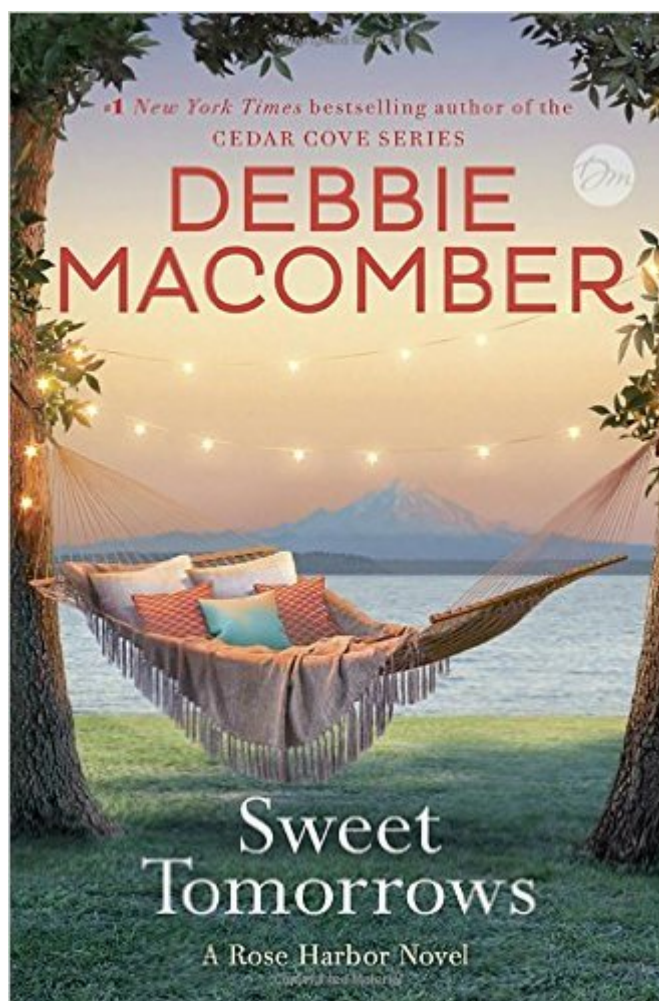


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# Sweet Tomorrows: A Rose Harbor Novel



## Synopsis

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The much-anticipated conclusion to Debbie Macomber's beloved Rose Harbor series, set in the picturesque town of Cedar Cove, *Sweet Tomorrows* is a vibrant and poignant novel of letting go of fear, following your heart, and embracing the future "come what may." Nine months ago, Mark Taylor abruptly left Cedar Cove on a perilous mission to right a wrong from his past. Though Mark finally confessed his love for her, innkeeper Jo Marie Rose is unsure if he's ever coming back. The Rose Harbor Inn barely seems the same without Mark, but Jo Marie can't bear to lose herself in grief once more. Determined to move forward, she begins dating again, and finds companionship when she takes on a boarder who is starting a new chapter herself. Recovering from a twice-broken heart, Emily Gaffney, a young teacher, is staying at the inn while she looks for a home of her own. Having given up on marriage, Emily dreams of adopting children someday. She has her eye on one house in particular "with room for kids. Although Emily's inquiries about the house are rudely rebuffed, her rocky start with the owner eventually blossoms into a friendship. But when the relationship verges on something more, Emily will have to rethink what she truly wants and the chances she's willing to take. The inn seems to be working its magic again "Emily opening herself up to love, Jo Marie moving on "until Jo Marie receives shocking news. With Debbie Macomber's trademark charm and wisdom, *Sweet Tomorrows* brings to a close the journeys of cherished characters who feel like old friends. Macomber has created an enchanting place in the Rose Harbor Inn that readers will never forget. Praise for *Sweet Tomorrows* "Macomber fans will leave the Rose Harbor Inn with warm memories of healing, hope, and enduring love." "Kirkus Reviews" "Overflowing with the poignancy, sweetness, conflicts and romance for which Debbie Macomber is famous, *Sweet Tomorrows* captivates from beginning to end." "Book Reporter" "Macomber manages to infuse her trademark humor in a more somber story that focuses on love, loss and faith. . . . This one will appeal to those looking for more mature heroines and a good, clean romance." "RT Book Reviews" "There's a reason why Debbie Macomber is a #1 New York Times bestselling author and with *Sweet Tomorrows*, we get another dose of women's fiction perfection. . . . In the nooks and crannies of small-town life, we'll find significance, beauty, and love." "Heroes and Heartbreakers" "Fans will enjoy this final installment of the Rose Harbor series as they see Jo Marie's story finally come to an end." "Library Journal"

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## Customer Reviews

Sweet Tomorrows is the fifth and final book in Macomber's Rose Harbor series. I'm usually a stickler and recommend that readers read a series in order. I stand by that advice but I'll admit (and it's hard to) that Sweet Tomorrows can be read without having read the previous books. Macomber does an excellent job of filling in the details so that the reader won't feel lost. The series is a good one, so do go read the other books if you haven't. Sweet Tomorrows opens where the previous book left off. Mark Taylor has abruptly left Cedar Cove. Even though he finally confessed his love for her before he left, Jo Marie Rose is unsure if he's coming back. Will Mark make it back? Will the couple finally find a happily ever after? The pages of this book will answer these questions for you and finish Mark and Jo Marie's journey. While there were parts of this journey that bothered me, in the end I'm happy with their story. Emily Gaffney is the newest guest at the Rose Harbor Inn. Like past guests of the inn, she's looking for something. But after two failed relationships romance isn't on her agenda. Readers of the series will enjoy a look back at some of the inn's past guests as Jo Marie tells Emily the stories of healing that have taken place at the Rose Harbor Inn. Emily doesn't believe that the inn holds the healing powers that Jo Marie does. But despite that Emily does find healing in the form of Nick. I enjoyed Emily and Nick's story but felt something was missing. It was a bit quick in my opinion. I wanted just a little more depth. An added bonus to Nick was Elvis, his German shepherd. I love when there are animals as characters in a book because they always add something special to books. Overall, I would recommend this conclusion to the series.

The final installment in Debbie Macomber's heartwarming Rose Harbor series, *Sweet Tomorrows* is another emotional novel of healing that old and new fans are going to love. Although it has been difficult, Jo Marie Rose has finally begun to move on in the months since she last saw Mark Taylor. Despite his declaration of love, he did not want her to wait around for his return from Iraq where he is attempting to save a good friend he was forced to leave behind several years ago. Having loved and lost her military husband years earlier, Jo Marie cannot bear to live with the uncertainty of whether or not Mark will safely return so, as he requested, she is moving on with her life. Finally ready to begin dating again, Jo Marie's first foray into dating is rather lackluster but her dates with Greg Endsley are reminiscent of her relationship with her first husband. After receiving stunning news, her budding romance hangs in the balance as Jo Marie tries to decide whether or not to follow her heart in the midst of an uncertain future. A concurrent storyline revolves around Jo Marie's newest guest, Emily Gaffney, who is starting over in Cedar Cove following the end of her engagement. Staying with Jo Marie long-term while house hunting, Emily finds her dream home only to have her hopes dashed when owner Nick Schwartz rudely tells her to stay off his property. Swearing off love after two broken engagements, Emily is drawn to Nick who is dealing with emotional wounds of his own as he renovates the house he inherited from his grandmother. While sympathetic to Nick's struggles with PTSD and panic attacks, she tries to extricate herself from their on again/off again friendship but Emily finds it difficult to stay away from him as she resists falling in love again.

Book Review: A Wonderful Conclusion to the Rose Harbor series. *Sweet Tomorrows* by Debbie Macomber. Revisiting Cedar Cove, we see Innkeeper Jo Marie of the Rose Harbor Inn, struggle to move on. She fell in love again when she thought her heart would never reopen after the death of her husband. He promised her the Inn would heal her heart. She found that love in Mark Taylor. He, however, had demons of his own to conquer. Namely to return to Iraq and save a man and his family that were wronged when his military unit left them in the trenches of warfare. Mark felt he was unworthy of Jo Marie until he righted this wrong. Then things went awry and Jo Marie believes she's lost yet another love to war. In her attempt to move on, Jo Marie continues to run Rose Harbor Inn. She agrees to accept Emily Gaffney as a boarder instead of an inn guest. Emily has her own heart to heal after two of her engagements are called off before the weddings. Cedar Cove is supposed to be a fresh start. She wants to buy a house and adopt children needing a good home, hoping to fill the hole in her heart as well as theirs. She finds the perfect house while on her morning jog until the owner threatens her to get off of his property. Dealing with his own grief and PTSD, Nick Schwartz,

is restoring his family home. He just wants to be left alone but even his guard dog, Elvis, wants Emily welcomed to the property. Rose Harbor Inn and its miraculous healing abilities once again bring the lives of many people together and changes them for the better. This is a wonderful conclusion to the Rose Harbor series. Debbie Macomber tells fascinating tales of people's pain and shows through fiction that these pains can be healed in real life.

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