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Like an old friend who's turned up in town, Stuart McLean returns with *Stories from the Vinyl Cafe*, his bestselling collection of tales based on his enormously popular Vinyl Cafe radio program. The collection features Canada's much-loved fictional family: Dave, Morley, Stephanie and Sam. Stories from the Vinyl Cafe also introduces a host of other wonderfully imagined characters, such as Margaret Dwyer, a suburban housewife who startles herself by shoplifting a pepperoni sausage, and Flora Perriton, who is consumed with thoughts of lost opportunities when an old friend passes away. Then there's Ed, who-overcome by the death of his favourite rock star-embarks on a pilgrimage to New York City to meet the singer's widow.

As always, the stories in this rewarding and irreverent collection prove that Stuart McLean is indeed a national treasure.

## Stories from the Vinyl Cafe Details

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# From Reader Review Stories from the Vinyl Cafe for online ebook

## Amanda Drover-Hartwick says

Stories From The Vinyl Cafe is a collection of eighteen tales written by Stuart Mclean. There is a fantastic balance between serious topics and touching stories about losing pets, family relationships, marriage, overcoming fear, stinky skunks, a mom who got caught stealing sausage from the grocery store, doing the right thing and remembering Canadian soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for us.

"Everyone should get to drive a car with everything they own piled around them. All alone. Heading towards the horizon. Driving into the future".

These stories may be short but they are packed full of emotion and authentic Canadian culture. This one was a page-turner that left me wanting to read more of Mclean's work.

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## Ineke van Mackelenbergh says

A very witty rendering of small town life in Canada with exceptional character depictions. Just when you think you know where the author is going with his story, he turns the tables on you. At once hilarious, humorous, sometimes sad and poignant, these are wonderful stories, masterfully told.

I could not read them all in one go, but found myself turning to a chapter or two in-between another read, allowing myself to savour them better.

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## Erin L says

A nice, relaxing re-read of this one. My original rating of 3-stars seemed a little low. Nice visit with Dave, Morley and the gang.

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## Jenn says

Stewart McLean is an author who opens my soul, his talent for words, his characters and their lives make mine a little more worth living. Wonderful collection of laughs, a few tears, and amazing stories

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## Rebecca McNutt says

At times funny, at times serious and always deeply Canadian, *Stories from the Vinyl Cafe* is a hilarious, original, creative and wonderfully-written book that everyone should read.

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## **Kirstin says**

Not usually a fan of short stories but these stories from the Vinyl Cafe managed to hold my interest as the same characters keep reappearing. Witty and funny observations of Canadian life - some had me laugh out loud and some were a bit deeper and more meaningful.

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## **Cheryl says**

This book was a sweet collection of stories of some inhabitants of what appears to be a suburb of Toronto. Many of them know each other and interact. Some are more stand-alone. I would characterize these as very Canadian stories, but I can't really say why. Maybe they just remind me of how life felt in the small Alberta town where we lived when I was a child. They are warm and endearing and true.

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## **Heather the Hillbilly Banjo Queen says**

The Vinyl Cafe books are some of the best books I've read. Each chapter is a separate story, but all of the stories are about the same people and their interactions with each other, friends, and neighbors. Some are funny, some are touching, some make you cry and some make you laugh for days after you have read them. The best part? You can read a few chapters, lay the book down, read something else for weeks and come back and enjoy a few more chapters. It's the perfect "pick-me-up" read after a sad or heavy book.

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## **Bo says**

A funny and quick read. The characters come to life in each story and you get to know Dave, Morley and Sam not only in their own stories but also through the ways they interact with their friends throughout the book. I enjoyed following Sam and Murphy the most because of their young age, their view of the world always gave me a chuckle. My favorite two stories were Prince Charles and The First Kiss.

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## **Nicky says**

I'm even more convinced now that you can feel the most emotions after reading a story that doesn't describe any emotions of characters at all. Very good short stories book!

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## **Jennifer says**

A compelling cast of characters full of humour, pathos and idiosyncrasies. Touching moments of memory, grief and everyday problems fill these short stories. A gifted story teller who I want to read more of!

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**Trish Boese says**

2\* This collection of short stories includes some good ones, and a few really weird ones. Dave and Morley are the funny, likable characters; I wasn't impressed with any of the others.

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**Marni says**

Full of delightful stories.

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**Cynthia says**

humorous short stories

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**John Hubbard says**

Wonderfully funny. My wife and I take turns reading these to each other.

This first volume is only about 50% Dave and Morley stories. The Vinyl Cafe seemed to still be looking for a focus. Still many of the others stories were very good. I particularly liked the hockey one.

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