



The morning Effie Armstrong turns eighty-two years old, she stares at herself in the mirror and suddenly realizes she is an old lady. Lonely and sad, she hides away in her house for so long that her neighbor, Amanda Jaymes, begins to worry. Armed with presents and advice, Amanda makes it her job to encourage Effie to get up and get moving each day. But will Effie be able to find her place again in the world?

The book EFFIE'S IMAGE is based on a very special lady named Hazel who volunteered in my first grade classroom as a part of the Foster Grandparent Program. Hazel's husband had passed away and her son and his family lived in another state. She knew that she needed a reason to leave her house everyday, and she found that reason in the smiles of the children. She was a true inspiration to me, each and every day, and she is greatly missed!

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