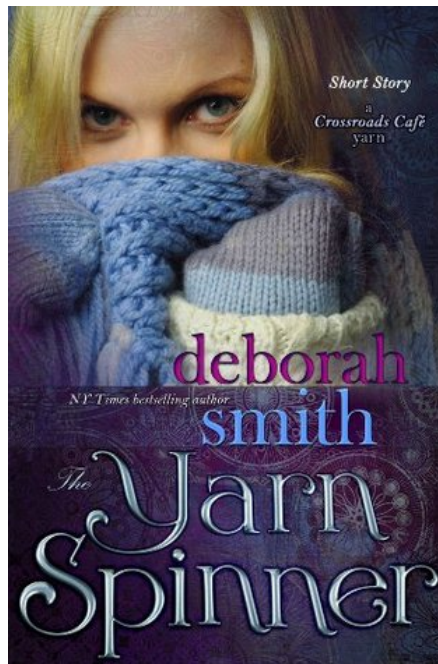




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A Crossroads Café Short Story 27 pages long

She's destined to love Gus MacBride--if she survives her first year in the Crossroads Cove.

A thread of hope is all she needs.

Damaged, confused, alone. Cathy Deen Mitternich recognizes her old self in the fragile survivor huddled in the sheep barn's storage room at Rainbow Goddess Farm. Former art teacher Lucy Parmenter may be beyond even the tough-love magic of the farm, a live-in counseling center for abused women. Afraid to set a foot outside, drugged on medication, and filled with despair, Lucy needs the big biscuit magic of the Crossroad Café's Delta Whittlespoon. Together, Cathy and Delta search for a lifeline that represents Lucy's best hope of holding on.

Their search ends in Lucy's new home at the barn. When Lucy discovers the magic there, neither she nor Cathy will ever be the same.

Deborah Smith is the author of The Crossroads Café, chosen as a Top Five Romance of 2006 by Library Journal, a Number One bestseller at Kindle, and a bestseller at the Wall Street Journal. Her bestselling Crossroad Café Novellas include The Biscuit Witch and The Pickle Queen. She is also the New York Times bestselling author of A Place To Call Home.

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Angela says

3.5 stars

This short story, part of Smith's Crossroads Cafe series, is as quirky and eccentric as the novellas that came before it. The Yarn Spinner focuses on Lucy, a woman recovering from a brutal attack that almost left her dead. Cousin Delta's biscuits -- and the unconditional Appalachian love of Crossroads Cove-ites -- save Lucy's heart and soul.

What I love about Crossroads Cove is that even though I don't readily identify with any of the characters, and even though I get confused with how everyone is related to each other and cousin Delta, the loving and healing nature of Delta and her family touches me deeply. These are people who have needed saving, been saved, and now are the first to step up and save the next ones who need it.

Deborah Smith writes soulful, joyful friendships. I'll read any amount of quirkiness to experience such heart. And lucky for me, Deborah Smith will deliver another biscuit-laden bit of loveliness sometime this year.

Debra says

I loved reading this short story set in with characters from The Crossroads Cafe. Can't wait until the third novella comes out! I received a copy of this ARC through NetGalley in exchange for my honest opinion.

Tammielyn says

This is just another example of why Deborah Smith is one of my favorite authors. She blends humor, history, and a touch of magic, effortlessly.

Tina Lee Harris says

This was my first book by author Deborah Smith and what a sweet, touching short story of what people can overcome and learn to live again. And not all family needs to be blood related to make you feel like you belong.

We get to meet the ladies of Crossroads Cove. They are all so quirky and you can not help but laugh at them. But they have this ability to draw you in close too.

I plan to go back to book 1 and see where it all started. Look forward to reading more of Deborah Smith.

Carolyn Schloemer says

Carroll's interpretation

Good, enjoyed-----

Moon Love says

How is it possible a short story of only 27 pages can reach into my soul and touch me so deeply? Knowing this was written by Deborah Smith, I shouldn't have expected any less. Of course the way she writes is the reason why she's one of my all time favorite authors. If she's published I own it. And yes, I own all of her Loveswept titles too; both those published under her name and those under a pseudonym. What can I say? I love her writing style.

My heart hurt for Lucy. She was the last person who deserved anything bad happen to her. I wanted to reach into the pages of the story and wrap my self around her like the wool she created. I wanted to protect her from the ugliness she'd seen and experienced. And I cried as the love and magic in Cathy and Delta's biscuits brought her back.

There are a lot of lessons to be taken from this story, but the one that's my favorite is power of love. Even though Gus and Lucy are far apart, their story is going to be something glorious to read. Ms. Smith if you happen to see this, I'm going to beg you to please write their story. I need for ALL the MacBrides to come home and for Lucy to find her way all the way back. I need your brand of magic, Delta's biscuits, Gabby's pickles, and Lucy's wool to make Crossroads come alive again. And I hope to one day meet the woman who is such a fantastic story teller.

Bookish Enchantment says

So heartwarming and different. I think I could easily get hooked on this series of books. Full of love and life.

MB (What she read) says

Very little content to this. It wasn't worth paying for.

Krystyna says

A Wonderful sympathetic look at Lucy, when she first arrived at the Farm

Wonderfully sympathetic look at the damage caused by rape not only to the victims but also to their families. This is a short read that conveys Lucy's arrival and then her discovery that wool (in any shape or form) speaks to her. A brilliant short read.

Ann says

I love this series. The newest sister to arrive at the farm is a rape victim in great need of therapy, love and magic. Lucy picks a room in the yarn barn and thinks she is going crazy because the wool talks to her. A wonderful catch up with all the ladies from the Crossroads Cafe. A very short story but well written and just enough to hold you over until the next book.

Fernanda says

Um conto bem pequeno mas com uma mensagem linda!
A Esperança! A Fé! Sentimentos que se tornam um objetivo para um futuro maravilhoso.

Lark of The Bookwurm's Hoard says

"The Yarn Spinner" both intrigued and frustrated me. While it's well-written in terms of engaging my interest and involving me emotionally, it can't make up its mind whether the protagonist is the narrator Cathy or Lucy, the young woman the story is ostensibly about. While I expected to learn more about Lucy's healing process, much of that takes place almost entirely off-stage, as it were... and the romance mentioned in the blurb is nowhere to be found. I suspect "The Yarn Spinner" is meant as a teaser for the third MacBrides/Crossroads Cafe novella (the first two, a novella and a short novel, are already available), and that Lucy's story will be expanded upon in that volume.

"The Yarn Spinner" did succeed in piquing my interest in the first book in the overall series, The Crossroads Cafe. Cathy is the main character in that book, and I learned enough about her in "The Yarn Spinner" to want to know more. I'd also like to follow Lucy's story, and I hope that whenever the next book or novella comes out, it does focus on her.

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Carolyn says

After having been captivated by the first two novellas in the MacBride series, I found that this one came up short, literally--it's a SHORT story, too short to do much frankly. The story centered on Lucy Permenter, first introduced in The Biscuit Witch, and told a bit more of her back story. I was hoping for another novella of the caliber of the first two, but this one did not deliver. I'm not sorry I read it, and it took less than an hour, but I was disappointed, and thus 3 stars. Hopefully, a 4th book that might wrap up the series is in the works.

Cynthia says

Good story. Very short.

