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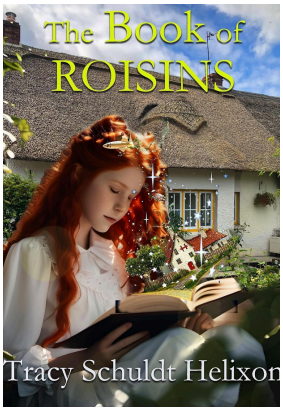


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# The Book of Roisins by Tracy Helixon

Includes Author Interview!

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

Read Aloud Video

## What's It About?

Moving in the middle of the school year is tough—especially when you add frizzy red hair, freckles, and an outdated family name no one can pronounce. Eleven-year-old Roisin (row-sheen) knows this all too well. Within the chaos is one constant—her maternal grandmother, Gran. While unpacking, Roisin finds a scrapbook. From the tingle that moves up her arm when she touches it to Gran's explanation when she asks about it, Roisin discovers this is no ordinary book. Starting with Roisin the First, her grandmothers have experienced the Irish potato famine, the homestead act, women's suffrage, World War II, and the launch of Sally Ride's space shuttle. Through the magic of the scrapbook, Roisin is about to meet each of them—and they might just change her life forever.

## Who Wrote It?

Tracy began her writing career at age five, when her parents found her writing all over her little brother. When asked what she was doing, she explained, 'Timmy thought he was a piece of paper.' To Timmy's relief, she now uses a computer to write. Today, Tracy is a teacher and author who chases creativity, kindness, faith, coffee, and chocolate.
She has been teaching writing and speech at her local two-year college for nearly twenty-five years while writing books for both children and adults. Tracy hopes readers will find family-friendly stories in her books and that students will find

inspiration to tell their own stories in her classes. She lives in Wisconsin with her husband, Chris, and her family, and loves books, travel, cozy seasons, mochas, and chocolate chip mint ice cream.

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