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Marauding fainting goats, dogs, chickens, teenage boys, crossdressers, and friends that drink Vodka all day long might be a lot of troubles, but they beat lonely every time.

Leigh Blackburn, the main character of *Deliberate*, finally has the life she's dreamed of and fought for.

Happily divorced and living on a shabby chic farm with her sixteen-year-old son, she owns an upscale consignment store and has been building a new life free of tension. Free that is until her mother gets herself thrown out of her assisted living facility and moves in with Leigh.

Abba Gee, Leigh's mother, will be familiar to those who have read, *Spit of a Minute*. Last seen at age fifteen, Abba Gee is seventy-years-old and still herself... Only More So!

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Robert W. Woods says

After having read tgis book and it's prequel...

I have to say these two books were such good reading...I could identify with the pain of the characters...well done and I look forward to reading more books by Dixie Burns.

Michael Gevedon says

Loved this story . Even though it was fiction it was not fiction to me. I have been down this road and many more losing my family to this disease and others. The only family I have left is my wife. Lost my only son at thirty seven last November . So this book made the tears roll at times reminding me we are not alone in our loss. If it were not for our wonderful friends I don't think there would be any way we would be doing as well as we are. Dixie don't ever stop writing , it would be a shame to waste this talent. Thank you and God bless you .

Loved this story. Even though it was fiction it sure seemed real to me. You should never quit writing it would be a shame to waste such a wonderful talent. Thank you , Mike

ellen mayo says

Great read!

Another wonderful book by this amazing story teller. Great characters and a wonderful portrayal of the next phase of the characters.

Kelly Tarr says

Not quite as good as the first book of Dixie's that I read (Spit of a Minute). This book did not have much to do with the other, except for 1 character much later in life.

I liked the story and most of the characters but I did not like the weird relationship drama that the main character had and her on/off dating issues. She also had a strange relationship with her ex. The relationship with her mother was a bit confusing too, we knew they loved each other but had strange ways of showing it. I really wanted Abba Gee to hug her daughter or tell her, "good job" or "thank you".

The book was good but bounced around a little too much and introduced things that didn't ever fully develop for me (the ex husband, the fortune teller).

Pam says

Only More So is a novel by Dixie Burns. This novel deals with Alzheimer's and its effect on families and their lives.

Leigh Blackburn had a lot on her plate. Her son was a senior and needed additional help as her mother succumbed to the ravages of Alzheimer's. She is barely keeping her head above water as she tries to bring up her son and make a way with the money from her job. It is getting tougher to do as her Mother gets worse. She has only herself to rely on as she doesn't want to bother her friends. However, her friends don't want to be shunted aside and push themselves into her life to help her. How will Leigh be able to bring up her son and take care of her Mother at the same time?

Although this deals with a difficult subject, it is not all gloom and doom. The reader finds himself laughing and then crying all in the same paragraph. It is wonderful.

Teresa says

Wow! I just finished this book and again I say, Wow! I had no clue there could be so many people, events, situations, and so much heartache, drama, laughter and heart put into one book. Only More So was an amazing read.

Abba Gee and Leigh, mother and daughter, are the two main characters. Leigh is a divorced, single mom to a 16 year old son, Ben. Abba Gee is Leigh's 76 year old mother. She is a spitfire and is battling Alzheimer's.

As the story opens, Abba Gee has been "thrown out" of yet another nursing home. She is hard to manage,

can be mean, is flamboyant, and has just beat up another patient! She has run through all the local nursing homes and now the only option is for her to live with Leigh and Ben. The very interesting, rather bizarre, sometimes funny and heartbreaking journey begins.

With a supporting cast of quirky, loyal friends that includes Patsy a vodka drinking, check bouncing store owner, Phil/Phyllis a cross dressing author, Irene a bee hive producing hair dresser and a whole host of others, there is never a dull moment. To make things even more interesting there are two fainting goats, a leaking roof, a barn full of drunk teenagers, two crazy women robbers and Abba Gee wearing sequins and ruffles on a daily basis.

This book was an emotional read ... it went from laughter to tears in a matter of a few pages. Alzheimer's is a heartbreaking disease that impacts an entire family. It was handled well with honesty and compassion and included the light hearted moments of everyday life dealing with this disease and the family member involved. Throughout the book, Abba Gee maintained she was still the same person, "only more so".

I will definitely recommend this book and will look for other books by this author.

Becky Eldridge says

Wonderful

I just HAD to purchase this book after reading ¡Spit of a Minute. I wish Ms. Burns had more books out!

Diane Holmes says

Great book

You need to read this one..especially if someone in your family has Alzheimer's or dementia. Will make you laugh and cry

Vicki Scullion says

Powerful and heart-warming, this novel tells the story of a woman trying to deal with her flamboyant mother's battle with Alzheimer's Disease. It explores the dynamics between the two strong-willed women as they deal with their rocky past relationship and the new challenges brought about by the disease. The characters were very well developed, coming alive on the page.

Penny Friday-Baker says

Only got to chapter five

Oh good grief. Had to quit and delete at chapter five. Chap two was Leigh talking to herself on and on. There are so many mistakes throughout. Erica Orloff is not the editor you need. She did not do a good job. What was worse, was the bickering between Leigh and Abba Gee and then abuse. Not sure what category Only More So is listed...but sure it belongs elsewhere.

Lauren says

this is quite the story about a woman who just got done with a nasty divorce and is playing the single mom card raising her son. when out of nowhere she finds out she's going to inherit her mother as well who has been kicked out of the nursing home for being too unruly. Leigh does an amazing job at trying to get along with her mother who has uprooted her entire life and has almost made it her life goal to give her hell. Leigh finally figured out what works for her and follow her on the journey to get her life back. the book will definitely pull some emotional chords with you if you've ever been a caretaker for a loved one, because it is not the easiest task. great story that proves family is everything, even when we want to strangle them.

Joyce (Chloe) says

Great story, and follow-up to Spit of a Minute.

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RJ says

The book starts off humorous and has lots of unique characters. The story bounces between 75 year old Abba Gee and her daughter. Worth 4 stars.

Then the author switches writing style and there are editing errors and now there is foreshadowing from the narrator/author.

The story is a good one with lots of different tales: alzheimers, mother/daughter issues, old age, cross dresser, alcoholism, romance, etc. In the end everything is nicely wrapped up like a Hallmark movie.

Cathy says

It passed the time.

I'm not sure why I didn't like this book as well as "Spit", I guess I missed the original characters too much. Even though I knew they weren't very likable. Or it could be because I like Depression era books a great

deal. The book seemed like it was lacking the gritty-ness of the other book. I just didn't feel it was worthy of more than 3 stars

Bonnye Reed says

GA Only More So is an excellent, fast paced Southern read that is a laugh a minute. If you think your life is just too hard, take a look into the world of Leigh, oldest child of Agga Gee, daughter of Queenie (heroine of Spit of a Minute, the first novel of Dixie Burnes). Leigh is a single mom and proprietor of a high end resale shop and mother of Ben, a high school student excellent in both studies and sport. She is heartfelt best friends with Patsy and cross-dressing Phil-lis. Life is crammed pretty full for Leigh. Car troubles, leaking roof, cranky chickens make her days frantic. And then Agga Gee is thrown out of the assisted living facility, which adds that final straw to an overloaded Leigh.

Dixie Burns creates interesting stories so peopled with sass, old dogs and fainting goats they can't be anything but Southern. Her's are books for lazy days of summer of cuddled up with your old dog in winter.

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