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THE LITTLE GIANT OF ABERDEEN COUNTY

by Tiffany Baker

Truly was big, very big. She had a condition called acromegaly in which the pituitary gland keeps on sending out hormones after puberty. So, she kept growing. Her sister, Serena Jane, was the epitome of feminine perfection, a polar opposite.

“While Truly’s remarkable size makes her the subject of constant curiosity and humiliation, Serena Jane’s beauty proves to be both a blessing and a curse. Being the prettiest girl in town will make her the obsession of Bob-Bob Morgan, the youngest in a line of Robert Morgans, Aberdeen’s family doctors for generations. And Bob-Bob will set off a chain of events that changes the destiny of all Aberdeen County...

“Armed with dangerous secrets from Aberdeen’s past, Truly soon confronts life-altering moral decisions about whether or how she should use her newfound knowledge. As she practices her herbal healing, she is drawn ever more tightly into the circle of the town until she learns of a betrayal so huge, even she is dwarfed by it. In the end, Truly will be forced to face her own larger-than-life demons, redefine mercy, and consider the possibility that love cannot be ordered to size.”

(Editor’s note: Part of the above is quoted from the book’s jacket.)

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Camelot’s Discussion of the Book

Following are some random notes from our discussion.

We liked the name “Truly”. And she was a very interesting character. None of us could really visualize her actual height or weight, but she must have been over 400 pounds and taller than most men.

It was strange that Serena Jane called her husband “Robert Morgan”, not “Bob” or “Honey”. We all chastised Serena Jane for leaving her husband and son - a very selfish departure.

We thought it odd that Amelia, in spite of her speaking disability, was content to live on the run-down farm.

The quilt was fascinating. Its design depicted Tabitha’s witch-craft secrets which Truly unearthed, and Robert Morgan figured it out, too. Someone in our group pointed out that the practice of witchcraft seems to be a trend in current novels.

Author Baker has a nice way with words. Here’s an example. “I just sat there and... let the stars do all the talking for me until they, too, started to fade and the red fingers of dawn started crawling across the sky... I realized that the night really had gone for good and taken Robert Morgan with it.

The consensus of our opinions deemed Tiffany Baker a good author, but not great.

NEXT MEETING

When? Friday, June 19, 2009, 1:30p.

Where? At Gwen Nelson's house.

Why? To have fun, and to discuss our May selection,

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time

by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

The story of one man against an ocean of need

CAMELOT COMMENTS on *The Little Giant...*

- I liked it just fine. It wasn't anything that would stick with you. It was OK, but wouldn't call it one of my top ten.
 - A good read - fluffy - but I'm glad I read it.
 - I liked the book. None of the characters were that likeable, though.
 - I did finish it. Could identify with Truly. Interesting, good.
 - Really liked it - different characters were unusual and interesting. Fairly well-written.
 - From what I hear, it sounds like a good book. (Peaches has to depend on us for her opinion!)
 - Infused with magic.
 - I enjoyed it -loved the whole idea of the quilt.
 - Interesting book because I have never known anyone like any of the characters. Broadened my horizon a bit.
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MEETING NOTES

Our meeting was at the beautiful house of Dottie & Troy Miller – we sat on their wonderful porch overlooking the pool and beautiful Lake Cypress Springs.

We caught up on all the neighborhood news, and discussed the dreaded and confusing Wal-Mart changes of merchandise placement, grandchildren - each person had the cutest one (yes!). We talked about the high water level of the lake - some said they'd never seen it higher, with quite a few boats floating out of their moorings. And we had a blue-bird sighting, with a big, fat, beautiful blue-bird and his less brilliantly colored mate sitting around for a long time.

And — Dottie served the most wonderful chocolate/mint dessert. You should have been there to enjoy it and our great tête-à-tête, as always.

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PROFILE

My favorite drink is: **wine, water.**

I wish I could sing like: **Eva Cassidy.**

My favorite movies are: ***What about Bob* and *Gone With the Wind.***

My favorite television shows are: **Law and Order and Dancing with the Stars.**

My hobbies are: **reading, gardening, cards, walking, biking.**

I have a phobia about: **nothing.**

My friends like me because: **because I like them.**

My ideal vacation is: **Italy.**

Nobody knows that: **I am cautious.**

The persons who influenced my life most were: **Peaches/Troy.**

Behind my back, people say: **She's always sitting on "go".**

My mother always told me: **"Don't do it."**

The best day of my life was/is: **too many to count and more to come.**

If I could have anyone to dinner, it would be: **Family.**

When I've had a bad day I relax by: **crawling in bed; watching TV.**

I regret: **Yes.**

If I could change one thing about myself, it would be: **to have more patience.**

My pet peeve is: **having to repeat myself.**

My epitaph should read: **"Love me long, love me ever, remember the fun we had together."**

If I had one message to give to the youth, it would be: **Don't do it.**

If I could change one thing about our society it would be: **smaller towns.**

If I had to pick (but) one word to describe myself, it would be: **happy.**

Dottie Miller

A CHUCKLE FOR YOUR DAY

FOR SALE by OWNER: Complete set of Encyclopedia, 45 volumes. Excellent condition.

\$1,000 or best offer. No longer needed, Got married last month. Wife knows everything.

