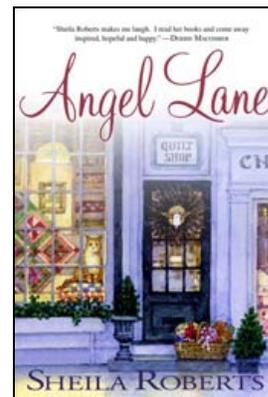




**Angel Lane**  
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## About the Book

Jamie Moore escaped an abusive marriage and rebuilt her life in the scenic lakeside community of Heart Lake. She's more than happy to live life on her own, contenting herself with her friends and her business, a quaint little chocolate shop in the town square.

One day she's talking with neighboring shop owners about how their beloved town is growing and losing its small town feeling, and the women decide to start a movement to "keep the heart in Heart Lake." If they can get their neighbors to commit one random act of kindness every day, their town will be a much friendlier place.

When a good deed brings Jamie into the path of small town cop Jake Armstrong, a widower raising two daughters on his own, her hard-won independence is put to the test. But despite her painful past, she's about to discover that sometimes, the greatest gift you can give is your heart.

## Reading Group Guide Questions

1. At the beginning of the book, Jamie likens Heart Lake to Mayberry, the fictional North Carolina town made popular by the Andy Griffith TV show in the sixties. What do you think is the upside to small town life? Is there a down side?
2. Emma is an old movie buff and an idealist. Do you think what we read and watch on TV and the big screen affects our attitudes and outlook on life or do we choose to watch what confirms what we already believe?
3. Sarah Goodwin was able to get past her empty nest syndrome by opening her home and heart to new people. Have you experienced empty nest syndrome? If so, how did you cope?
4. Emma's small quilt shop struggles to compete against a larger chain store. How do you feel about shopping with local merchants versus shopping at a larger store to save money? Does the state of the economy affect where you shop?
5. Have you ever owned a shop or toyed with the idea of opening one? If so, what kind of shop was it?
6. If you owned a bakery or a chocolate shop, would you eat all of your inventory?
7. Could you identify with Jamie's fear of falling for Josh the cop and repeating history? If so, how?
8. The importance of keeping a sense of community is a favorite theme in this book. How do you think that feeling connected benefits members of a community?
9. Do you feel a connection with your neighbors? If not, do you think you need one? Can you think of any way you could build one?
10. What is the most memorable good deed you ever did?