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A traumatic experience as a college freshman has left Gussie Milton 'once bitten, twice shy.' Although she'd like a relationship, she's frightened, so she's thrown herself into caring for her aging parents, her photography business, and her church. In the eyes of Miss Birdie and her friend Mercedes, aka 'the Widows,' Gussie would make their young pastor the perfect wife. And though the attraction proves mutual, first Gussie's past and then the pastor's hopes for the future threaten to keep them apart. Can the Widows' meddling be the catalyst that changes the couple's lives forever?

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Kathleen (Kat) Smith says

In the small town of Butternut Creek, Texas, a group of elderly ladies, known as the Widows have made it their personal challenge to find a suitable wife for the new young pastor, Adam Jordan. The challenge is that most of the young, single women have either married already or there are one or two remaining that don't seem to be interested in Adam at all. But make no mistake, they aren't about to give up, even if it means sitting in the pastor's office every morning to consult with him on his love life. The Widows are the ones in the community who see to it that the food pantry is well stocked, that the sick are ministered to, the fundraisers are successful and most of all oversee the love life of all the town's residents. They have been fairly successful up until now.

When a likely candidate is found in college freshman, Gussie Milton, the Widows get to work making arrangements for the two to have time to get to know one another, to socialize and to see that love is a possibility for them both. But as the Pastor sees it, their plans for him is to attend a Youth Outing over the upcoming weekend, fall in love on Friday, get married and have children on the way by Sunday. Don't this well-meaning ladies know that love takes time? Will they become more of a problem than a solution? Or will Pastor Jordan and Gussie finally see that despite all the well intentions of the Widows, that they only want them to find what they have had until their own husbands passed away. That love is the best treasure on Earth or at least in Butternut Creek.

I received *The Matchmakers of Butternut Creek* by Jane Myers Perrine compliments of Faith Words, a division on Hachette Book Groups for my honest review. I honestly felt sorry for Pastor Adam Jordan most of the time, because these elderly ladies with the best of intentions didn't realize how much they were actually interfering in the process for Adam and Gussie to see qualities in one another that would inspire their own feelings to follow. It seemed like every time Adam turned around the Widows were waiting for him in his office to grill him over what he had done, how he was feeling and probing for all the intimate details. Their desire for him to experience love and marriage like they had, seemed to overlap Adams own need for a personal life in finding his own happiness. It was delightful, warm-hearted and truly a novel that was fun to read. I kept thinking of the ring leader of the Widows, Miss Birdie as the actress Shirley McLane or Olympia Dukakis! Funny how that happens. If you love small town contemporary love stories with a bit of humor, you'll want to pick this one up. I rate it a 4 out of 5 stars. *The Matchmakers of Butternut Creek* picks up where the first book *The Welcome Committee of Butternut Creek* leaves off.

Christian Fiction Addiction says

Jane Myers Perrine has a delightful grasp of the English language, and she has written a story full of humorous nuances and wonderful, heart-warming characters whose antics are so enjoyable that it's difficult to put the book down! I thoroughly enjoyed the first book in the series (*The Welcome Committee of Butternut Creek*) and loved again visiting the world of Miss Birdie and Pastor Adam, and watching a unique yet surprisingly touching relationship develop between Adam and Gussie. I do have to admit that there were moments where my impatient nature made we want to shout at the book for Adam and Gussie to hurry up and move things along already! However, the moment when Gussie revealed bits of her past, I had a moment of clarity about what was going on, and was able to fully appreciate how everything unfolds in their

relationship. Pastor Adam is such a lovable character that I can't help but wish he existed in real life. Many of his scenes had me grinning or laughing outright, whether due to his bumbling nature with woman, or when his poor car (aka heap of rust) acts up again, or the donkey scene at the church (you will have to read the book to see what I am talking about!).

If you loved the first book in the series, then you are going to enjoy "The Matchmakers of Butternut Creek" as well. And if you haven't yet met Adam or Miss Birdie or the rest of the match-making crew, then what are you waiting for? Grab a copy for yourself and enjoy getting to know these fun characters.

4.5 out of 5 stars.

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Ranette says

This book was a nice break from heavy books. About a Pastor who the members of his congregation want to help marry. Silly and sweet. Too long for the plot.

Bookworman says

This is the second book in the series. A nice story, not quite as good as book 1 but I still enjoyed it. There were some powerful and sweet moments but I didn't connect as much with the characters. The focus was much more on Adam and Gussie and less on Sam and Winnie who I really, really liked in the first book. That said, I liked it enough to read book three.

Overall, this is a nice, heartwarming, and somewhat spiritual series but not really as powerful and wonderful as Jan Karon's Mitford series.

Elizabeth Meadows says

Awesome sequel! Just good clean fun!

Rebecca Smith says

As an avid reader and fan of sweet love stories, I wanted to like this book. As a Christian, I wanted to LOVE this book. However, neither can be said, which makes me sad that I spent two days reading it, when I could have (and should have) moved on to another book.

The story simply put is about a group of older women, who are the matchmakers for their small town of Butternut Creek. These women are not likeable in any fashion. They connive. They gossip. They are bossy and rude, without a care for other's privacy or well being. They focus on their "mission" of marrying off their

preacher, and begin hounding him and their chosen candidate the ENTIRE BOOK. There are passing mentions of their good works, a term I use very loosely, because even in the good works, it is all about them and their image in helping others. Shameful.

Secondary to the story line, is the preacher himself and the woman he likes, Gussie. These two characters are about as predictable and formal as you will ever read. First of all, NO ONE talks like these people talk. Even the town *teenagers* speak formally and with no individual personality. I know for a fact that Christians, while not cursing or taking the Lord's name in vain, do occasionally make jokes and speak like normal people, not "pure as snow" robots at all times. Don't get me wrong, it was lovely to read a book without a single curse word in it, but the language itself was so simple, so "dumbed down", that I kept glancing at the cover to make sure I hadn't accidentally picked up a Young Adult novel from the library.

The story plods along predictably, and in fact you as the reader can guess at every turn, exactly what is going to happen. The lady love interest has a "secret" and honestly, by the time it is revealed, you already know what it is and that she will eventually get over it by the end of the book. The preacher is painted as a good guy, but even he never stands up for himself to the matchmakers and just seems to let life happen to him. There is a prequel to this book that I did not read, nor will I read the sequel to it either. I'm not sure why I even finished reading it truthfully, other than the fact that I hate to stop a novel once I've finished it, and usually only do so when the reading is profane or just to gratuitously vulgar. Unless you have nothing better to do with your time, I do not recommend this book.

Amy says

Another great novel in the Butternut Creek series. I love the way that the author keeps the situations in the book very real. For example, Gussy's issues took months and months to resolve which is realistic for the situation. Many authors would try to rush it along and ignore the real pain and the time that the healing process takes. The author was extremely sensitive to the many complexities of an assault. There were also great subplots that were also handled with equal realism and feeling. And it was great to see Willow and Sam featured in the book as well. The issue with Charlie and his wife, the next-door neighbors, but also handled very well and was very realistic. Honestly, I don't know how I would have handled a man asking me to iron his boxers! Though there was some struggling going on in the marriage, the couple came through it stronger than they were before. I love that this series features real problems, realistic solutions, and a good plot that brings humor and hearts together. It also proves that a romance novel does not have to be filthy and can have a very good story line to go along with it.

Debra says

Two weddings down, two to go... Another fun and enjoyable book with plenty of laugh-out-loud moments! Will the Widows succeed in their plans in the next installment? It looks like they are facing their greatest disappointment here...

Trinity Rose says

I didn't get to read the first book in the series, but I really loved book 2 and it's a great stand alone book also. The Matchmakers of Butternut Creek is a charming, old fashioned type of book with all of the modern day problems and the faith to see the people through.

Pastor Adam is such a kind, helpful person and he doesn't take offence at the Widows trying to find him a wife and how they try to have him do everything they way. He shows them love and compassion, but does things the right way for everyone involved.

Gussie is afraid of relationships and stays home to take care of her parents, even though they don't need taken care of.

When I first heard of the Butternut Creek series it made me think of Jan Karon's Mitford series, but they aren't anything the same except for the same kind of small knit town and how the people care for each other. The Matchmakers of Butternut Creek is a book well worth reading. It is full of fun, romance, comedy, grace and forgiveness. I would highly recommend this fantastic book.

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Carol says

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Cathy says

excellent book. did not want to put it down. Part of a series. All books in series is great.

Margaret says

Well, the three Widows of Butternut Creek are back. Ok, there are technically only two widows and one spinster (who is now engaged), but they are the backbone of Butternut Creek and Miss Birdie, the leader of the group is considered by young pastor Adam Jordan to be the "pillar" of the church. Miss Birdie has her own ideas about how everything and about everything should be done.

In The Welcoming Committee of Butternut Creek, the first book in the series, the widows set out to find their pastor a suitable wife to fill up the parsonage and the church pews with babies...lots of them. They didn't do so well with Adam, but they still thought themselves to be pretty successful when they found a wife for the recently returned Marine who had lost a leg and was quite anti-social. Of course, the widows don't realize that the match was probably going to happen with or without them. Still...they are out to matchmake again and they are bound and determined. Poor pastor!

Once again, I loved the quirky characters and their determination, bless their little hearts. They truly mean no harm and they are quite comical in their novel ideas. I laughed and enjoyed.

Cathy says

I like the minister Adam and how well he treats all he interacts with.

Niki says

I loved this entire series. I just stumbled upon it and found it to be fun and entertaining to read. I loved all of the different characters in the book and quickly read the entire series.

Chris Unwin says

Butternut Antics at its Finest

Once again we return to Butternut Creek to find the Widows still trying to find Adam, the preacher, a wife. Why won't Gussie commit to Adam and the Widows. After all the Widows have a lot to say about everything and everyone. There are some laugh out loud moments in this book. Time to read book 3. Great series. Clean Read.
