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Trueluck Summer: Southern Historical Fiction: A Lowcountry Novel



Synopsis

A widowed grandmother ready to spread her wings. A 12-year-old granddaughter looking for a summertime adventure. Together, they are going to attempt the impossible. In Charleston, South Carolina, the summer of 1964, Ida Trueluck moves into her son's house after losing her beloved husband of 40 years. Living with her son's family is quite an adjustment - her daughter-in-law is a bit uptight - and she's trying to figure out who she is on her own. Her saving grace is her 12-year-old granddaughter Trudy. Smart and feisty, Trudy and her best friend Vel - short for Velvet, who wears all pink and is a Nancy Drew wannabee - are trying to figure out what to do on their summer vacation. When a black boy named Paris saves Trudy from being crushed by a runaway Sunbeam Bread truck, they become friends. Navigating a multi-racial friendship in 1964 is no easy thing, however. The racism they encounter inspires them on an audacious adventure: to take down the Confederate flag that flies atop the South Carolina State House. And they can't do it without the help of Trudy's grandmother, Ida. If you like funny, heart-warming southern stories, you'll love the unforgettable characters in this captivating novel by #1 bestselling author Susan Gabriel about the courage friends and family inspire in each other and the risks and rewards of trying to make the world a better place. Buy Trueluck Summer and enter 1964 Charleston today!

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Customer Reviews

Simply fantastic !! The emotions of this story are as relevant today as in the timeframe in which the story was written. I didn't want it to end and hope there may be a sequel in the future that will continue the fascinating story of the characters. History is truthfully served by the author at a time in our country when human caring and the ideals of equality and freedom are still awaiting justice.

This book reminds me that doing the right thing is not always popular but it is worth it. I enjoyed so much how the characters inspired each other and helped bring change in their community. Also, change can be good at any age and one needs to be open to it. So many aspects of the human experience are found in this book! I don't think I will ever forget Nana Trueluck, Trudy, Paris, and Vel.

Great story about the racial unreasonably during the 60's and 70's. The love shared between a grandmother and a granddaughter begins to express itself at a deeper level when they embark on an adventure that will change their lives and those of their closest friends and family.

This is the first time I have read a Susan Gabriel book. Enjoyed it immensely. Immediately fell in love with the main characters. Have already recommended this book to be friends if they want to read a nice book. A book that will make you think and laugh.

I just finished Trueluck Summer and loved it! This is a delightful novel that very skillfully brings to light the issues of racism in the South during the 60's through the perspective of a precocious 12-year - old and her very hip grandmother. The characters are brought to life; their relationships are heartwarming, honest, yet complicated. I honestly felt I was right there taking the journey with them. Susan Gabriel does not disappoint! She is a very skilled writer when it comes to imagery and figurative language. I do hope there will be a sequel someday - these characters were memorable.Sue H.

Trueluck Summer is the most enjoyable and moving book I've read in a long time. The plot is original, the characters delightful and believable, the dialogue hilarious and spot-on. This book addresses troublesome gaps in our society, gaps of age, race, and differing cultures and shows how ordinary individuals, if thoughtful and committed, can make a difference.

Another great read by one of my favorite authors. She once again takes you to a particular place at a pivotal time in our history. She brings the people and conflicts of the 1960's alive through the eyes of a young girl, her friends, and her wise grandmother. Together the four of them try to bring change and acceptance to the too long held prejudices of a bygone era. A warm and endearing story that would be a great book to read and discuss as a family in light of many of today's continued social issues.

I loved this book. It brought to mind my all-time favorite, "To Kill A Mockingbird" and brought the '60's alive for me again.

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