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In this first book of the Tales from the Goose Creek B&B, you'll fall in love with a small town that feels like coming home. Its quirky characters and their many shenanigans will make you laugh out loud as they touch a place in your heart.

Even though retirement is still three years away, Al Richardson is counting the days. He anticipates many enjoyable years in which every day feels like Saturday. But Al's wife, Millie, has different plans for their retirement. When she learns that a Victorian-era home is up for sale, Millie launches a full-blown campaign to convince Al that God's plan for them is to turn that house into a B&B.

But a B&B won't be the only change for the small Kentucky town. A new veterinarian has hung up her shingle, but she's only got one patient--the smelly dog belonging to her part-time receptionist. And sides are being taken in the issue of the water tower, which needs a new coat of paint...but no one can agree who should paint it.

The situation is coming to a head. Who could have imagined a town protest over a water tower? And who would believe it could culminate in an illegal parade?

Get lost in a novel that reminds you why you love reading.

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Ann says

I am a sucker for small town, slice of life, a little romance, a whole bunch of quirky characters, kind of books. This fit the bill perfectly! I liked that the main characters, Millie and Al, are around my age, so I enjoyed relating to some of the things they were going through. This book is an easy, fast, and delightful read.

Kelly says

This was a book club pick. If you require a “clean”, cozy read written at a middle grade fiction level with almost no substance, and without any upsetting subject matter, this might be for you. If you like books where the plot centers around buying a B&B, conflict over painting a water tower, and whether the town will accept the new veterinarian who seems to have a prejudice against 6-toed cats, this might be for you. If you like the phrase “well-muscled chest”, this might be for you.

I don't enjoy any of those things. This was not the book for me.

Lisa Hunt says

This was a very cute, light book. No real drama of any sort so if you need something sweet and fluffy this is it. If you want something more then keep on looking :-)

Teresa Snyder says

Goose Creek - A fun fictional town filled with wacky characters. The storyline - and writing style - puts me in mind of reading a Fanny Flagg book. The secondary characters are almost as enjoyable as the main characters. Reading the dialog between Albert and Millie, the two main characters, was like hearing a conversation between my husband and I. Laugh-out-loud funny in places. I'm looking forward to the next book in the series and hopefully more from Justin and Susan - a budding romance between two secondary characters.

Ann Gabhart says

Fun book. Love the small town flavor.

Jessica says

Adorable start to a series about the small town of Goose Creek and her offbeat residents. (Or Creekers, as they prefer to be called.)

Al can't wait to retire and buy an RV to cruise the country in, but he's never really shared this dream with his wife Millie, who has other plans for their retirement. Like buying a "fixer upper" (read: the roof is about to cave in) and opening a B & B. Add to that, Al's annoying co-worker is looking to buy a house in their town, and Millie's working for the new vet, a young woman from out-of-town that none of the Creekers trust. Oh, and Al and Millie's dog is mysteriously stinky, and has murderous intentions towards any squirrels he spies.

What does it all add up to? A very, very fun book about a small Kentucky town, that's what!

Janka H. says

Hilarious, funny and witty, this is the story to revoke the pure pleasantness of reading.

Al Richardson is counting the days to his peaceful retirement, but leave it to his spitfire of a wife to plan some action! Millie is set to offer Al some activity and work (he has a stroke alarm a few years before and she is not going let him to suffer that again anytime soon!), so she plans to buy a big fixer-upper building and to change it into a bed&breakfast. Crestfallen Al hopes that this will not work - but it seems it will :) The peaceful city is to enter the whirlwind, too - a debate over the painting the water tower is swiftly progressing towards a fight.

A shy new veterinarian Sarah will finally meet another interesting man other than her Daddy.

This lovely mix contains all the longtime-married couple love and antics and all the smalltown quirks, smelly dogs, pettiness and goodwill, love young and older, soda fountains and warm charm.

I would visit there in a whim!

This one is a pure love.

Michelle says

Cozy read for a Sunday afternoon.

I enjoyed reading about the people from Goose Creek. The author did a wonderful job in making the "Creekers" real people instead of over the top caricatures. Reading about Goose Creek was like floating down lazy river on a sunny day. There was enough drama to keep you turning pages but in the most relaxing way. I will definitely want to visit this community again to see how the residents are faring.

Margaret says

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Goose Creek, KY is a small village where folks are friendly and where life is slow-paced. Al Richardson likes things just the way they are and is looking forward to his retirement in three years. His children are grown and on their own and he has his sights set on buying an RV and traveling with his lovely wife of 37 years. It will be ideal.

Meanwhile, Millie, the lovely wife has her sights set on buying an old rundown property as a new beginning for the two of them. The property is sure to sell cheaply. The owners need the money desperately, and she needs a project. The problem is getting Al to not just agree to buy the property, but to believe that it was actually his idea in the first place.

The two are good at manipulating each other, but only one will come out the winner. Through a series of chess like moves between them, there is a winner in the end.

Of course, that is not the whole story line. There is the problem of the new vet in town that the close knit community doesn't trust and the matter of illegal demonstrations over who will get to paint the local water tower. A small town government battle ensues and then there is a love interest story that doesn't look to be going anywhere—unless someone steps in with some clever manipulation.

Small towns--where everyone knows your name and your business, and aren't above sticking their noses into your business, but with good intentions, of course. I laughed at the antics of the lovable characters and the love story between Al and Millie is precious. I went on to read the other two books I could find in this series. It was the next best thing to actually visiting Goose Creek and inviting myself over to Millie's for some cake and coffee and advice on how to handle my own husband!

Christine says

I was provided a review copy of this book and read it in one sitting. I cannot tell you how much I loved the story. A homey feel, quirky characters, and just a plain feel-good story that is sometimes laugh-out-loud funny and then very poignant. It is the first in a new series by Virginia Smith and I highly recommend it.

Carla Johnson-Hicks says

Goose Creek, Kentucky is a small town, quirky little place that is dying. There are no new businesses, not a lot of young people and a lot of curmudgeons living the busybody life. Millie and Al are looking forward to retirement. Millie works at the local veterinary office as a receptionist and Al works out of town in Frankfort. The characters they work with add to the humor, drama and romance of the story. Millie wants to buy the Updyke House, a large, rundown home to turn into a bed and breakfast, Al just wants to retire to a quiet life. Who would win this battle of wills? When the town council sends out an RFB to find someone to paint the water tower, the town has a crisis. Two sides emerge in the issue --- should they hire locally and keep the money in Goose Creek, or should they hire from outside the town and bring in new blood? There is also a new Vet in town who is not well received by the residents. Will she be able to make a go of her new business

in this quaint village? A homey feel, quirky characters, and just a plain feel-good story that is sometimes laugh-out-loud funny and then very poignant. The characters are wonderful. There are many eccentric, quirky ones to balance out the main characters. It is old school in the sense that there is some prejudice against females (not a lot) and Millie uses her feminine side to get Al to do what she wants but it is not too bad. This was an enjoyable read and I am looking forward to the next one in the series by Virginia Smith. If you are looking for a novel with some good clean fun, then pick this one up. The publisher generously provided me with a copy of this book via Netgalley.

Vannetta Chapman says

Definitely 4.5 stars.

What a fun, fun book! If you've lived in a small town, or even visited one, you'll know that Virginia Smith's story is spot on! I want more from Goose Creek!

Lauri Saplad says

This is a cute story about a wife getting her way by using the most subtle and loving yet oldest tricks in the book! Millie, a happy wife with a happy life -- curmudgeonly husband, grown children and a stinky dog named Rufus -- decides she wants to purchase an old big house and start up a B&B. Her husband thinks she's insane! Hilarity ensues. Set in the small fictional town of Goose Creek, Kentucky with a motley crew of miscellaneous townsfolk, this is a sweet, funny read.

Laura says

THE MOST FAMOUS ILLEGAL GOOSE CREEK PARADE is a fun, chicklitty type story set in small town America. As a resident of a small town myself, I can see these people in my daily life, and so understand the mindset.

THE MIST FAMOUS ILLEGAL GOOSE CREEK PARADE is just one of the stories that are fun to read. The characters are sweet, funny and real. Millie and Al are looking forward to retirement -- but they have different ideas of what retirement should look like. I sympathized more with Al, Millie's manipulation of him got on my nerves. She wanted her way, no question about it and she used every womanly wile in the book to get it. Al just wanted a quiet, secure retirement. Who would win this battle of wills? Al and Millie went to church and he went to men's meetings, but I saw no indication they prayed together--or even separately--for God's will in what they should do.

There is also a new vet in town, who managed to get off on the wrong foot and alienated everyone in town her first day on the job. Ouch!

I did really enjoy THE MOST FAMOUS ILLEGAL GOOSE CREEK PARADE and would recommend it.

Jenn says

With her amazing eye for characters, relationships, and especially the humor in small town life, Smith has created a real gem of a town with quirky characters involved in the type of interpersonal conflicts both domestic and civic that are humorous and tender and that everyone will relate to and laugh and cry with. I love this town and look forward to more stories in the charming Goose Creek, Kentucky!
