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Sally Hannoush says

Well, this... is something... Highly entertaining read from various points of views. I have never read anything like it.

Elizabeth says

Great idea, horribly executed :P

Simon Kitt says

A collection of short stories in the style of item reviews that entwine into one larger story revolving around life in a small village.

Easy to read but with a few plot holes and some of the individual stories need an ending.

Heather says

This is a real laugh out loud book, although it's difficult to laugh out loud when there's a small person trying to sleep upstairs!!

A story told within reviews, and yep I can spot the village idiot in my village.....just hope it's not the idiot village!!

Julie Haigh says

Excellent idea but.....

This is such a great idea of a way to write a book. The author has found lots of ordinary and some obscure items on amazon.co.uk and has told a story of village life through a series of 'reviews' on amazon. Ingenious. The item pages in the book even include a photo of the article in question and a link to the page at amazon. So far so good....but it's just not quite good enough. I really don't like giving bad reviews and I must say I have really enjoyed the author's boxed set 'Diary of an expectant father'/'Diary of a hapless father'. If these are later books, and I think they are, well these are a big improvement. The village idiot reviews is just not funny. The author seems obsessed with toilet humour and keeps repeating the same joke all through. It just became annoying. By the end of the book there had been approximately 28 references to poo/vomit/bodily functions!-totally not funny to me. Of course, not everyone likes the same things and, although it's not my cup of tea, others may like this. I got this as a freebie on amazon and, it is what it is, it's a good freebie, and I did feel compelled to read it to the end. I kept thinking it might settle down and get better but, for me, it

didn't and if this had been a book which I had bought, well I just don't think it's worth the money. This hasn't discouraged me from reading more from this author, because, as I've mentioned before, he has done some other writing which is much better and he has written a more serious novel called 'So Low So High' and this sounds much more promising.

Liz says

Very stupid book. Don't always understand the British humor so this might be funnier if on tv or on stage.

Christina Torretta says

I have to admit, I picked these three up because it seemed funny. I didn't even read the synopsis! Once I started reading, literally the first review, I had to then begin reading aloud to my husband who began to laugh (and quite loudly at that!) until he begged me to let him get a few breaths in.

Although not every review is quite THAT funny, it's an enjoyable read. And one that put many smiles on my face. There were even some people that I was looking forward to their reviews, like Brian, because you just know they are going to be hilarious.

Definitely made me smile many times. Enjoyment at its best. If you need a little pick me up, this will do the trick. But just remember, this is a book, not actual reviews!

Darren Sant says

I'll be honest and say that I prefer novels above anything else so I found the format to this a little different. However, the author should be applauded for having an excellent and original idea. There were times when reading this that I did laugh out loud, much to the consternation of my wife who was probably reading some romantic vampire related nonsense at the time.

Original, interesting, different, funny! What more do you need? Give it a read!

Neil says

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****FOREWORD****

Every village has an idiot, we know that, but what if there was a village full of them? It wouldn't be the best place to take a windy walk, would it?

Furthermore, what if all those idiots suddenly found the joys of online shopping and started reviewing everything they brought?

Well, 'What if' no more. Here is The Village Idiot Reviews.

I have to say that I really liked this book, some of the reviews were so daft that they were brilliant. The best of it, or should that be the worst, is that in my lifetime I have actually met characters like these and I can imagine them writing the same reviews and getting into similar predicaments.

Terri says

I read / listened to this in audio format via audible.com. I always choose audios first as the narrators tend to breathe life into the stories and in this case breathe laughs too.

This book is so funny, you will laugh your butt off or maybe fall down face first in something undesirable (lol). This book is about poking fun at village idiots. They do such dumb things it make you just want to say IDIOT!!! The funniest part to me was a problem with a certain pump, OMG and then there was the drunks. The guy who scraped his bed sheets was hilarious too.

The author, Pete Sortwell is genius in his materials. Listening to this book is like listening to a stand up comic or at the very least, one who has been drinking (pun intended). The narrator, Chris Dabbs did a good job expressing the authors intent in the tons of laughs. If you are feeling down and need a pick me up or just want something to start a party off, this would be it!

Sharon says

Lighthearted

Based on fictitious reviews of products available to buy on Amazon (with links attached to each item) The Village Idiot Reviews give an insight into a village full of 'idiots' with each reviewer having a link to another along the way so there is a thread of a storyline throughout.

It's quite easy to picture each character from the alcoholic reverend to the hapless Brian who had a bowel accident at the funfair!

Lighthearted humour quick to read and raised a few smiles

David says

A brilliantly original way to tell a story. The novel is a collection of product reviews for products that are really available on the internet (click on the links, they work!). This collection of reviews weave together the lives of a small group of people in a rural village in England.

A quick read with some genuine laugh-out-loud moments.

LibraryGryffon says

A lovely, light read, and silly as the concept is, I realized on finding out that the author has written a sequel that I'm glad, because I do actually want to find out what happens next with this bizarre characters.

Chris says

What happens when idiots buy things online? This book. Sortwell uses a series of reviews to tell the story of several villagers over the course of a year. It is actually quite funny and at times, strangely, touching. Especially, if you channel Monty Python while reading it.

Tony says

A record holder!

I've never abandoned a book so quickly, it took only a few pages to decide it is not for me. It is certainly well named.
