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General Fiction Large Print Edition Welcome to Skingle Creek, a Kentucky coal mining town in the late 1800s, where a beloved teacher hovers on the precipice between hope and despair. Where two young friends plan to give a gift that may save a life. And where a one-room schoolhouse provides the setting for a miracle.

The Penny Whistle Details

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Catherine says

This is an inspirational story about hope and sharing set in Kentucky in the 1890's. An easy, but wonderful read.

Amanda says

This was a well written story about sharing faith and love. I just couldn't put it down. However, it was so sad. It had a happy ending but I cried from about chapter 2 till the end of the book. I recommend this to someone that wants a good read and a good cry.

Amelmag says

I read this story at my grandmother's request. Overall, a sweetly told story of faith, despair, and hope. And while I wish the voice of God had not been quite so blatant (maybe this is my own bias, but God rarely speaks to me in words), my only real contention with it was the unneeded, yet predictable, afterword.

Nancy says

I enjoyed this little book very much. It's a story about the influence a teacher had on his student, and then how the student turned around and helped her teacher. It's a sweet story.

Keira Swihart says

I really enjoyed this book. At first, it made me really sad because of the terrible living conditions of these people, but then I started feeling inspired. Just because they didn't have much, didn't stop them. What they had, they gave to those who needed it more. I felt heart warmed at the ending - I won't spoil it - but it was great. I would recommend this to anyone who is okay with feeling sad, and is ready to be warmed and inspired by the kindness of these people

Glenette says

Good story. Loved it!

Marcia Meerwarth says

Sweet story, easy reading, surprises here and there, a fun read.

Emily says

My second reading of this book. Beautiful and meaningful.

Patty says

A short book with some simple but meaningful points made. As one line in the book states.. hope is the music of the soul.

Jamie Leeper says

I really enjoyed this book. It was really well written. You really came to know each character. it was a great story! Short and easy to read. Was a great story of hope!

Liana says

I started this book thinking I probably wouldn't like it. At first I had a hard time getting into it but the ending was very encouraging to me. I particularly loved where it said "The music of life is within you.....not in the world, not in circumstances or external things.....you are the instrument, and I (God) am the music."

Diane says

Wonderful story about the effects one school teacher has on a Kentucky coal mining town. Also, how music can lift the soul and spirit to bring about miracles.

April says

I read this book based on other reviews and at the beginning I almost put it down. I am so glad I didn't. What a beautiful story of perseverance, hope and community.

ANNETTE says

Loved it, well done BJ Hoff. What a wonderful book.you reached beyond friendship, into God's love for a teacher and student that didn't have anything to give.

Janet Nitsick says

This was a wonderful story about a little girl and her concern about her teacher's deteriorating health, especially after someone stole the teacher's flute. It is inspiring and heartwarming. I would highly recommend this Christian book. It is an easy read. I would have liked more description. For example, I would have loved to visualize how this 1890s schoolhouse looked to the main character, Maggie MacAuley. In addition, in the closing scene, the author B. J. Hoff allowed one word to tip off who Maggie would see. I would have preferred for the "one-word slip" to have been eliminated, which would have given the reader more suspense on how the book would end. However, these are minor criticisms since the endearing story moves you along and keeps your heart pumping with joy and a little sadness. God bless.
