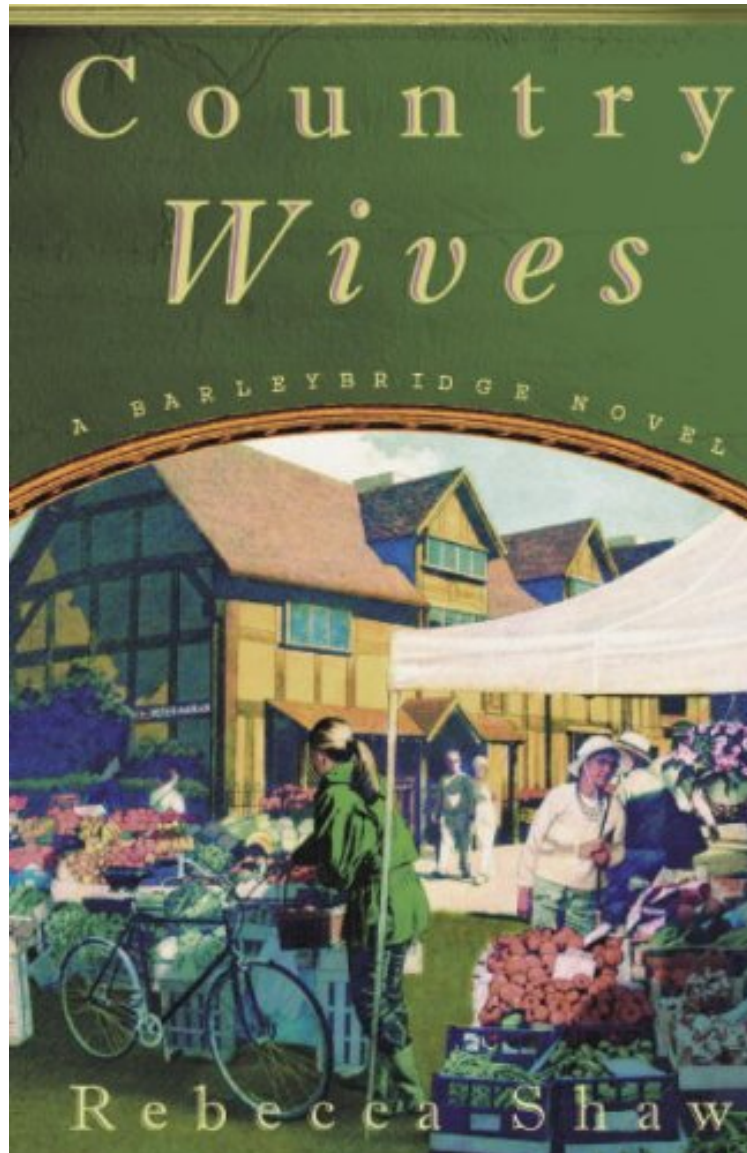


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**Von Rebecca Shaw : Country Wives (Barleybridge Novels)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Country Wives (Barleybridge Novels):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good read with human touchVon Ein KundeI was looking forward to reading the second of the Barleybridge series, as I am a great fan of novels set in the world of vets and their animal patients and the first book left me wondering what will happen to the characters I really came to like. Well, they are around mostly, though some left and some new ones were

introduced. New locum, Dan who arrived to take over from Aussie Scott (who departed rather suddenly leaving behind broken hearts) provokes strong feelings with his arrogant attitude and seems to know better how to run the practice. No wonder he is not too popular. I mean who would like to have a newcomer who knows everything better. And on the top he manages to loose one of the most important client of the clinic, Lord Askew. Colleagues and staff alike are set against him, only Mungo's wife, Miriam and Kate, the young receptionist get along with him and realise that there is a lot more to him, than his abrupt manners. Dan is harbouring a secret, but what this can be? Kate is faced with a terrible tragedy - after losing her dad, her mother turns up in her life and makes demands on her. Meanwhile, Dan comes up with new suggestions to improve the practice, and Lotty, one of the vet's wife openly declares war against him. Yet all will end well, and this is exactly what I did not like about this book. Fair enough, Lotty, Joy and all others are reconciled with Dan, Lord Askew comes back to the practice, Kate makes her decision about her mother, but why, why does Dan's secret wife have to turn up unexpectedly at the doorstep? This was kind of unrealistic, really, and a bit sentimental, but all in all, the book is a good read and the writer gives us a real insight into the characters personal lives, feelings and emotions and I feel that she has a very nice, human approach to life and all her imaginary characters.

Kurzbeschreibung Welcome back to Barleybridge, the picture-postcard English village where everybody knows their neighbors . . . Kate Howard is still working as the receptionist at the Barleybridge Veterinary Hospital, but now she is determined to attend veterinary college. Things are running smoothly, both at work and in Kates life, especially now that Scott Spencer, the handsome Australian vet who stole Kates heart, has left town. But Scotts replacement, Daniel Brown, is quickly making enemies of the staff and clients alike with his abrupt style and unreasonable demands. When Dan causes the loss of an important client, the wives connected to the practice determine that something must be done to stop him. For her part, Kate secretly appreciates Dans no-nonsense approach, despite everyone elses ongoing annoyance. When Kate is faced with a devastating tragedy, Dan reveals a sad secret of his own and helps her through her crisis. But what will the rest of the town think of their newfound friendship? Delightfully warm, engaging, and filled with the simple joys of small-town English life, Country Wives will inspire readers to return to Barleybridge again and again. From the Trade Paperback edition. From Publishers Weekly The second entry in Shaw's Barleybridge series (after A Country Affair) is a charming account of life in and out of a small English town's veterinary hospital. Newcomer Daniel Brown is a temporary vet with a passion for his craft, but his gruff manner costs the practice an influential client, angering his employers. Dan does have a few fans, though, including Miriam Price, the senior partner's wife, and Kate Howard, a receptionist who aspires to be a vet. Both rightly suspect something unfortunate has happened to Dan in his past, and as he takes Kate along on appointments, pieces of his past come to light. Kate, meanwhile, wants to know more about her mother, who abandoned the family when Kate was born, but she doesn't want to hurt her dad or her stepmom, Mia, who raised her. When a tragedy befalls Kate's family, she gets her wish, for better or worse. Though Shaw creates memorable characters, she goes overboard with one villain. That aside, the action at Barleybridge from catching an animal abuser to the office politics spurred on by the vets' wives makes for addictive reading. (Oct.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist With the exception of funny Scott, who bowed out rather than make a romantic commitment, readers will find most of the characters from Shaw's Country Affair (2005) back at the Barleybridge Veterinary Hospital in Britain. Dan, Scott's replacement, isn't as amiable as his predecessor. In fact, he quickly offends nearly everyone on the staff and loses one of the practice's biggest accounts. The trouble he causes with his ideas and his forthright opinions puts everyone in a tizzy, as clients and staff lobby against him and then take sides against one another. The resulting conflicts, sometimes laughable, sometimes poignant, reveal as much about the rest of the staff as they do about Dan, who, it turns out, has a sensitive side--for both animals and people. Shaw cleverly limns the behaviors of both the people and the animals associated with Barleybridge, creating a genial, old-fashioned, yet still modern tale. A perfect gentle read for latter-day James Herriot fans. Stephanie Zvirin Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved