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Editorial Review

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"[An] idyllic setting, and likable characters make Shipman's debut an enjoyable comfort read for fans of women's fiction centered on mother-daughter relationships." "-Booklist"

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Readers will be charmed by the characters, most of all by kooky but wise Lolly (a mix of Viola and Madge Rouse, Wade's paternal grandmother), who teaches her stressed-out daughter and granddaughter lessons in life and love. "Good Housekeeping"

From the Author
Welcome!

The Charm Bracelet is a tribute to my Ozarks grandmother, Viola Shipman, who I grew up alongside, the jangling of her charm bracelet as ever-present as the moan of the bullfrogs, the call of the whippoorwill and the hum of the cicadas.

It was through the charms on my grandmother's bracelet that I got to know her. I found that each charm held a story, a key that unlocked a secret part of her life.

Through these charms, I got to know my grandmother not just as a grandmother but also as an incredible woman who had lived an extraordinary life filled with beauty, hope and tragedy.

My grandmother's story and life jangled in my head for years, and I felt compelled to write a novel based on her charms and the lessons she taught me: That the simplest things in life - family, friends, faith, fun, love, and a passion for what you do - truly are the grandest gifts.

I couldn't be prouder of this novel, which not only honors my grandmother, with the pen name Viola

Shipman, but also all of our elders.

I hope you're "charmed"!

xo,

Wade Rouse

About the Author

VIOLA SHIPMAN is a pen name for Wade Rouse, a popular, award-winning memoirist. Rouse chose his grandmother's name, Viola Shipman, to honor the woman whose charm bracelet and family stories inspired him to write his debut novel, which is a tribute to all of our elders. Rouse lives in Michigan and writes regularly for "People" and "Coastal Living," among other places, and is a contributor to "All Things Considered." To date, "The Charm Bracelet" has been translated into nine languages. He is at work on his second heirloom novel, which will be published in 2017."

Users Review

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Elizabeth Parker:

A lot of people always spent their very own free time to vacation or perhaps go to the outside with their family members or their friend. Do you know? Many a lot of people spent their free time just watching TV, or playing video games all day long. If you need to try to find a new activity that is look different you can read some sort of book. It is really fun in your case. If you enjoy the book you read you can spent all day every day to reading a book. The book The Charm Bracelet: A Novel it is quite good to read. There are a lot of individuals who recommended this book. They were enjoying reading this book. In case you did not have enough space to develop this book you can buy typically the e-book. You can more very easily to read this book from a smart phone. The price is not too expensive but this book has high quality.

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