

"Well, Reverend—I mean, Pastor Bob," said Herb Weiss, setting down his coffee mug, "you've got to understand that we see the world a little differently here in Osceola."

So begins the ministry of young Rev. Robert Daugherty-Milligan, fresh from seminary in Kansas City and filled with a few too many cified ideas.

Come on in to the Hawks Nest Diner "on the Square." Let Martha Zimmerman serve you some coffee and homemade pie. Join in the lively conversation with Pastor Bob, Herb and his wife Emma, and other good-hearted people who call this small Midwestern town home. You'll shake your head. You'll laugh. And, once you get to know them, they're bound to become your friends.

Described by one reader as chocolates on a bedtime pillow, these short stories with good news at the center are a perfect way to end the day—or to savor with a muffin on a quiet afternoon. Unwrap each one to find a scripture lesson, a life lesson, or maybe an episode of the ridiculous. They'll make you smile, lead you to reflect, and maybe cause a tear or two.

Welcome.

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East of Apple Glen

You've heard it said, you can't go home again. But what if you don't want to go home again? And what happens when you have to go home again? That's the dilemma facing Nathan Sherwood upon learning that his mother and grandmother have just died, and he must return to face the truth about their deaths and his life.

"There's been an accident..."

With those four words, Nathan Sherwood is summoned home. His mother inexplicably has fallen off the roof of her house, his grandmother has died in her sleep. Two years out of college and starting a career in Washington, Nathan's efforts to leave behind the pain of growing up in Apple Glen, Ohio come to a dead stop. Not only must he return home to bury "Mom and Gram," he must also confront what he thought was his buried past.

Joined by childhood friend Robbye O'Malley, Nathan discovers that the deaths of his loved ones may not have been "an accident." A third death, the shooting of a church youth group leader by Apple Glen police, impels the pair to work together and look beneath the surface of their seemingly picturesque town. As Nathan and Robbye talk with people in search of answers, stories of alcohol, rape, payoffs and paybacks emerge, while three names keep surfacing: Apple Glen's Police Chief, the Town Trustee and football coach, and Wade "The Spade" Speicher — Apple Glen's funeral director.

In dealing with the demons of his personal grief, the search for his father and confronting the injustices in his home town, Nathan discovers the truth about the present is also the truth about his past. But will he have the courage to reveal the truth? Or will he continue to be a victim?