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From the beloved author of *Garden Spells*, comes *Waking Kate*, a story about a woman who soon will face an unforeseen change in her life. One sticky summer day as Kate is waiting for her husband to come home from his bicycle shop, she spots her distinguished neighbor returning from his last day of work after eighty-six years at Atlanta's oldest men's clothing store. Over a cup of butter coffee, he tells Kate a story of love and heartbreak that makes her remember her past, question her present, and wonder what the future will bring.

Waking Kate Details

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Susana says

I just wish this prequel to "Lost Lake", had been longer!

Reading a Sarah Addison romance, or a short story, is like meeting a dear old friend.

Someone you may think of occasionally, but it's only when you come face to face with that person, that you realize how much you've missed her or him!

I just love the way the author interwovens those small magical details in the everyday life.

I know this has been said ad infinitum, but it continues to be so, so i just have to say it.

Once again!!

Thank you for this small treat!

Oh, and i loved the excerpt from Lost lake!

Made me wish, it was January already.

Sophia says

I was half-way through Lost Lake when I noted on GoodReads that there was a little prequel story. I trotted over to Amazon to download this freebie and plunged right in thinking I'd missed something I should have gotten before starting Lost Lake.

Much to my relief, Waking Kate actually worked better, I think, reading it after I started Lost Lake, because I think it made better sense to me that way. I knew who the characters were and their significance to the story coming right after it. I enjoyed it as a peek back into the past and I'm not sure it would have held much significance to me reading it before Lost Lake because it is a vignette- a snapshot in time- more than a fully developed story.

To summarize, I enjoyed this short piece, but it really did work better after at least getting a significant portion of the Lost Lake story first.

Diane S ? says

A short little e-book as a lead in to her upcoming "Loon Lake" release." And yes, I have now googled "Butter coffee", it is real and I now have to try it. Good little pre story, hope to read more about Kate. Also included a short preview as well.

Linda (Miss Greedybooks) says

A great beginning - I liked the glimpse into the past. I think it should be included in the book. I hope there is another book soon! Maybe something from the SUGAR QUEEN? :D

Bonnie says

My rating: 4 of 5 stars

Source: Free Kindle book!

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00F...>

Kate sits in wait for her husband to come home from work and ends up having a conversation with a neighbor. His tale is of heartbreak and loss but of hope as well.

Waking Kate was a fabulous albeit quick introduction to Kate and sets the scene fantastically. It left me highly anticipating the upcoming release of Lost Lake (and also made me extremely curious about Butter Coffee!)

<http://www.foodwoolf.com/2013/06/butt...>

Mela says

A very short story. The story which showed perfectly why I must try a full novel by Sarah Addison Allen.

I have glanced here at Allen's moving storytelling, charming characters, whispers of wisdom.

She wasn't sure exactly when it happened, when she had realized that she could only make one of them happy. She only knew that she had chosen him.

So, I am definitely going to read Lost Lake in the future.

[It is still free on Amazon.]

Regina Lindsey says

As usual, Kate is waiting for her husband to come home from work when she spots her neighbor walking home. His home is on the market since he is losing his job after sixty years. She decides to check on him. Over a cup of coffee Kate hears a story that makes her question everything she thought about her life.

This is a charming tease to Allen's follow up book Lost Lake. This is a brilliant marketing move, as Waking Kate is offered on Kindle and Nook at no charge. Waking Kate leaves you begging for more. I immediately downloaded Lost Lake and read it in one sitting. If you are planning to read Lost Lake don't miss out on reading this one as well.

Beth says

This was a nice little story, but kind of sad to me. I know it was meant to just be a little teaser. Definitely makes me eager to finally get to Lost Lake!

TL says

“Lost Lake?” Kate repeated. “I know that place! My great-aunt Eby owned that place. I went there, years ago.” She stared at the photo thoughtfully, trying to remember. So much time had passed. “I almost kissed someone there.”

“I did kiss someone there.”

That made Kate smile as she handed the photo back to him.

A lovely little short story:)

It had a dreamlike quality to it and was very sweet in parts :). I liked Kate and Mr. Donbeet in the short time we get to spend with them... although I feel like I know him better than Kate, even though they both had about equal time in the story.

Would recommend, Definitely will be reading the book now:)

(view spoiler)

Note: It stops at 51% (at least on mine)... the rest is a preview for one of her books.

Andrea Stoeckel says

This is a small story with a HUGE punch. Note: the story is short but KEEP READING beyond it please.

Kate and Matt, and their daughter Devin live in Kate's mother's house. Matt has chosen to distance himself from his family because of what they represent, and runs a small bike shop. They are very happy. Then Kate meets an elderly gentleman who has just closed his store. His story changes Kate in ways she has yet to comprehend.....

Download this story! I will be searching out everything this author has written and cannot recommend her lyrical style highly enough

Michelle says

THIS ONLY MAKES MY NEED FOR THE NEW BOOK EVEN STRONGER! I LOVE SARAH ADDISON ALLEN'S WRITING!! MY ABSOLUTE FAVORITE AUTHOR!!!!

Cxmonroe says

How am I gonna make it till January! So good

Deena says

ARRRRGGGGGGGGHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

This is **SO** unfair!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I have to wait until February?!?!?!

Ok, the story *Waking Kate* is a perfect little microcosm of everything good about Ms. Allen's work. I got it for free, but if I'd known how good it was I'd have been happy to pay for it (and I almost never pay for e-shorts by anyone). I'm quite sure *Lost Lake* will stand alone just fine for those who never read *Waking Kate*, but I think it probably adds some depth more quickly. And it was a well-executed teaser for the book.

But the addition of the first chapter with the e-short was just **cruel**. I loved it, and I'm completely horrified that we have to wait nearly 3 months for the book to be available.

Christa says

I thoroughly enjoyed this very short prequel to *Lost Lake*. I liked meeting Kate and learning a bit about her, and loved her conversation with elderly Mr. Donbeet. I thought the way the author described Kate as viewing the world as a child was charming mad magical. I am highly anticipating reading *Lost Lake*.

N.N. Light says

If you love Nicholas Sparks, you'll love *Waking Kate*. It's a heart-felt story of the meaning of love and life. I thoroughly enjoyed it and kind of wished it was longer.

My Rating: 4.5
