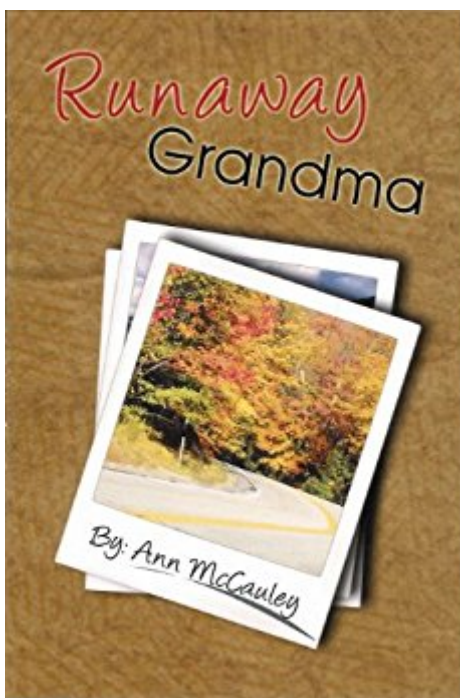


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Runaway Grandma



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

Love Dorothy! She is an example of a brave older woman who got tired of what was happening in her life and took steps so she could live out the rest of her life happily.

Interesting plot; surprising twists to the story.

I am also 70 years young, retired schoolteacher, and widowed. The title intrigued me because of those three reasons. It is a morally informative book that takes on modern issues of families. My women friends are very anxious to read it. I would highly recommend this book not only for older mothers but especially for young mothers!

A unique story that most of us aging boomers can relate to in one way or the other. I am recommending it to my book club.

Especially enjoy this book as author was from my area and is also a nurse.

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 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.

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.

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