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The Young Country Doctor Book 7: Bilbury Pudding



Synopsis

Bilbury Pudding, the seventh in The Young Country Doctor series, is a collection of stories, reminiscences, essays and anecdotes about life in the English village of Bilbury in North Devon. All the well-loved characters are here: the Doc and Patsy, Thumper Robinson, Patchy Fogg, Peter Marshall and Frank and Gilly at the Duck and Puddle public house. But there are many new faces too. Some of the stories are poignant, some contain a message or two and some are just old-fashioned funny. There are the usual wonderful descriptions of the Devon countryside and, as a bonus, Bilbury Pudding contains more than a little advice on life from Dr Brownlow, Patchy, Thumper and the Doc. Finally, there is a pen portrait of the Doc himself - written, in his own inimitable style, by Thumper Robinson.

Vernon Coleman, the author of Bilbury Pudding, is a qualified doctor as well as a bestselling author. He has written over 100 books which have been translated into 24 languages and sold in over 50 countries. His books have sold over two million hardback and paperback copies in the UK alone. Dr Coleman has written columns and articles for many of the world's leading newspapers and magazines and has broadcast regularly on TV and radio. He was the BBC's first agony uncle and the Breakfast TV doctor.

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Customer Reviews

For another taste of Bilbury, read Bilbury Pudding. All of Doc's old friends appear including Thumper and Patchy along with some new acquaintances. Escape the stress of modern times, and visit a place where friends exchange favors, not money, and stray cats are made a bed until they can be returned to their owners. Bilbury is a slice of heaven on earth.

I have enjoyed all the books I have read so far. I can picture myself there, maybe eavesdropping on the Doctor, Thumper, and Patch. The love of cats is shared, my husband and I have 3. In the 80's, my husband was assigned to Mildenhall AFB. We absolutely loved the 4 short years we were there. Choosing to live off the base, we lived in Ely, and our most memorable... Eriswell Hall Farm. Since the house was needing redecorating and TCL, we had a reduced rent, to make the house a home. I cannot begin to list the enjoyment we had in that "haunted" house. What disturbs me is how you describe every American, always Texan... Have you been to Texas? My family were born and raised here. We live in a small town, very near the capitol of Austin. As an American I take exception to the descriptions of all Texans. We are not all brash, loudmouth, uneducated fools. I am pleased to say I have not encountered those of which you speak. I would ask you to please do more visit the small towns, get to know the people living here. Remember as your dad would say, "speak nicely of people or not at all"

Read this whole series so in memory no clear division between books in series. Loved being able to travel with this country doctor who really honored his commitment to life in his patients, the animals he encountered, his neighbors, friends. He is a decent human being who connects at a soulful level. He and his wife rescue lambs from slaughter not once but twice, the 2nd time actually going into an abattoir to attempt to find their own lambs... He similarly rescued friends and was rescued by his friends as they forged strong ties with each other and the land... most comforting and solid read!

No vet writer writes like Vernon Coleman. I have read almost all of his books, plus other vet authors biographies and none compare to Dr. Vernon Coleman. I am disappointed in others as they did not have the humor or picturesque description of the countryside of Devon England. I was disappointed in that British and Irish vets are not called Dr. Coleman, etc., but merely their name. They are highly regarded and cherished by the farmers and breeders who depend on the health of their livestock to support them and carry on their family farms.

Marie Shirley Griffin This is the last of series. Some of the stories are rewritten, with names changed and a bit of fluff added. An easy, pleasant read with a rather dull, but lovely bit "written" by Thumper at the end. I totally recommend that you read the first 5 books in the series. They were so lovely and really a pleasure.

These books are very fast reading, and very entertaining. They are cheerful and delightful, & a way to pass a stressful evening. I have read all of the books of the series, and I'm looking forward to more.

Although another volume of short stories, these were more enjoyable than Vol 6. Some stories were repeated from earlier volumes but they were funny and I don't mind reading them again. The author has a genuine talent for storytelling. Thanks

I read this entire series in order, but you really don't have to to enjoy any of the books. The characters are both entertaining and believable. You truly feel that you are part of the rural life there in the 1970s.

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