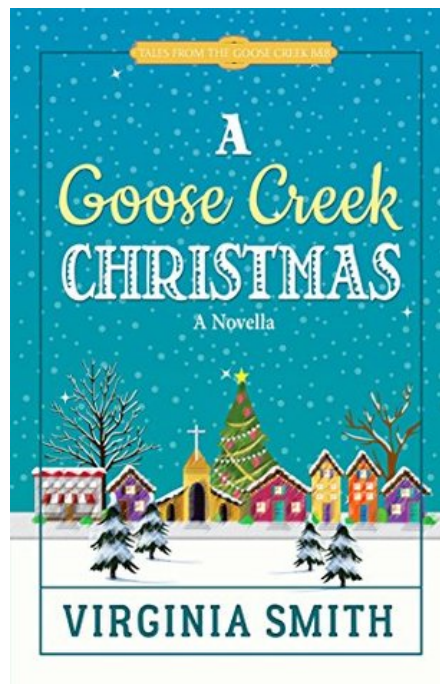




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Al's Goose Is Cooked!

Forced into early retirement, Al Richardson knows what his wife will say when she hears the terrible news. Millie will insist that they open their B&B early. Where will that leave him? Carrying luggage and waiting tables? No way! He needs time to come up with another plan. With the help of an unlikely accomplice, Al spends his days scanning want ads and frequenting out-of-town coffee shops in an effort to hide his secret from all of Goose Creek—including his wife.

Millie is too busy to notice Al's odd behavior. Between planning a huge Christmas party and holding tight to the reins of newcomer Lulu Thacker—whose tacky decorating schemes are sure to infuriate Main Street business owners—she has no time for anything else.

One thing is certain: In Goose Creek, no secret stays hidden for long. The most holy of holidays is swiftly approaching. Is Al in for a Merry Christmas or a Marriage Crisis?

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Cmking14 says

Sweet Story for Christmas

When Al loses his job suddenly, through no fault of his own, he is torn between finding a new career or enjoying the next stage in his life.

Barbara says

If you're looking for a quick, delightful read, then this book is for you. I found it kind of sad that Al didn't trust his wife with the news of his early retirement. But real life happens that way, too. The ending is happy so that makes it a good holiday read.

Gabi Eagon says

Millie and Al are the best.

A lovely Christmas story filled with angst, kooky neighbors, and love. When Al is retired early by his company due to his age he decided not to tell Millie right away. That's when all the trouble starts.

Darrell Mangum says

Bought this book for Christmas, and I really enjoyed it. Makes me want to live in a small town.

DJ says

This book is as good as the others in the 'series'.

It was funny, heart-warming and true-to-life regarding life in a small town - dealing with neighbors (those you like and those you didn't) - helping one another when needed.

Millie and Albert, the 2 main characters, love and support each other throughout the book.

Lynda Knapp says

Great read!

I enjoyed Al and Millie as well as the rest of the small town characters in this book. I will definitely read more by Virginia Smith.

Dutchess Horton says

My calendar says it's April and springtime but Mother Nature is apparently menopausal and cranked up the air conditioning! I said all of that to say the weather made it the perfect time to brew a pot of coffee and sit down with a novella set during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday. I thoroughly enjoyed both as I became an admirer of Millie, prayed for Al, and shook my head at Lulu. I started and finished the book about half the pot of coffee at the same time.

Fiction Aficionado says

Well, it's no secret that I have been thoroughly enjoying the Goose Creek series. It's full of unique personalities – and on that score, Franklin and Lulu Thacker definitely rate a special mention – and has had me tittering away in my little corner of the world as I follow the exploits of these everyday folk trying to get on with their day-to-day life in small-town Kentucky. This Christmas novella is no different.

As Goose Creek's Main Street Manager, Lulu Thacker is in charge of decorating Main Street for Christmas, but anyone who has read other books in this series will know Lulu Thacker never does anything by halves; if anything, she does things by doubles! Even so, no one is quite prepared for the Christmas spectacle Lulu creates...

The ever-diplomatic Millie has her hands full trying to keep the peace between Lulu – still a relative newcomer to town – and the rest of Goose Creek's residents, without getting her own friends off-side. She's also trying to find her own Christmas spirit knowing that her daughter and son-in-law, along with the two-month-old granddaughter she hasn't met yet, won't be able to come home from Italy, where they are currently stationed, for Christmas.

Al suffers a blow to his pride when he is told he's no longer qualified enough for his own job. Surely he can keep the truth from Millie long enough to find himself another job. And suggesting Millie hosts a Christmas party at their home will serve double duty in distracting her from their daughter's absence and his own situation. But Lulu's enthusiasm might get in the way of that, too...

The Goose Creek residents have definitely done it again. And if there's one thing I appreciate about this series, it's that each of the characters have their redeeming qualities, no matter their faults. Yes, even Lulu Thacker! And as much as this series has set me to tittering, I needed to get me a tissue for the ending. But they were happy tears folks!

Oh, and in keeping with the quirky tradition of some of Goose Creek's residents, you can even get yourself a recipe for Broccoli Corn Bread! Um, yum...?

Kathy says

This was a lot of book in a small number of pages. I have not read any of the previous books but I don't feel that I missed out on anything major. Some of the characters appear to have been featured in past books. I look forward to reading them.

Ellen White says

Out with the old technology and Al who ran them. Didn't want his wife Millie to know, he was now retired, then she would push up the opening of the B&B sooner. Practice run last Spring was a disaster. He wouldn't tell her till he had a plan. Married forty years, another disaster might happen between him and Mille. Delightful story and plans that may back fire on Al.

Cathy Baugh says

If you have not read any of Virginia Smith's Tales from the Goose Creek B&B, please do, they are a delightful series to read and the characters are very colorful and remind you of a family member or friends you might have or know.

Loraine says

This novella is full of humor and often reminds me of National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation with the wacky happenings. First Al has been forced to take an early retirement, but he's hiding it from his wife, Millie. Millie is trying to help her friend Lulu decorate the business district for their small town of Goose Creek, but rather than sticking with the traditional, Lulu wants to go all out crazy. Another of her friends Freida wants nothing to change. Throw in a conspiracy to keep Al's forced retirement from Millie, Lulu going online and buying every neon grass ornament she can find as well as blow up snow globes, and Freida constantly blowing her cork, hilarity reigns from start to finish. This one will definitely tickle your funny bone but the ending holds the sweetness of forgiveness and Christmas.

Beverly says

This is book four of the "*Tales from the Goose Creek B&B*" series. I haven't read any of the other books in this series, so it seems to be sufficiently independent of the other books. This is also a novella although I didn't see any indication of that in the description. However I was able to read it through twice in just a few hours, so it is short.

This is a great light read filled with zany, quirky characters, a small town feel, and the ability to help you set the mood for the season.

Al and Millie Richardson are in their twilight years, have bought themselves a Bed and Breakfast and just recently remodeled it. They are anticipating their years of retirement when Al is unexpectedly released from his work as computer specialist. His pride was hurt more than anything else, since he was already prepared to retire in another year, so he decides to delay telling his wife for awhile so as not to upset her over the upcoming holidays. Well, that was his excuse anyway.

In the meantime, Mille has her hands full with one of her neighbors who takes on the task of decorating the downtown business district of Goose Creek. The problem is that her tastes clash with those of the community, especially the downtown businesses. She is so distracted with this dilemma that she doesn't notice that her husband suddenly has more time on his hands than he used to.

There are so many amusing moments in this short tale. I enjoyed taking the time to get to know this local community. If you are in the need for momentary breaks during the Christmas season, this is the book for you. It is a pleasant and sweet diversion.

Michele says

A quaint small town during Christmas, quirky & lovable characters and messages of friendship, love, acceptance & forgiveness. A quick and very enjoyable read without offensive elements such as profanity & sex.

Stefani Lammers says

Quick read

This was a quick, cute story. Fun to read around the holidays and doesn't take too much time away from the busyness of the season.
