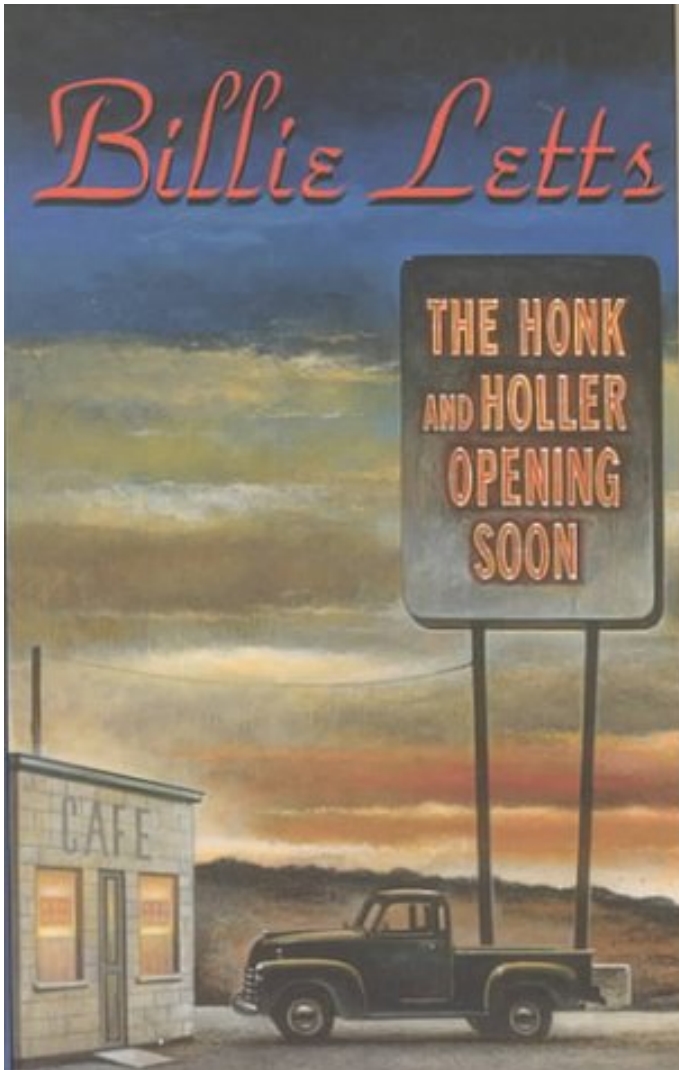


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**The Honk & Holler Opening Soon**



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## Description

The roadside cafe was supposed to be called "The Honk and Holler", but the signmaker misunderstood owner Carney's directions and produced six-hundred dollars' worth of bright neon proclaiming "The Honk and Holler Opening Soon". Carney let it stand, and from the moment he opened his restaurant after returning from Vietnam in a wheelchair, he never ventured off the premises. Then Vena Takes Horse, a young, vibrant woman carrying a three-legged dog, enters not only Carney's cafe, but the lives of the regulars, and, eventually, Carney's heart. Tough, tender, gritty, and moving, this extraordinary story immerses thereader in a world of beautifully drawn, poignantly flawed characters who seek love and connection with each other.

## Insightful reviews

projektmagla: **Pritisni trubu i vi?i uskoro se otvara**

Tamo negdje usred ni?ega, na Route 66, paraplegi?ar Caney, održava na životu zalogajnicu neobi?nog imena koju uz stalne goste posje?uju samo zalutali i oni kojima je to mjesto tek mrljica na putu do krajnjeg odredišta... No sve ?e se promjeniti kada u zalogajnicu zaluta dvoje stranaca...

Pri?a o ljubavi, pri?a o drugoj šansi (ponekad i u plus beskona?no), obiteljskim odnosima i životu u maloj zajednici. Lagano kao perce, no nisam se uspjela povezati sa niti jednom od 3 glavne pri?e romana, ali ipak sve u svemu fino lagano štivo za negdje pod suncobranom na ligeštulu, no nekako ništa više od toga.

Barb: Funny and poignant. Likeable characters.

Brent: This book pulled me in right from the start, held me tight for at least two thirds of the trip but eventually loosened its grip and dropped me, disappointed and alone, in the Oklahoma dust alongside Route 66. I stuck out my thumb as the eighteen wheelers and F-100s flew past but, try as I might, I just couldn't seem to catch a lift. Meanwhile, up the road a piece, the neon sign outside the Honk and Holler sputtered and went out.

I was initially and immediately enthralled with the Honk's ensemble cast of characters. Each one is drawn with such care, having been given a personal arc and an individual and recognizable voice. The dialogue is superbly written. While the *Honk and Holler Opening Soon* is not nearly so epic in scope and is from a much different era, the fictional citizens of Sequoyah brought to my mind the characters from Larry McMurtry's [Lonesome Dove](#).

Possibly because I felt that relationship between the characters of the two books, I expected Honk to follow a different path and thus my disappointment when it didn't. By the end of the book it seemed that many of the characters' arcs were left hanging or forgotten as they became merely set pieces to a romance or a room full of extras singing *Auld Lang Syne* to Frank Capra's George Bailey.

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It is obvious from my rating that I didn't dislike this book, in fact there is much to recommend about it. It just didn't have the weightiness I expected. I guess I feel a bit duped, as if Wilma Driver just sold me a shiny new bungalow on a secluded cul de sac but which turned out to be a 40-year-old double-wide on a concrete pad next to the filling station.

Hold on. Headlights. "Hey lady, where you headed? Can you give me a lift."

~\*kath\*~: enjoyed this book! i'm a tremendous fan of Billie Letts now. I learn the place the center is a long time in the past and enjoyed it, so I picked this one up within the US for whatever to read, did not get to it until eventually I acquired domestic yet enjoyed it the minute i began examining it. She creates the main awesome characters, and prefer my different favorite writer Tim Winton, her ability is in developing characters which are mistaken yet beautiful.

Nancy Brady: a truly character-driven novel which at its center is a love story. Flavored through precise characters, the eating place offers the atmosphere for the rebirth of the Vietnam vet, his staff and friends, and the welcome for 2 strangers who simply upload spice to the mix. Love Vena and Bui as characters who swap the city (and Caney) for the better. error seen: it's going to were stent, no longer stint and jonboat, no longer johnboat.

Heather: This ebook was once urged to me through a very good friend. I wasn't yes approximately it first and foremost because it started out relatively depressing!"The Honk and Holler establishing Soon" chronicles the lives of 4 major characters within the small city of Sequoyah, Oklahoma over the process a bit over a year, beginning at Christmas. The "Honk" because it is often said is the eating place which serves because the major atmosphere for the e-book and is the stomping grounds for a number of of the locals. the tale starts with the revelation that Honk proprietor an operator, Caney Paxton, is paralyzed and wheelchair sure because of accidents he sustained within the Vietnam War. Caney's top friend, surrogate mother, caretaker, waitress, etc, MollyO, is overcompensating with faux Christmas cheer to aim to masks her unhappiness that her in simple terms child, 17 12 months previous Brenda, has run off to make it enormous in Nashville and will not be domestic for the holidays. Drifter Vena, whereas at a truck cease with the lengthy haul driving force she's hitched a experience with sees anything within the highway and discovers it is a slightly alive puppy who has been hit by way of a motor vehicle and is short of a leg amputation, suffering to restore her muddle of useless puppies. Rounding out the most characters is Bui, a Vietnamese refugee who's at the run upon getting right into a automobile coincidence in Houston, no longer knowing what he is speculated to do simply because he slightly speaks English.As I said, now not a really cheery start! while I learn the half concerning the dog, I nearly positioned the booklet down. yet i am completely satisfied I saved studying it. Vena (and the dog, eventually named Spot,) wander into Caney and MollyO's lives while she comes into the Honk to inquire in regards to the carhop task published within the window-a sign, it turns out, that is been there for 10 years. She convinces Caney to permit her paintings for tips: he is acquired not anything to lose if she has no customers, now does he? Naturally, she instantly intrigues Caney and butts heads with MollyO. Bui comes into their lives whilst he sees Caney has a gap for a cook. It seems he cannot cook dinner the easiest of breakfasts so he finally ends up extra of a handyman on the restaurant, creating wealth to ship again domestic so his spouse can finally subscribe to him in

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America. within the end, he is printed to be an exceptional cook: of Vietnamese food. One of the court cases i've got approximately this booklet is i could not rather inform while it took place. I even regarded to determine whilst it used to be released at one point. It used to be released in 1999, yet references lead me to think it occurs within the mid-1980's. the opposite grievance i've got is I had a troublesome time conserving the secondary and tertiary characters straight, particularly with comparable names. there have been additionally a number of locations the place I needed to return and spot if I neglected whatever as the continuity was once off (for example, MollyO operating within the eating place in a single sentence however the subsequent indicating she'd been at the back of the eating place the place Caney lives on the similar time). yet i am comfortable I caught it out because it is a really heartwarming tale that does an outstanding task of depicting lifestyles in a small town. there's a part in the direction of the tip the place the tale does fall off a bit-everything were precise so properly yet then a element of the yr is summarized instead of spelled out-it jogged my memory of the scene in "Notting Hill" the place Hugh furnish is jogging down the road with the seasons altering round him, basically with no the irritating music within the background. The finishing of the ebook was once a lot happier than the beginning, thankfully!, and if there has been a sequel to this, i might learn it to determine what occurs subsequent to those characters.

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