



Midlife Senior Moments

at the Danville Center

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When recently widowed, forty-five year old, Anne Farley decides to volunteer at the Danville Senior Center, she finds she may have bitten off more than she can chew. The director, Royal, immediately puts her in charge of the new lunch program, and Anne has her hands full working with the other volunteers and the town's mayor, trying to make it work. In addition to her new job, she must deal with her grief, learn to manager her finances, and maintain her home on her own. There are many bumps in the road as she adjusts to her new job, the seniors' needs, and to living alone. Along the way she makes new friends, takes a grant writing course, grows in competence and confidence in her new life, and meets a special someone who may help end her loneliness.



Jean Young was born in Wenatchee, Washington, and lived most of her life in the Seattle area in the log home she and her husband built in the 1960s. A retired senior center director, Jean filled her time with volunteer work, reading, gardening, spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and international travel. Memorable trips she took included a year in Japan and a summer in Ghana teaching sewing at a high school. She also wrote a children's book, *Charlie, the Dog Who Could Sing*. Jean passed away in September of 2016.