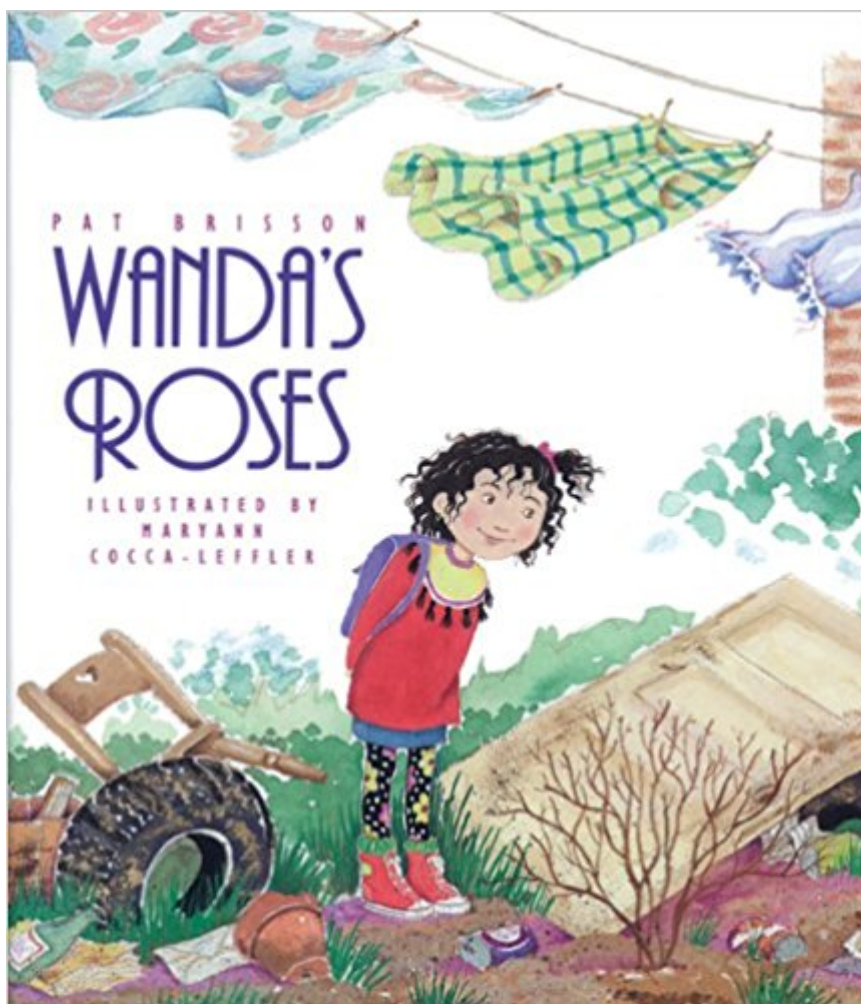


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# Wanda's Roses



## Synopsis

When Wanda discovers a thornbush growing in an empty lot, she's quite sure it's a rosebush ready to bloom. So she clears away the trash, checks on it every day, and brings water from the butcher shop across the street. But no roses appear. Wanda's neighbors and friends are all doubtful, but when she invites them to a tea party in her "rose garden" one day in June, they're in for a big surprise. Pat Brisson's warm-hearted story and Maryann Cocca-Leffler's vibrant illustrations make this book about a child's simple faith one that children will long remember.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Wanda is a real heroine -- a girl who works hard in the face of big odds. Yet, Wanda is also the kind of heroine who helps us think we can be heroes, too. She relies more on creative invention than fantastic luck. The idea of growing roses in a vacant lot is both beautiful and realistic. The illustrations convey the eccentric colorfulness of the story's characters and ideas.

I liked the book because it was a good story. Some people may not believe Wanda that her bush would not grow roses. But, Wanda believed it. The book made me laugh. The pictures are the kind that kids like because they are cartoonish and colorful. By Rachel grade 4

This story is a great resource for teaching community. Wanda is convinced that her bare bush is a rose bush and cleans out an abandoned lot to give it more fresh air and light. With the help of the community the lot is transformed into a beautiful rose garden. Great story even better idea!

Wanda's Roses is a lovely and inspiring tale of a young girl who comes across a litter-strewn yard one day and sees a lonely, thorny bush which she assumes is a rose bush. Wanda is determined to care for this bush and she sets about clearing the area of litter. When the people in her neighborhood see her work, they are astonished to learn that Wanda thinks this thorny bush is a rose bush. The adults know better, but are they necessarily wiser? This story demonstrates how a little girl with so much faith refuses to give up and in the end brings the entire community together to create a beautiful garden of roses. The story is simple yet meaningful and the illustrations are beautiful. My seven-year-old daughter is inspired to start a garden of her own after reading this story:)

This is a beautiful story about a little girl with a wonderfully optimistic world view. She is determined and focused on her goal and through her own efforts, and the enthusiasm of others, her dream becomes a reality.

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