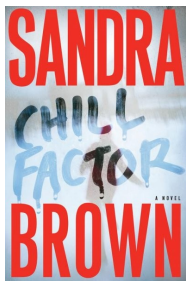




# Small Town Life in North Carolina

## [One Fell Swoop](#) by Virginia Boyd

By turns hilarious and poignant, this daring, debut novel begins with the violent end of a marriage. A local wife-and-mother has killed her husband after finding him in the midst of an affair. Each chapter, written from a different community member's point of view, shows the ripple effect of that dramatic event and how it has affected the townspeople differently--some directly and others less so, but all meaningfully and irrevocably. As the novel progresses, the narrative spirals inward until the stories of those most intimately involved are ultimately revealed.

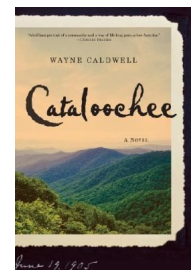


## [Chill Factor](#) by Sandra Brown

When a serial killer who leaves a blue ribbon at the site of his victims' last sightings appears in the peaceful town of Cleary, North Carolina, police chief Dutch Burton finds the case complicated by his ex-wife's disappearance during a blizzard.

## [Cataloochee](#) by Wayne Caldwell

Set in the mountains of western North Carolina, an historical novel follows the lives of three families from the end of the Civil War until 1928, when the National Park Service prepares to uproot them to make way for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

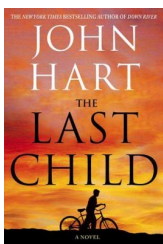
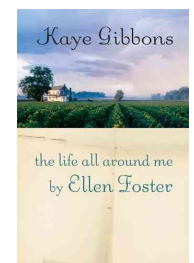


## [First Impressions](#) by Jude Deveraux

In the aftermath of her beloved daughter's wedding, forty-five-year-old single mother Eden Palmer endeavors to transition into solitary life in a North Carolina small town, where she unexpectedly finds passion, intrigue, and betrayal.

## [The Life all Around Me](#) by Ellen Foster by Kaye Gibbons

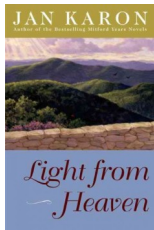
Fifteen-year-old Ellen settles into a permanent home with a new mother, where she manages conflicted feelings through her ritual visits to the county fair, her poetry, and her growing relationship with marriage-oriented Stuart.



## [The Last Child](#) by John Hart

After his twin sister Alyssa disappears, thirteen year-old Johnny Merrimon is determined to find her. When a second girl disappears from his rural North Carolina town, Johnny makes a discovery that sends shock waves through the community in this multi-layered tale of broken families and deadly secrets.



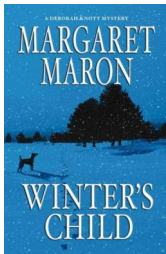
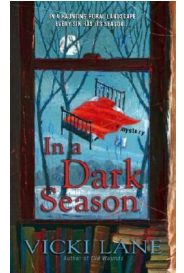


### [Light from Heaven](#) by Jan Karon

The final volume in the Mitford Years series finds Father Tim contemplating the revival of a remote mountaintop church, a challenge he hopes will be his ultimate calling, but fears will be an impossible task.

### [In a Dark Season](#) by Vicki Lane

Witnessing elderly Nola Barrett's suicide attempt, Elizabeth Goodweather finds herself in embroiled in a dark series of multiple mysteries that reach back in time for years in rural North Carolina, crimes that include rape, scandal, betrayal, and murder centered around Nola Barrett's old house and that have caught the eye of a ruthless killer.

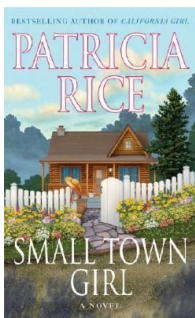
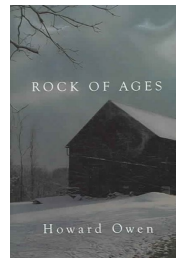


### [Winter's Child](#) by Margaret Maron

One month after her marriage to Deputy Sheriff Dwight Bryant, judge Deborah Knott finds their union tested when Bryant's ex-wife takes flight with their eight-year-old son, forcing Bryant to launch a search for the boy before he comes to harm. This is book 12 of the [Deborah Knott Series](#).

### [Rock of Ages](#) by Howard Owen

In this sequel to [Littlejohn](#) (1992), the author's first novel, Littlejohn McCain has been dead for more than a decade. His daughter, Georgia, is now a university professor, a widow, and a divorcee, preparing for the long, gentle slide toward the end of her life. But when her cousin Jenny dies, and Georgia returns home to the North Carolina town of East Geddie, she not only discovers there's a murder mystery to be solved but also experiences, quite unexpectedly, the emotional rush of true love. Owen, who has a cult following among fans of southern fiction, here brings his formidable skills to bear on the mystery genre. The novel is beautifully written, driven by its lush characterizations, and should appeal both to readers of southern fiction and to genre fans who favor character-driven crime stories.



### [Small Town Girl](#) by Patricia Rice

Abandoning his career and his hard-living ways to return to his small hometown of Northfork, North Carolina, musician Flynn "Flint" Clinton plans to start a new life with his two young sons as owner of the Stardust Caf?, but an encounter with gorgeous singer Joella Sanderson, helps him rediscover the delights and joys of music.

### [The Sweet Life](#) by Lynn York

Eight years after wooing--and winning--piano teacher Miss Wilma, Roy Swann is faced with new upheaval in his life, thanks to the arrival of Miss Wilma's teenage granddaughter and her estranged father, Harper, as well as a larger-than-expected blue-grass concert and a debilitating stroke. The Sweet Life is the sequel to [The Piano Teacher](#).

