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After her Aunt Teza's test results turn out to be inconclusive, Dot Cooper resolves to raise money for a new mammogram machine, through the creation and auction of a magnificent, king-sized quilt to be sewn by the women of Jefferson City.

Dot's efforts quickly draw the support of disparate members of the community, including newcomer Beth Donnelly, married to a local pastor; Elaine Giovanni, the stylish wife of a local surgeon; and an ailing Aunt Teza. But as the four different generations work the squares of the quilt, they are also confronted with ragged pieces of their own lives.

Though the women could not be more different on the surface, they hold in common quiet suffering triggered by painful circumstances: the death of children, the abandonment of husbands, the loneliness of depression. Yet their struggles will bring them closer together than they ever could have anticipated, and their lives will be dramatically changed, as together they experience the curative powers of *The Healing Quilt*.

## **The Healing Quilt Details**

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### **Leedra says**

Lauraine Snelling is one of my favorite authors, but this book is so different than her other books. Admittedly, it is a story that 'needed' to be told. I actually put the book down after reading about 1/3 of the book. The characters jumped around too much for me. I had a hard time keeping up with who was who.

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### **Albert J. Timmons says**

**I, too, am a breast cancer survivor of stage three cancer,lump nodes involved. Good medical care with chemo, radiation and prayers around the world over strengthened to that saviour length seven years and counting.**

Cancer due to medical treatment and prayers world wide. I am also a quilter  
Thank you for such a sincere reflection.

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### **Heather says**

I found the writing style a little disjointed to start with, and the constant references to God and healing get a bit much, which is why I have given this 4 stars not 5.

However, I like the characters, Kit, Teza, Beth, Elaine and their own personal stories. You want them to have a 'happy ending' each. I like the Quilt description too and the reason for making the Quilt. A good read in all, and I would probably read it again.

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### **Marla says**

A very good read. It's always interesting the way God weaves the very different lives of women into His beautiful tapestry.

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### **Lori Kelley says**

#### **Touch from God**

Having my daughter go be with Jesus Easter Sunday 2016 from battling cancer this book touched my heart. I cried and reflected and felt as if I was there quilting with all the ladies. We never know why God may bring someone into our life. Excellent book! Well written! God inspired book! I highly recommend it! There is no limit to what we can accomplish as we work together beim about the Father's business!

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**Mitchie55 says**

I really enjoyed this book.

I loved the bonds that were formed between the women as they worked on a mutual craft project. I love the faith basis of the story, the healing that took place for each of the characters.

It was an easy read too.

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**Donna says**

I read this long ago but remember that the characters really touched me. It is about a woman with cancer and is not a super light read but well worth the time. I loved the spiritual side of the story and the relationship between the woman made me very grateful to have good friends in my life as well.

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**MariAn Nyce says**

The community hospital's mammogram machine is antiquated and due to finances, they will not update--so the women of the community led by the Auxiliary President (surgeons wife) decide to begin a fundraising campaign via a quilt. The healing happens as they share intimately and hold each other up, thereby each finds some measure of wholeness. Even tho' I am basically not a novel reader, I did enjoy this read.

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**Maryann says**

I need to get this one read for book club next week. Excellent book, a group of ladies, some knew each other before, others new, come together to make a quilt to raise money for a new mamogram machine. Each has some sort of struggle or hurt at home, several that haven't shared it with anyone. I highly recommend this.

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**Glenda says**

If you like the stories in Reader's Digest, or find yourself always watching movies on the Hallmark Channel, then this is a book you would enjoy. This book did help me understand what it is I don't like about this style of writing. It reads like the junior high student who was told to put in more adjectives and adverbs. They didn't add to the story, just cluttered the reading.

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## **Diane says**

Excellent Human Emotion and family. A relationship between a mother, daughter, aunt...and friends. A question of faith, love, and the path we choose to walk each day. NOT preachy...but an enduring message for HOPE.

I have read this book more than once and bought copies for my friends.

Enjoy!

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## **Barbara says**

This is a story about a community with a high amount of breast cancer victims. It's about a quilter that wants the antiquated mammogram machine replaced and decides to auction off a quilt to raise money to obtain it. As the story unfolds Kit gains support for her idea in the most unusual places. Kit finds out that her beloved Aunt Teza has, once again, contracted breast cancer. Kit also is dealing with her own demons and her absent husband. Aunt Teza pulls together an unlikely band of women to sew and quilt the beautiful piece of king-sized art to be auctioned off. Each woman that joins the group has her own unique set of problems. Beth is the new minister's wife and harbors a secret even from her husband. Elaine is the "doctor's wife" that seems to be able to get things done. She manages to turn a simple quilt auction into a full-fledged three day event. But she, too, has lessons to learn from this group of quilters. It's through the sewing and quilting that the women share their fears and their dreams and find healing.

What I liked most about this book was the descriptions that the author gave. If you are not a quilter, you can understand what is happening. If you are a quilter, you feel like you are sitting at the quilting frame with these lovely ladies.

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## **Lou Alice says**

I have just finished reading this book from my local library. It is filled with faith, humor, and pathos. It covers the gamut from healing from grief, dealing with cancer, forgiveness and the lack thereof, and what people can do when there is a need and the cooperation of varied individuals sharing and combining their talents. This is my first book to read by this author, but it will not be my last.

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## **Allan67 says**

Another book that I read to Diana. We can't do much anymore after her stroke, so I read to her to spend time together. Diana has always loved to have someone to read to her - and I like to do just that.

The story revolved about a group of community ladies raising money to purchase a new state of the art mammogram unit for the local hospital and the creation of a quilt to kick off the fundraising drive and the drama following each of the primary contributors to the quilting of the quilt. We felt that most of the issues of the characters were resolved by the end of the book, but the problem of Mrs. Smyth, with a "y", and Bootsie seemed to be left hanging.

Diana enjoyed the story. When asked how many stars, she said four.

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### **Carol says**

Wonderful book. This is the second time I read it because I thought the message was so great. A group of women get together to make a quilt to earn money for a new mammogram machine, little did they know what would happen while they made the quilt. "With hearts rent by loss, they mend their lives one stitch at a time" is a quote on the cover of the book and that is exactly what happens as they make the quilt. Each of the women involved needs to be healed and put their trust in God and through their friendship they each receive a healing. I almost hated to see the book come to an end because I can't be part of the women's lives anymore.

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