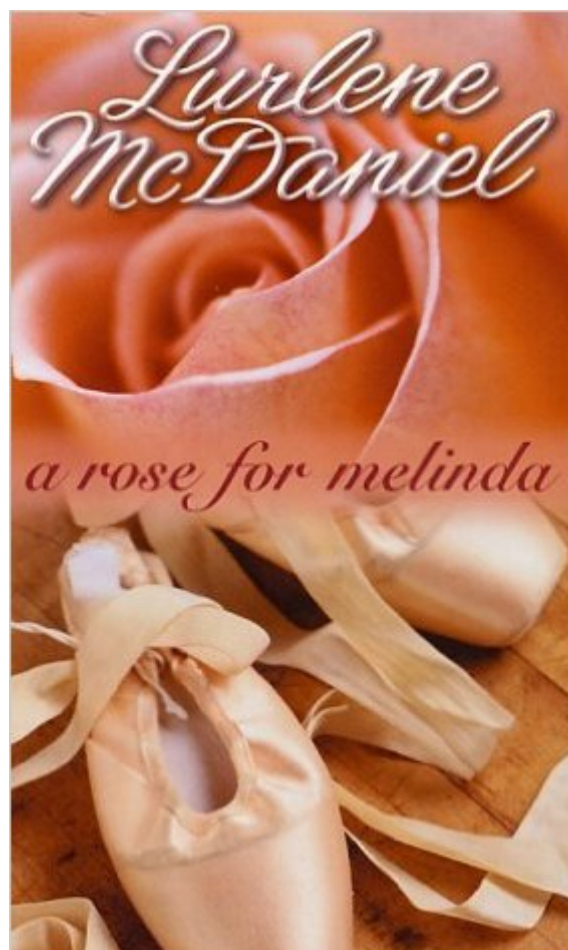


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# A Rose For Melinda



## Synopsis

Told in letters, journal entries, e-mails, doctors' reports, and instant messages, the heartbreaking story of an aspiring ballet dancer battling leukemia.

From: Melinda Skye  
To: Readers  
Subject: Jesse  
Hi! I can't believe it. What a surprise from Jesse. When he got my e-mail about being accepted by the Washington School of Classical Dance's summer program, he called to congratulate me! I loved hearing his voice. We've been friends forever "could it turn into something more?"  
Melinda  
From: Jesse Rose  
To: Readers  
Subject: Melinda  
I couldn't believe the news. Melinda is so young! How could she be sick? How did she get leukemia? She's got to get better. She's got to. Jesse

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Books that are happy yet sad and are loaded with all kinds of emotions are the best type of books to me. Are they to you? Lurlene McDaniel's "A Rose for Melinda" is a definitely that type of book. This book is amazing a total WOW! "A Rose for Melinda" is the best book I have read all school year. It is so full of very strong emotions. This book may be sort of small but it tells the story of Melinda Skye's struggle against a deadly disease called leukemia perfectly. In the book Melinda meets this boy named Jesse. Jesse is very protective of Melinda. They share their hopes and dreams with one

another. When Jesse's parents get a divorce Jesse moves to California with his mother. Both he and Melinda are heartbroken. The summer before Melinda goes into the sixth grade she meets this girl named Bailey Taylor. They become best friends. Melinda has always had a dream of becoming a ballerina. One summer when Melinda is in a ballet class in Washington D.C. Melinda collapses. She then gets diagnosed with a terrible disease. Bailey and Jesse are Melinda's best friends so they try to cheer her up. Melinda does everything in her power to overcome this treacherous disease. I love to read and I have read so many good books in this school year alone. I found one of Lurlene McDaniel's books and after I read one, I continuously searched for more books by her. When I found "A Rose for Melinda" I didn't think I would like it, but I do I love this book. It has so many emotions in the first few chapters that I was pulled into it. I read this book in not even two days. This book is great, no not great, amazing totally amazing!!! This book is definitely a five star book!

McDaniel, Lurlene (2002). *A Rose For Melinda* U.S. and Canada: Bantam Books

Book Review done by: Chantel Jostock

Summary: Melinda Skye and Jesse Rose have been best friends since they both started 1st grade together in the same class. Already they have an attraction for each other. They start writing love notes to each other and become best friends. Melinda is a ballet dancer and even though, you can barely separate Melinda and Jesse. Then one day Jesse's parents get a divorce and Jesse and his mom move to Santa Cruz, CA. Melinda and Jesse keep in touch by letters and e-mails. Melinda is doing very well in dance when one day she gets invited to a dance school over the summer. While she's there, at the dance school, she has many health related problems and finds out she has leukemia. Her and her family do everything they possibly can to get her better besides a bone marrow transplant. Melinda ends up starting to get better so her and her family decide to have Jesse come stay with them over some time during the summer, and during his visit, Jesse and Melinda begin to DATE! Once Jesse leaves Melinda gets sick again and they can't get her better so they decide they need to do a bone marrow transplant, but as they kill Melinda's immune system, she gets ill and starts to die and there is no getting her better this time. Jesse stays right by Melinda for her last hours. At Melinda's funeral, Jesse slides Melinda one last note that says something like, "Wait for me on the other side."

Characters- The main girl character is Melinda Skye. She is a kind girl with a good heart. She loves ballet and is beautiful at it. She also loves Jesse Rose, but will not let him know till she knows how he feels about her. Jesse Rose is a lot like Melinda. He is a kind sweet boy. He has a hard time realizing his parents are divorced. Jesse Rose also loves Melinda with his whole heart.

Recommendations- I would recommend this book to mostly girls who like a little romantic story, with sadness in it to. I would recommend you be 10 and up or

maybe even older so you can understand it. If you like to go through and look at people's notes and e-mails I would recommend this book to you for this whole book is just letters and e-mails. Lastly I would recommend this book to you people who like to read about boys and girls with a strong friendship no matter how far away!Genre and rate- I would give this book a 10. I would give it a 10 because I LOVE Lurlene McDaniel. I also love how it all fits together. I also love how the characters are so real.The genre of my book is Realistic fiction.

A Rose for Melinda is one of the best books i've ever read!! being a dancer myself, it made me realize how lucky i am that i have the oppertunity to fullfill my dream as a professional dancer one day. Melinda had a great family, a friend, Bailey, and her best friend from 1st grade, Jesse Rose. When Jesse's parents get divorced, Jesse and his mom move to California. when Jesse find out that Melinda is sick w/ leukemia, he sells his skateboards and all of his baseball cards, trying to raise enough money to come visit her. (is that sweet, or what?) when he gets down there, Melinda and Jesse realize they are more than just good friends. once they realize their true love for each other, Melinda finds out that she has stopped responding to treatments. Jesse flys down to be w/ her during his summer break, and tells her he will never let her be alone through all of this. it is such a sweet book, i never wanted to put it down. picturing Jesse and Melinda's love for one another made me realize how much i truly love and value that one special person in my life. everything Jesse would do for Melinda would make me feel so...i dont even know how to describe it...but it made me feel wonderful inside. this is by far one of the best books out there. a must-read for any dancer, or anyone who loves a good heart-warming story. make sure you have a tissue box handy though, i made that mistake, and my pillow still has tear stains.

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