

Proposed Book for the Sophomore Resource ELA Class

The Van Gogh Cafe

by Cynthia Rylant

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Book Synopsis

Miracles are always in the making at the Van Gogh Cafe in Flowers, Kansas: the small restaurant, housed in a renovated theater, has "magic enough to last forever in its walls." Readers will share the wonder of Clara and her father Marc, the cafe's owner, as they witness a series of serendipitous occurrences involving stranded sea gulls, aged film stars, magic muffins, lost pets and mysterious travelers. At the Van Gogh Cafe, *anything* can happen--from food that cooks by itself to poems that foretell the future. This award-winning collection of vignettes by Newbery medalist Cynthia Rylant is a treat to be relished. So bring your appetite for the unexpected, because at the Van Gogh Cafe, your order of tea and toast comes with a side of magic!