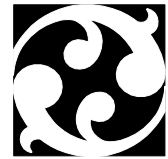




# CAMELOT BOOK CLUB



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## *CHRISTMAS JARS*

by Jason Wright

*Christmas Jars* is a little book with a big message about the Christmas season. The main character is Hope Jensen, who was abandoned by a mother who couldn't raise her and found by a loving person who could.

Hope grew up and became a newspaper reporter. Her adoptive mother died, and just when Hope thought a Christmas couldn't be more bleak, she returned home to find her apartment trashed by burglars.

"Finding herself somewhere between bursting into tears and throwing a tantrum, Hope was saved from doing either when she discovered a small jar stuffed with coins and paper currency that had mysteriously appeared just inside her apartment door. ...Smelling a newspaper story, and in need of something pleasant on which to focus, Hope Jensen decided that she would solve the mystery of her Christmas jar.

"What she discovered about the Christmas jar tradition in her town, and what she learned about herself in the process, is the heart of this Christmas story. It is a story about strangers giving gifts to those who need them most, and how those who received the jars on one Christmas often gave Christmas jars of their own to others on the next."

(Your Scribe's note: Some of the above is adapted from online reviews.)

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### NEXT MEETING

**When?** Friday, January 20, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

**Where?** At Dotty Miller's house

**Why?** To have fun, and to discuss Reader's Choice  
(Each reader selects her own book to review.)

### **CAMELOT COMMENTS:**

- Just perfect for this time of year - a little zappy – a Hallmark moment. It slowed me down long enough to think about what's really important about Christmas.
- Nice and short during this busy time.
- I didn't read the book (!), but I think "we would all give anything to have what we have."
- Really sweet, inspiring. I'm not sure I liked the ending - why not take it to someone needy? I liked it. A great Christmas story.
- I liked it. Very sweet.

- ❑ Shows you how one little good thing can cause a big effect when people pass it on. An easy read - idealistic and sweet. Nice for the holidays.
  - ❑ I agree with you all. The story was kind of contrived, but a lovely Christmas story – what we should be thinking of at this time of year.
  - ❑ A little bit zappy and predictable, but a story showing that “giving” is an important part of what Christmas is about.
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### MEETING NOTES

We had our meeting at Terry Moore’s house. She added the unusual treat of serving a delicious Christmas luncheon. She welcomed us with beautiful Christmas decor all around, including a Christmas jar to tie in with our current book at each place as we sat around her dining table. We all agreed we really liked her great idea of having lunch!

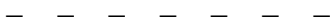
We had many conversations and probably many memorable quotes. One of the things we discussed is that many of us are “burned out” on cooking. Your Editor’s favorite quote was from Suzanne Tuite, who said she explained to her husband that when women are born, they have a certain number of eggs in their ovaries, and it’s the same with meals - she was born with a certain number of cooking them and they’re all used up. :-)



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