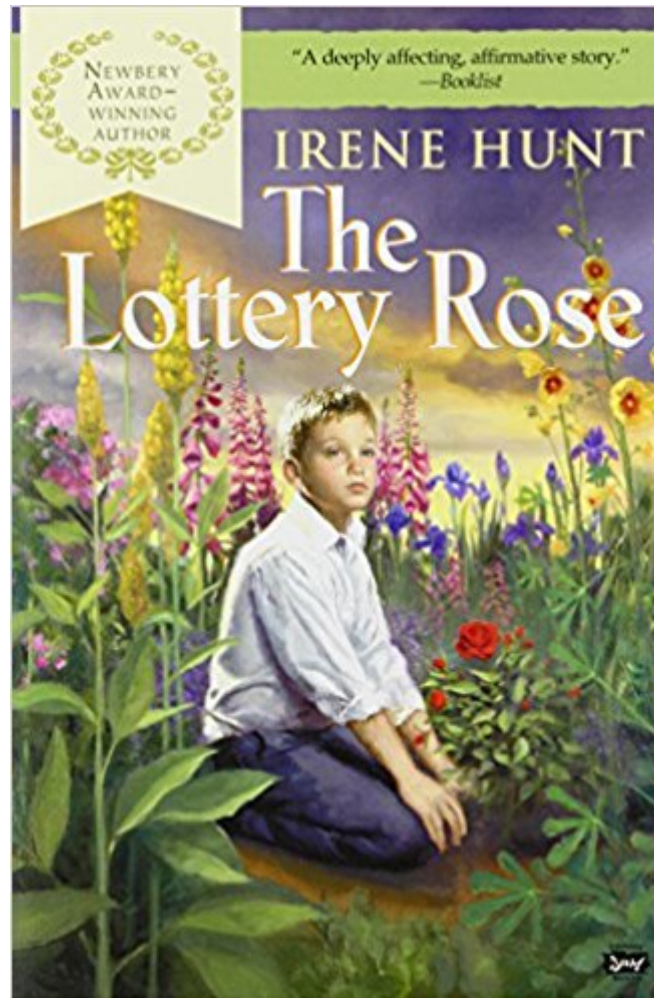




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The Lottery Rose



Synopsis

The Newbery Award winning author of *Across Five Aprils* and *Up a Road Slowly* presents the story of a young boy from a troubled family who learns what it means to love. The Lottery Rose Abused by his mother and her boyfriend, Georgie Burgess learns to hide his hurt. He withdraws into a safe and secret world of beautiful gardens filled with roses—just like those in the library book he treasures. When Georgie wins a small rosebush in a grocery store lottery he gives it all the love and caring he's never had. Georgie's life begins to open up for him when the courts send him to a home for boys where he will be safe. Slowly, and not without pain, Georgie learns to give—and to receive love.

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Customer Reviews

"A deeply affecting, affirmative story."

Irene Hunt is the author of many distinguished books for young people. Her first novel, *Across Five Aprils*, was a Newberry Honor Book and received a Lewis Carroll Shelf Award. For her second novel, *Up a Road Slowly*, Ms. Hunt was awarded the Newberry Medal. Ms. Hunt was born in southern Illinois and has received degrees from the University of Illinois and the University of

Colorado. For many years she taught in the public schools of northern Illinois, and later she taught psychology at the University of South Dakota. Ms. Hunt now lives in Florida.

I have used this book for years with my 7th grade readers. It offers hope to students who share the main character's life experiences, and it offers understanding to students who have never had to peer across the tracks to the people living in the shadow of the garden on the other side. I see something new each time my students experience this literary unit.

Daughter has to read for school.

So sad. Fiction that parallels non-fiction. I cried the first time I read it. In the classroom, it brings about all kinds of dialogue among the students. Have students read this and then read 'A Child Called It' and compare them.

I first read this book when I was in 8th grade, at that time this book was very insightful to my own family life and child abuse. Georgie is someone young people can relate to, I highly recommend this book as a book that should be read in schools by children between 5th and 8th grade. As an adult, I have re-read it and still find it touching, moving and insightful. If you are a parent or interested in Child Psychology (or a person who is involved in children's lives on a daily basis), this is a **MUST READ BOOK**.

This novel is similar to Oliver Twist, in that we have an abused boy who is taken out of his home and sent to an orphan school. But what he really wants is a family of his own, and that's what he will work on until he gets it. Very touching and uplifting.

Beautiful strong story where Georgie an abused child learns to give and to receive love.

My grandson recommended this book and I was so glad. He had read it in school. Good story while making kids think.

Read this all time ago, still a good short read

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