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Re: Book jacket synopsis/blurb for submission ID: 2024-288-28892 to the 2024 Leacock Medal Award.

Widowed suddenly soon after her fiftieth birthday, Rose is addled by grief. Could that be why three months later, she decides to buy her friend Wendy Hebb's sex shop in the tiny coastal community of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia?

As she rushes to rent her house and store her belongings, her older sister, Daisy, worries that Rose is running away - from the home that she and her late husband, Jim, lived in together, and its constant reminders of what she's lost.

When Rose lands in Lunenburg in a furnished condo with a year's lease, a colourful cast of local characters keeps her from drowning in grief – including a long-lost quirky cousin with a mysterious health condition and a handsome restaurant owner who stirs feelings in Rose she isn't ready to face. As the condo's lease creeps closer to its expiration date, Rose must make a choice - continue carving out her new life or move back home?

Jane Doucet's trademark heart and humour, along with the return of beloved characters from *The Pregnant Pause* and *Fishnets & Fantasies*, make *Lost & Found in Lunenburg* feel like a long-overdue catch-up with old friends.

With gratitude,

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