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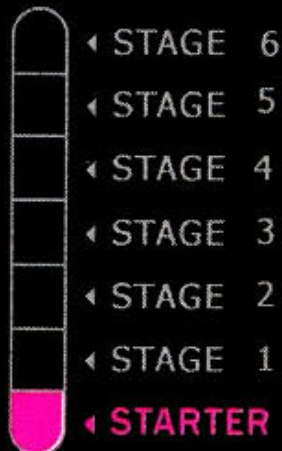
'Who is the man with the roses in his hand?' thinks Anna. 'I want to meet him.'

'Who is the girl with the guitar?' thinks Will. 'I like her. I want to meet her.'

But they do not meet.

'There are lots of men!' says Anna's friend Vicki, but Anna cannot forget Will. And then one rainy day . . .

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There are pretty young women everywhere. And there are young men with nice smiles. In every town, in every city, young men are looking at young women, and young women are smiling at them. They look, they meet, they talk, they laugh . . . happy days, sweet nights – it's love.

Will looks at Anna. She is a pretty young woman, and he wants to meet her. But how? He can hear her guitar, but he cannot find her.

Anna looks at Will. She wants to meet him too. But where is he? She can smell his roses in the elevator, but where does he go?

Anna's friend Vicki wants to help. Will's gran wants to help. But nothing happens. Can Anna find Will? Can Will meet Anna? Is it love?

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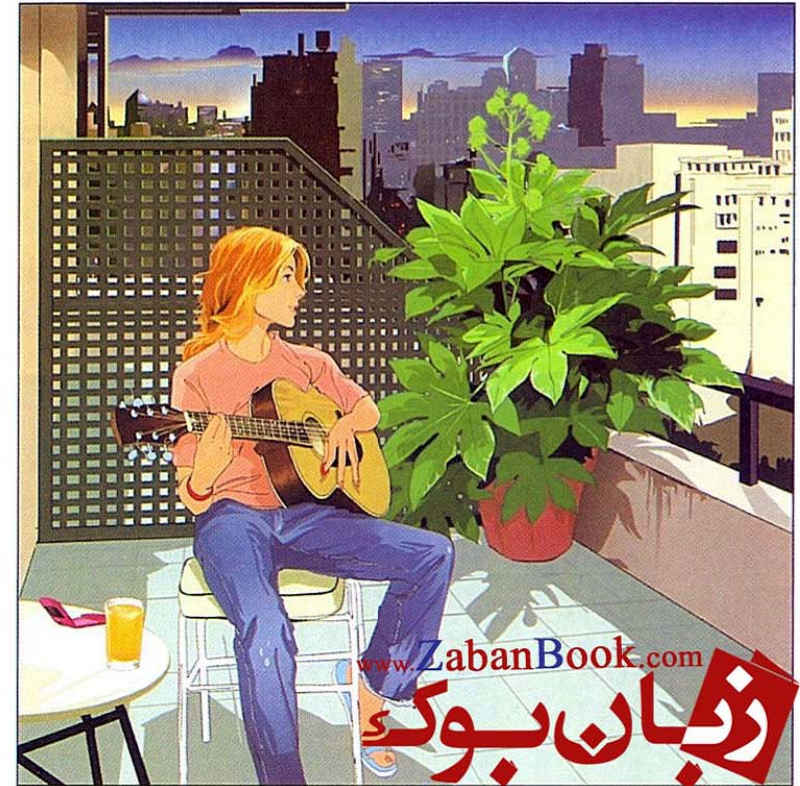
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## White roses



**I**t's August. Anna is playing her guitar on the balcony of her new apartment. 'I like it here,' she thinks.

Then her phone rings. It's her friend Vicki.

'I'm coming now, Anna. It's Grandview Apartments, Charlton, isn't it?'

◦ 'That's right. See you soon.'

Anna takes her guitar and goes out of her apartment. She goes down in the elevator and goes outside.



Anna is waiting outside the apartment building.

A young man is walking along the street. He is carrying a bunch of white roses.

Anna looks at them. 'What beautiful roses!' she thinks. Then she looks at the young man. 'He's nice too!' she thinks.

The young man looks at her and smiles, and suddenly Anna's face is pink.



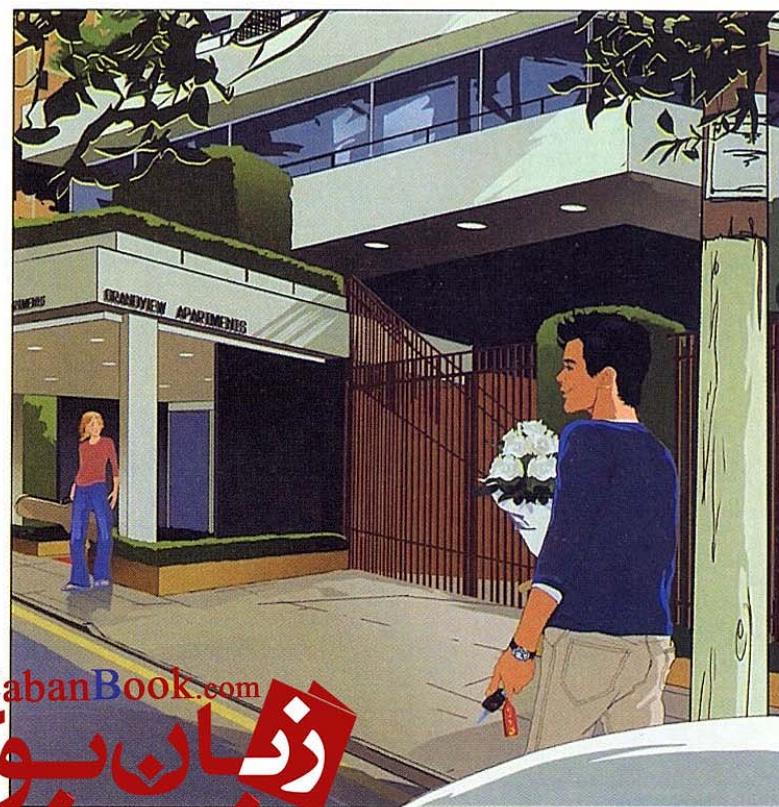
Will is walking along the street, when he sees a young woman with a guitar.

'Hmm – a guitar!' he thinks. 'I must play my guitar more often.'

Then he looks at the young woman.

'She's nice!' he thinks, and he smiles at her.

Anna's face is pink, and she looks away. Will goes into Grandview Apartments.



## ACTIVITIES

### *While Reading*

#### 1 Read pages 1–4, then answer these questions.

- 1 What does Anna play?
- 2 Who is coming to her apartment?
- 3 What colour are Will's roses?
- 4 Who is Anna thinking about?

#### 2 Read pages 5–8. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Anna is not listening to Vicki.
- 2 Will always takes apples to Gran.
- 3 Gran makes coffee for Will.
- 4 Will talks to Gran about Anna.
- 5 Anna sees Will outside the apartment building when she comes home.

#### 3 Read pages 9–12, then answer the questions.

Who ...

- 1 ... says: 'It's a lovely day'?
- 2 ... runs out of the apartment?
- 3 ... closes the door to the balcony?
- 4 ... says: 'Are you all right, dear'?
- 5 ... can smell roses in the elevator?

#### 4 Read pages 13–16, then answer these questions.

- 1 How does Anna help Gran?
- 2 What is Vicki doing on Saturday?
- 3 Why does Anna stay at home on Saturday?
- 4 Who does Will meet at the party?

#### 5 Read pages 17–20, then match the sentence halves to make four complete sentences.

- 1 Will walks along the corridor ...
  - 2 Anna visits her family for a week ...
  - 3 Will is getting into his car ...
  - 4 Will is going to Charlton ...
- a then she comes back to her apartment.  
b so he can take Tom to Eastfield first.  
c but he does not hear a guitar.  
d when he sees his friend Tom.

#### 6 Read pages 21–24. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Will takes the roses to his mother.
- 2 Anna puts the roses in a vase.
- 3 Anna asks Will to her apartment.
- 4 Will has a bunch of red roses for Gran.
- 5 Gran laughs when she smells the roses.