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Good, clean fiction: fiction that appeals to all ages, and is appropriate for all ages to read. Dealing with modern life and all its issues in the context of Christian morality, its editorial focus is well-written, compelling, and entertaining fiction with a moral message. In spring 1890, three eight-year-old girls leave overcrowded, bleak Greystone Orphanage near Boston and set out together on the "Orphan Train", heading West to adoptive homes. Along the way shy Laurel, vivacious Toddy and scholarly Kit make a vow to be "forever friends". This is Toddy's story -- the precious gift of hope. Left at Greystone by her actress mother, exuberant Toddy joins the household of a wealthy, reserved widow who seeks a companion for her invalid granddaughter. Although her presence brings much joy to their gloomy home, happiness seems to elude Toddy ...

Homeward the Seeking Heart Details

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Fanaticmama says

Love this book. So clean and good reading!

Elisha Andres says

Beautiful story!! :) I recommend this to whoever wants a sweet, loving read.

Sarah says

I've read these books several times and just discovered there's one before Toddy's book! I can't wait to read it.

These books are so sweet and innocent and are old favorites. I like how the passing of time is done with the yearly reports to the Society.

The rating is probably a little high for the style and quality but it's also for sentimental value too :)

Brenda says

This was good book, it's been easy reading and a very nice and uplifting story.

Emily says

This book is about Toddy, who is the daughter of a show girl and traveling vaudevillian. To advance her career her mother signs Toddy into an orphanage and says that she is going to come back for her. She doesn't lead to her being an orphan. She goes on the train and is adopted by Olivia Vale, who's granddaughter Helen, is an orphan and has a heart condition so she always has to watch her health. Toddy is brought in to be Helen's little sister and lifts spirits in the household. She does and becomes vitally part of the house. The story is about Toddy's effect on the household and her coming into herself.

Doni Healy says

Excellent

Very well written. A great plot. Very descriptive. I felt like I was right there. plz keep writing miss Jane. one thing. the Sabbath is on Saturday not Sunday. thank u Doni

Laurie D'ghent says

Really quite good. Didn't need drama or flash to keep be interested, which is really saying something. Fans of Anne of Green Gables would like it.

Nelda Williams says

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My kind of book , what joy to sit and be able to read a good clean sweet book like this !! Hope to read many more like this !!

Briti Bhattacharyya says

This is my first review on Goodreads and I couldn't have chosen a better book to review.

I first read an abridged version of this book for young adults titled "Toddy" when I was a little girl. Its heart-touching sweetness and simplicity almost immediately made it one of my favorites, and along with its companion novels "Laurel" and "Kit," is often thought of in fond remembrance by my sister and I, and is inextricably linked with our childhood.

I'd been searching for an unabridged version for years, when I happened to stumble on it earlier today.

Homeward the Seeking Heart is a story about hope, love and faith, and how at the end of all of it, we're all just looking for a place to belong. While it heavily concentrates on Christian morality, I thoroughly enjoyed its universal message of acceptance which is, in my opinion, definitely not the least bit imposing on its readers.

Toddy's story has always been my personal favorite of the series, especially because of its vivacious protagonist. Equal parts mischievous, and honorable, Toddy possesses the quiet charm of olden-day heroines, while managing to grip the reader with her tenacious spirit. Amidst the life she has been able to find, being adopted by a family after traveling the Orphan Train West, she clutches onto her desire to truly belong somewhere and never gives up on her happily ever after. Perhaps my favorite character in this book would be Helene, Toddy's adopted sister, who has all the sweetness of Beth from Little Women and loves Toddy more than anything else in the world. Add in a sweet romance with a childhood sweetheart, a friendship with two of her "forever friends," and a moral that is at the same time sweet and enriching, and the book truly is a catch.

A word of caution however, for those who dislike Christian fiction, or moralistic books. If Anne of Green Gables is one of your favorite childhood books then you should definitely read this book as soon as possible. But if it's not your cup of tea, then this is definitely not the book for you.

Lee Margaret says

This is part of a serious and it's on of my favorite books growing up.

Susan says

This was an okay book. Clean, no sex. But I didn't like the main character. She seemed to be very self-centered.

Sandie Laughner says

I love orphan train stories. Not all of the orphans found good homes, others did. This story, Toddy found a good home and loving people. She had a few bumps along the way... very sweet story.

Misfit says

This is three books in one, HOMeward the Seeking Heart, Quest for Lasting Love and Dreams of a Longing Heart. I think it might be YA/inspirational.
