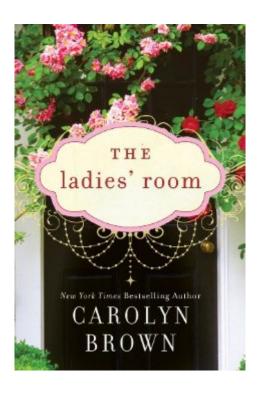
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The Ladies' Room





Synopsis

Secrets told in the church ladies' room are supposed to stay in the ladies' room. But that doesn't mean that what Trudy overhears there during her great-aunt Gertrude's funeral won't change the rest of her life. Trudy has a daughter in the middle of a major rebellion, a two-timing husband who has been cheating for their entire married life, and a mother with Alzheimer's residing in the local nursing home. She doesn't really need a crumbling old house about to fall into nothing but a pile of memories and broken knickknacks. Billy Lee Tucker, resident oddball in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, lived next door to Gert, and in her will she leaves him the funds to help Trudy remodel the old house. That's fine with Billy Lee, because he's been in love with Trudy since before they started school. And just spending time with her is something he'd never ever allowed himself to dream about. A beautiful home rises up from the old house on Broadway, and right along with it rises up a relationship. But is Trudy too scarred from what she heard in the ladies' room to see a lovely future with Billy Lee?

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Customer Reviews

This book was pretty ridiculous (in my scope of reading.) I'm in my later 40s and this book has its lead character turning 40. She acts and speaks as though she is sixty-five or seventy (or how a 65-70 year old thinks a 40 year old should act or speak.) I scrolled to the front to see if this book had been written in the 1950s, but no. Occasionally a modern device will pop up, such as a cell phone or a laptop. She's 40 and lives in a house for months without a computer? Has to pick up a Go-Phone because she chucked hers into a ditch? I'm older than she is, and I have devices for days. Really, what 40 year old woman in the sweaty/humid South squeezes herself into stockings and a silk black (or other respectable color) suit on a daily basis, outside of a funeral (where the story starts) or investment banking firm? Her "breakout" clothes are something my mother (65) wouldn't even weareveryone in her town is so shocked that she would wear a red garment with a PARROT on the skirt to church. Red kitten heels? The horror! She eschews Versace and Liz Claiborne (how can those two very disparate designers be mentioned in the same sentence) at the Dallas Neiman Marcus where she shops in paint spattered capris and a raggedy t-shirt with a man who wears bib overalls and a pressed chambray shirt (really, how many times does she have to mention this.) Gad, I'm super casual, but I know not to go to a top flight department store in raggedy old jeans and a hole-y t-shirt. Anyhow, if you are an older (60+) romantic Christian-leaning woman, this book might interest you. The story is sweetly written, but the characters seem 20 years too old as they are written. It's all nicely tied up in a bow.

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