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Purling Road - The Complete First Season: Episodes 1-10



Synopsis

After the terrible accident that nearly claimed his friend's life, Caleb quits the fishing business and returns to his farm, disrupting Jonathan's plans for growth. Though the men must continue on without him, tension remains between the friends. The strain intensifies when a chance encounter with the new sheriff of Rockport sends chills down Caleb's spine. What is it about Sheriff William that unsettles them all? David's return to Rockport lands him in the wrong place at the wrong time, but it may just be perfect timing for someone else in need. A handsome stranger catches the eye of the adorable and frantic Muzzy Brown. What are his intentions in town, and will she slow down long enough to find out? A family secret is discovered in Jonathan's attic, leading him to question everything he knew about his past. More secrets from the past are revealed, complicating the group's lives even further. Aryl is tempted by old demons. Jean's birth mother's reputation becomes a source of pain for Jean. The tension between Jonathan and Caleb finally comes to a head. Will they forgive each other, or will they go their separate ways for good? Keep up with the characters of 1929 by following them through ten episodes of Purling Road, A 1929 Serial.

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Customer Reviews

I love M. L. Gardner's books. I usually do not read anything with even a hint of romance. However, I read the first book in the 1929 series and fell in love with all the characters. I read all the books of the series and now am downloading all of the books I can find written by this person. The Purling Road books are a continuation of the 1929 series, so I would recommend you read the 1929 series to get acquainted with everyone.

The Purling Road books follow the series "The 1929 Series Boxed Set: Books 1-6: The Complete First Season". Purling Road books can stand on their own, but I highly recommend you read The 1929 Series first. The characters from 1929 carry on in the Purling Road series. I will also give my review here for The 1929 Series Boxed Set: Books 1-6: The Complete First Season: In the 1929 Series, the characters are well developed, there is suspense and hope, and I couldn't put the book down. Three couples are thrown into despair when the Stock Market collapses and they become near penniless. The story is about how their lives change and the challenges each of them have accepting their newfound poverty. At the end of Book 1, the author wisely makes comments about the next 5 Books in the series. Specifically, he/she mentions that the reader shouldn't be alarmed that Book 2 appears to have nothing to do with the series; by the end of the series, the entire story will come together. I am so glad the author mentioned that because as I read Book 2, I wondered what in the world that book was doing in a series like this. Book 3 made me think the same thing, as did Book 4 and Book 5! Talk about going around Robin's barn... Book 6 did, in fact, pull everything together and I am glad I finished the series. This set of books are full-length books. Purling Road Episodes 1-10 are chapters. Purling Road - The Complete First Season: Episodes 1-10 was a continuation of the 1929 Series. Story and characters continue to develop in a very interesting way, with twists, suspense, and heartbreak. The designation "Episodes 1-10" is a stretch. Each "Episode" is a chapter in the book. Regardless, I am happy to have finished this series also, and I look forward to the next book(s). I like this writer's style. The books are "easy reading". I would recommend waiting until Purling Road - The Complete Second Season: Episodes ??? comes out before purchasing the series. At this point Book 1 and Book 2 are available, but you will pay for individual Episodes instead of the entire book. I do Highly Recommend these books.

This would make an excellent PBS series except it takes place in America. We are all so spoiled and somehow have come to believe that struggling is too hard. Survival comes easy these days for most people. These were good stories and an extension of the three previous novels though they stand well on their own.

At first I didn't know this was the continuing story from the earlier series. I thought it was the same book with a different title, but I skipped to the middle of the book to make sure. I was so happy to find out I was wrong. I do wish I would've known by the title though, using the date instead of this new one. I love the people in these books and can relate on several levels. I have a granddaughter that reminds me of Jac and his parents have decided against spanking. I lived with my mother during her early stages of dementia until her health became such that I couldn't handle by myself, but I could relate and laugh about Ethel's episodes. We never had green bean roast, but she did lock us in the house and hide the keys so no one could get us. At the nursing home, she pulled the fire alarm three times until my sister told her it cost us more money. It's refreshing to read about a group of friends that look out for each other. That doesn't happen much these days. I'm happy that the series is continuing. Thanks.

There is good character development in this book, but it lacks drama, antithesis, and turmoil between developed personalities. Additionally, the scene is the Great Depression and there was so much more room for accurate description of that time period and the specific troubles experienced by most Americans. However, make no mistake, Gardner is a polished writer and this book can be appreciated by many..

I'm not sure why the author calls it a season with episodes, rather than a book with chapters, but either way it was a good read. It is essentially the stories of several couples and friends intertwined and taking place during the Great Depression. It was beautifully written and held my interest. I kept wanting to get back to it. If there was one criticism it is that there are so many characters that were introduced so quickly I had a hard time figuring out and remembering who was which! It is also obvious that there are several back stories so there must have been a previous book, or season, that introduced and explained them. Nevertheless, this was a stand alone book, and an enjoyable read.

Here we go again After having read the entire 1929 series, it was a given that I'd read Purling

Road to continue the saga -- especially since I got this book for free. Overall my rating is the same as for the previous books. The writing is generally good, with the exception of the author's continued use of bad grammar to try to make the characters' dialogue more believable. (At least I assume that's why she does it -- if not, then it's just plain bad writing.) As with the initial series, there are historical inaccuracies that jump out at the reader, although perhaps not quite as many. Overall, all these books are soap opera in print form. That said, they are quick, easy, and entertaining reads

My first time reading this author. Because I had not read anything earlier, some of the story did not come through very clearly. There is a lot of reference to "what happened" previously, but it is never put into detail. That makes me want to find the earlier books to get the complete story on some of the characters. But aside from that, this is a story in itself that has merit. I did enjoy reading it. *S*

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