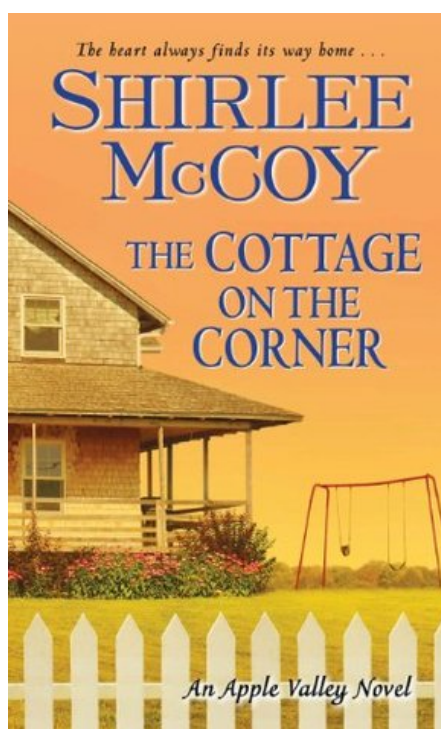




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"A delicious treat. Don't miss a visit to Apple Valley!" --Emily March, *New York Times* bestselling author

In Apple Valley, Washington, true friends are never far, neighbors can help heal the loneliest hearts--and longed-for dreams can unexpectedly become real . . .

Charlotte Garrison's second chance is falling into place just like she's carefully planned. A few more sales of her heavenly sweets and she'll be able to turn the empty shop on Main Street into her own bakery--a plan much more sensible than ever again risking her heart. But when a rambunctious three-year-old girl lands on town deputy Max Stanford's doorstep, Charlotte finds helping the good-looking deputy care for her is sparking the most impossible dreams . . .

Max has never been much for settling down. But while he finds out if little Zuzu is really his daughter, Charlotte's warmth and caring makes him want to prove he's worthy of her trust. And as they struggle to come to terms with their pasts, Max will do whatever it takes to show Charlotte home is where dreams come true--and he and Zuzu are all the love and home she'll ever need.

Praise For The House On Main Street

"A wonderful, warmhearted story." --RT Book Reviews

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Rhonda says

4 STARS

I like Apple Valley. This is the second book in the series. It starts right after The House on Main Street. Actually the epilogue of the House on Main street is the first chapter of The Cottage on the Corner. They can stand alone but I liked them both.

Zuzu is a cute new character. She is three. She tugs at your heart, and made me smile a lot.

Town deputy Max Stanford is single and plans to never marry and have kids. He dates a lot but is always up front about not being serious.

Charlotte Garrison's is a baker. Her past is a mystery. There is a rumor that one type of her chocolate cupcakes is so good it makes men propose marriage after eating it. All the single women want to buy the cupcakes or get the recipe for it. Charlotte has stopped making them and won't share her secret recipe. She does not date and is a widow.

Max comes home from the wedding of the Sheriff and finds his ex-girl friend there with her daughter. Morgan tells Max that Zuzu is his daughter and she needs him to watch her as she needs to go to Las Vegas for a job. She just takes off. Max is sure Zuzu is not his.

Max is working double shifts to help cover for the Sheriff to have a weekend with his new wife. He has had no sleep with Zuzu and needs to find a baby sitter for her for the day. He is desperate when he asks Charlotte for help.

I like the small town feel of the book. How everyone is curious about Zuzu and sees her in her p.j.s and finds things for her.

I also like how Zimmerman Charlotte's grumpy neighbor helps Charlotte take care of Zuzu. I wanted to see more of him.

Someone keeps breaking into Charlotte's house while she is out delivering her baked goods. Max feels like he owes Charlotte and helps her.

The setting is the small town of Apple Valley, WA

It is just a charming town and story. There is plenty of drama, romance and a little mystery. I was sorry to see it end. It is also a clean read.

I was given this ebook to read so I could give a honest review of it. Received it from Net Galley and Kensington.

Kim says

A really charming book set in Apple Valley. It was very much like Debbie Macomber's Cedar Cove in style

and enjoyment factor.

Charlotte is the local baker and she supplies local events with plates of cookies, cakes and scones- all presented with pretty teapots full of flowers so that her baking is an event on it's own. She is saving to open her own shop in the town and you can just imagine the baking heaven that it will be. Apple Valley folklore says that her special chocolate cupcakes have men proposing to their partners in a daze of calorie induced happiness. She presently refuses to make them anymore- although there are some lurking in the depths of her freezer.

She attends a wedding as the book opens where she had supplied the cake. We are introduced to the other main character of this book when he brings her back to the bouquet throwing. He has a reputation for being a bit of a ladies man- but when his ex drops a 3 year old on him whilst she jets off for a job interview he has to start looking at life differently.

There is a spark of chemistry between the two and when Charlotte agrees to babysit ZuZu one day it sets off the first step in their realising that they enjoy each others company.

It delightfully brings in the other characters who may well feature in their own story in further books in the series. It was a delightful read and an author I will look out for in the future.

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Alyssa says

Write a comment...

Nikki Peterson says

When I requested this from NetGalley I didn't know The Cottage on the Corner was the second in the series. It just sounded interesting so I asked for it. I am happy to say that even though I didn't get the time to get to the first one you can still read this one and not feel lost. You know, you read something and figure out about half way through they are talking about something that happened in previous books of the series and you are screwed. Because now you have no freaking clue what is going on and have no chance in hell of finishing with a happy glow. This isn't like that at all. If you missed out on The House on Main Street, never fear little fella, it will be ok. Go ahead and enjoy it.

When Charlotte first moved into town Max asked her to dinner and she shot him down. He never asked again, but still liked flirting with her. Neither one is looking for relationship, long term or otherwise. But all of that is about to change with one little girl named Zuzu. Max's ex shows up one night telling Max that he is a father and he needs to watch his daughter so his ex can go to a job interview in Vegas. Max turns to Charlotte for help, he needs her to watch Zuzu while he covers his shift. In no time at all both Charlotte, Max and the townsfolk find them falling under Zuzu's spell. Max and Charlotte are also getting to know each other better and are finding that they are extremely attracted to one another. Charlotte is sweet and has a hard time with the word no. She may be sweet but she's also tough. The thought of anything between her and Max scares the crap out of her. Max is a deputy. Even though he's a bit of the town whore, he's still a good guy.

You'll find yourself rooting for Max and Charlotte to hook up and for Max to keep Zuzu.

Apple Valley sounds like a place you would want to live. The townsfolk sound interesting and you actually look forward to hearing more about them. I can't wait to see who's next and what their story will be. The story flows well from beginning to end and never hits a lull. A truly heart warming tale and leaves you with a smile on your face when you finish.

Pamela says

The Cottage on the Corner is the second book in the Apple Valley series. It is a well written and well edited small town romance novel.

The plot is simple. The Hero and heroine have painful pasts and have moved to the small town of Apple Valley to start new lives. They have been friendly acquaintances for years, but circumstances happen that throw them together, forcing them to reevaluate their lives and relationship. I think that the plot would have been more interesting with a suspenseful back story.

The characters are adequately developed. Everyone is quite nice, even the more difficult characters. Once again, a more negative character to act as the antagonist would have added interest.

The Cottage on the Corner is a sweet, low key romance; a nice escapist read.

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Dee Schwinn says

I enjoyed the book. The characters of Charlotte and Max were good and the social issues were timely. The author also gives a good picture of small town life.

Susan says

THE COTTAGE ON THE CORNER is a wonderful story of friends, family, romance and second chances. Shirlee's writing style flows smoothly and this is a very easy story to get lost in. The small town setting and the characters made this a sweet read, but not a sappy read. Shirlee McCoy is a very descriptive writer and while reading THE COTTAGE ON THE CORNER I felt like I was right there in Apple Valley. I wanted to get the low down on all the local gossip. I was instantly caught up in Charlotte and Max's lives and Zuzu stole my heart. The chemistry between Max and Charlotte was perfect and funny through out the story. Apple Valley sounds like a small town I would want to live. The townspeople are interesting and funny in their own way.

Note: I received this book free from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Michelle Randall says

Charlotte is using Apple Valley to hide and start over. She thought she had found her true love, only to find out when he died that he was actually married to someone else and had kids with her. Charlotte's world shattered and Apple Valley seemed to be the best place to recover. She is building up a clientele of baking customers and hopes to open her own little bakery on Main street soon. The only thing she isn't looking for is a man.

Max is a deputy in town and he has always been good with life being just him, he can find a gal for the short term, but he doesn't want anything more. That is until his ex drops a three year old little girl in his lap and runs. Max has no idea what to do with a child, and the first person he turns to is Charlotte.

Small town life in Apple Valley can be crazy, and throw in a child, you have people acting out of character and life turned upside down.

Katie Fink says

I liked it a lot, until the end. It was a cliffhanger ending--the worst! I guess I can read the next in the series to see if Maxi and Charlotte get to keep Zuzu, but I wish I didn't have to.

Teresa Corbin says

Love is in the Air, if only Trust

So sad this book is over before we learn paternity of Zuzu, this story had me grabbing my iPad in the middle of the night, sitting in the dark to see what happened next. I love a good spin on love!

Kathy Warren says

Love this sweet series based in Apple Valley.

Kathy says

Charlotte's almost ready to open her bakery in a vacant shop in town—right according to her plan. More preferable than risking her heart again. Max is a deputy in town, and definitely not prepared for the three-year old, ZuZu, his ex drops off on his doorstep to care for while she goes off to Vegas in search of a much needed job. To make matters worse, Max is not really sure his ex will ever return to pick up ZuZu. Somehow, Charlotte and Max get roped in together caring for ZuZu, which leads them to an inevitable attraction to each other. ZuZu is one heck of a precious three-year old, almost wise way beyond her years and is so cute that she just automatically pulls at everyone heart strings (including the reader's). How these

two souls searching for their path in life work through the many twists and turns thrown at them, while being pulled in by ZuZu makes for a terribly entertaining and captivating story. The author has provided a really good but simple romance, with something extra thrown in (ZuZu), that makes for a good summer (or anytime) read. I loved the interplay between Max and Charlotte. Both stayed true to themselves but could not escape or avoid the growing attraction, though neither was in a place in their lives where they were seeing out someone else. ZuZu is, as I said, adorable and someone with whom everyone falls in love with almost immediately. The author has given us a great story, with romance and a touch of humor and taste of small town life. I have not read anything by the author before this book, but I plan to look for other works and keep her in mind as I search for enjoyable reads. I received this from NetGalley to read and review.

Josephine says

I wasn't a fan of Charlotte. I understand how she felt seeing her friends get married, but her attitude came across shrew-like and selfish. I also felt like some of the dialogue was quite stilted and I wasn't engaged by how the first couple of chapters played out. This was a DNF for me and I won't be continuing with the series.

Mary Brown says

Charlotte Garrison has moved to Apple Valley, Washington, to open a bakery and live a quiet, solitary life. She moved there after her husband dies and she is devastated. Not because her husband died but because of her husband's betrayal. He had a whole different life, complete with a wife and children, that Charlotte knew nothing about. She moves with the hopes of putting her past behind her and living her life alone, so that no one else can hurt her. She has friends and neighbors that she is close with, but she will not allow any man to get close to her again.

Max Stanford is a town deputy who is a love-them-and leave-them type of guy. He has no intention of ever settling down. But when three year old Zuzu, his ex-girlfriend's child, lands on his doorstep, he realizes he may have to rethink his philosophy on love and romance. His ex claims that Zuzu is his child, and although Max doubts the truth in that statement, he finds that the little girl has wormed her way into his heart. And after Charlotte helps him with caring for Zuzu, he thinks he might like to make room for her in his heart also. But that will not be easy, because Charlotte is a dead set against commitment as he is.

The Cottage on the Corner is a book about family, friends, romance and second chances. The writing style flows smoothly and this is an easy book to read. It is a clean book but that does not mean it is not romantic. In my opinion, this type of book, where I can use my imagination, is much more romantic than those books that use sexual situations to get that point across. The small town setting and the characters made this a sweet read, but not a sappy read.

Shirlee McCoy is a very descriptive writer and while reading the story, I felt like I was right there in Apple Valley. Whether she was writing about Charlotte's baked goods, or Zuzu's temper tantrums or the Nativity scene in town square, I could easily picture them in my mind. In my opinion, that's a sign of a great author.

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a sweet story of romance and family. I believe this is the second book in the Apple Valley series, and I cannot wait to read book one. I want to spend more time with the citizens of Apple Valley.

I received a free copy of this book from Netgalley in exchange for a honest review. I would like to thank

Netgalley and Kensington Books for the opportunity to read The Cottage On The Corner.

PJ says

Charlotte bakes goods and begins seeing Max a police officer in the community of Apple Valley. Max's former girlfriend had dropped off his daughter ZuZu. Sweet story.
