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The Young Country Doctor Book 6: Bilbury Pie (short Stories)



Synopsis

A collection of short stories set in Bilbury and involving the usual village characters (plus some new ones). 'I have just read Bilbury Pie (recommended by a local library). I enjoyed it so much I read it like eating a box of chocolates - two or three chapters at a time to make it last and savour the flavour. I thank you for giving people pleasure and plenty of smiles.' - Mrs G, Banbury, England

The author of Bilbury Pie, Vernon Coleman, is a Sunday Times bestselling author as well as a qualified doctor. His books have sold over two million copies in hardback and paperback in the UK and have been translated into 24 languages. His novel Mrs Caldicot's Cabbage War was turned into an award winning movie starring Pauline Collins as Mrs Caldicot. His other books include Mr Henry Mulligan, Mrs Caldicot's Knickerbocker Glory, Secrets of Paris and Paris in my Springtime. His medical books include Bodypower and How To Stop Your Doctor Killing You. Many of his books are available on as Kindle books. For a full list of available books please visit Vernon Coleman's author page on .

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Customer Reviews

All these books are wonderful with good characters and good 'clean' stories. Bilbury Pie is not quite as good as the first books being short stories which lack the flow of the original stories but make good reading after having read the rest of the series

This is another entertaining book about the citizens of Bilbury. The stories are very short anecdotes similar to the ones a group of men in a pub would tell and reminisce about after having a few drinks. The stories stand on their own and are not related to each other the way the chapters in the other Bilbury books are, but they contain the same quaint characters and quirky British humor. If you loved the other books, you will not want to miss these.

Many short stories that seem to be leftovers from the first five books. Many of them told very sad stories of cruelty to animals or helpless people. So very different from the first five volumes. Not what I was expecting. Very disappointed.

I thought all the "Young Country Doctor" series books were based on true stories about Vernon Coleman's life as a (young country Dr.) If so, why would he end book 5 with the birth of his 1st child & never mention her again. Did she die & it was too painful to write about? The books are still a good read with lots of humor: but if I want to read a mystery I'll buy one. And not all Americans are fat & rude.

Short stories in the life of Bilbury Village told by the Young Doctor. Lived in the 70's, might seem a bit old-fashioned today for patients have a lot more knowledge (I hope!) of medicine and above all, of their body. Usually, the funniest parts of this Series' are the meetings at the Pub, where the doctor meets all his friends, but their character was already developed at length in all the previous books, not in this one. So... the anecdotes won't be so easy to understand for a first time reader. Vernon Coleman is, however, a prolific writer who writes as he speaks, no degree needed to understand him and his views, this book will thus be appreciated if you enjoy hearing about life in little tiny villages, the way folks used to behave at that time pre-social media and cell phones for all. I'd

like to call the Bilbury Chronicles history books of the era when life was humane, made of real interactions with neighbors, sharing insights into practical day to day events and medical light advice. The British sense of humor is felt throughout this book also.

Country doctor meant rural country settings and I was very satisfied to spend idyllic summer afternoons, dark stormy mornings and snowy winter days looking over the doc as he made his home calls...loved meeting all his neighbors and happily they behaved like themselves throughout this whole series...I happily shared doc's life, meeting his wife, meeting his mentor, acquiring his loyal dog Ben who was actually female. Found a lot of joy in the sheep being saved from slaughter and the cat being rescued from euthanasia when an elderly patient wanted the cat to be buried with her....great series!

Not as captivating as the first 5 books in the authors series. The 6th book is short stories, too apparently put together by the author, with the hopes of writing a full novel like the previous 5 books. Then for some reason, the author decided not to devote the time to mold the short stories into a fully cohesive novel. This "6th" book was so disappointing to me in its willy nilly flow, that I decided against even starting into the authors "7th" book in the series, and went elsewhere for my next read. The first 5 books were not bad. I should have stopped there.

Bilbury is a small village nestling on the edge of Exmoor in North Devon which is home to a wonderful array of colorful characters. Bilbury is the sort of traditional village which offers a way of life so often envied by town and city dwellers. It boasts of a warm and welcoming village pub, crackling log fires, homemade bread, vegetables fresh from the garden and cricket on the Village green. I have followed the village in the prior five books in this series. This book is a collection of short stories featuring many of the regular characters from the series but it also introduces two new characters. The time frame is still early 1970s. Coleman is a wonderful writer with a unique subtle sense of humor. I have enjoyed reading this delightful series. The e-book is 232 pages long. I read this book on my Kindle app for my iPad. I obtain the book from Kindle unlimited.

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