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Miss Julia—that Southern spitfire of a certain age who is never less than charming, even when she's at her most opinionated—has been praised by Fannie Flagg as “one of the most delightful characters to come along in years.” Don't miss Ann Ross's newest, *Miss Julia Weathers The Storm*, coming April 2017 from Viking.

In **Miss Julia Hits the Road**, she is becoming increasingly concerned about her gentleman friend, Sam, who has suddenly started wearing cowboy boots, sending her flowers, and writing bad poetry. And when he shows up on a Harley-Davidson Road King and asks her to hop on, she's convinced he's lost his mind. Meanwhile, her invaluable housekeeper, Lillian, has been evicted from her home by her greedy landlord. Deciding that Lillian's need is greater than her own fear (not to mention loss of dignity), Miss Julia takes Sam up on his offer and sets off on a motorcycle Poker Run to raise some fast cash. She's ready to risk life and limb in Sam's sidecar to save Lillian's home from the bulldozer, but will Miss Julia's scheme work?

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Susan says

The Miss Julia series of books is very enjoyable. Occasionally there may be a slow spot in a book, but read through. You will find yourself wanting the next one to see just what she is up to.

Judy says

I already had this audiobook on hold at the library, otherwise I wouldn't have listened to it so soon after reading a previous Miss Julia book. But, as expected this is a light-hearted story with a bit of drama and Miss Julia right in the middle of things. She come to the aid of Lillian, her friend and housekeeper, who along with neighbors is losing their homes. Definitely better in audio IMHO.

Book Concierge says

Book number four in the popular series starring Miss Julia, a widow of a certain age. This time she gets her hackles up when she learns that a local slumlord is evicting all the poor African-American tenants, so he can demolish the homes and build a water bottling plant on the land. Miss Julia's housekeeper, Lillian, is one of those tenants and she decides she will find a way to save the properties.

I just love Miss Julia, who frequently gets embroiled in one scandal / scheme or another when she jumps to conclusions and/or fails to fully understand the implications of what she's been told. But her heart is always in the right place. This time the big fund-raising effort centers on a motorcycle race, and one donor challenges Miss Julia and "other refined, quality women over age fifty" to ride along as a condition of a major donation. What's a lady to do?!

Miss Julia is just a hoot, and I was laughing aloud at several scenes.

There are two subplots involving Hazel Marie and Mr Pickens, and Binkie and Deputy Coleman. I think the books can be enjoyed as stand-alone novels, but readers probably should start from the beginning to fully appreciate the relationships between the full cast of recurring characters.

NOTE This is a re-read for me, but I first read it long before I joined Goodreads or Shelfari, so I don't have the date recorded. I'm guessing it was shortly after this book was published. As I recall, I read the first book (*Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind*) and pretty quickly picked up the next two or three in the series.

Sally Lindsay-briggs says

Initially, this didn't start out well. I was confused with all the characters. It is after all, number 4 in the series

and this was my beginning. It got much better, it was kinda funny and I had to admire Miss Julia for her fortitude, smarts and her love of the downtrodden. She is willing to do the unthinkable to best the worst landlord ever and maybe something more will happen romantically with Sam. I bought another book in this series and the other novel will be read soon.

Surabhi says

A good book for a teenager, who's trying to get started reading. Language is very basic.

Amber Jones says

How hard can you laugh when reading a book?

If it's the Miss Julia series the answer is hard enough to cry and get a headache.

Miss Julia needs to raise money to save Miss Lillian's neighborhood from being bulldozed. A very large donation has been offered if she rides in a poker run. To say that the whole situation was comical is an understatement.

A quote from Miss Julia Takes A Ride:

"Hazel Marie finished by tucking the sides of my coat under each leg, where I hoped it would stay, else everybody was going to get glimpse of Christmas from the new opening she'd cut in her prized leather pants."

I'm still laughing about this book. On to the next one!

Rosemary says

This is an amusing instalment in the series. Miss Julia has to ride on a motorcycle to raise money for charity. The charity is a question of saving the homes of her servant Lillian and her neighbours who, it's pretty clear, are not white. The downside of this book is the way these characters are shown as innocent and gullible to the extent of being almost like children. Miss Julia is a stereotype too, of course - but two wrongs don't make a right, as my mother was fond of saying when we were growing up. They're entertaining books but I hope the rest of the series will show African American characters in some different roles.

Virma says

If you love- " I Love Lucy" then Miss Julia Books are for you! Hilarious hi-jinks!

Linda says

Miss Julia on a motorcycle? No way! But all for a good cause... Miss Julia's long-time housekeeper Lillian has been evicted from her home along with all of her neighbors. The owner of the property wants to bulldoze all the houses and put up a water bottling plant using the spring water on the hill, rumored to do wonderful things for a man. Miss Julia intercedes to buy the houses and land but the scoundrel who owns it will only talk if Miss Julia puts her own home on the line. So where to come up with \$200,000 fast? How about a motorcycle Poker Run? A "dirty old man", but rich as King Midas, will donate a large sum if Miss Julia rides..... I love this series with the prim and proper southern Miss Julia who is naive but not.

Kelly says

Hilarious as usual!

Michele says

Miss Julia cracks me up. These books are not great literary works of fiction. They are wonderfully entertaining and a quick, fun read.

Loraine says

I have read several of the Miss Julia books and will read them all before I'm through. They are light, and funny, and thought provoking, and fun. I would love to live with Miss Julia, or at least have her for a friend. She is witty, funny, strong, down to earth, kind and sensible. It's just a fun place to be, especially when things aren't going so well in my own life. It's nice to escape into a more relaxed, easy environment.

Molly Cline says

5 star PLUS!!! A new favorite!

Oh my goodness! I feel in love with this book within the first few minutes I started listening to it. A combination of Designing Women, Driving Miss Daisy and Golden Girls all mixed up into one! Even though this was book 4 of this series I was in no way lost within the story. All the characters are easy to understand who they are and who they are to each other. Their community etc. You can't help but fall in love with them!

And for those of you not used to us "Southern folk" using your first and middle name all the time is 'the norm' not because you're in trouble it's just a given that 1 out of 3 children will be called by their first and middle names... :)

I now have to find book 1 and start reading this from the start! So glad there are 10 + in this series. If you have the opportunity to listen to it I would recommend that too; as the lady that reads it to us uses such wonderful tones and emotion that you can't help but laugh out loud and say "Oh Lordy" right along with the story! This is a new favorite series of mine and have added it to my wishlist for Christmas to be added to my home collection!

Sandi says

Doing research on cozy serieses(?) and this book was recommended. Characters were terrible. Plot was barely there. The only reason not a 1-star rating is because the writing wasn't awful.

Peggy Sinden says

This book held my interest from the start to the end. I can just imagine what Julia is thinking, doing, and causing in her efforts to be a lady. Riding on a motorcycle for a good cause was the icing on the cake. Goes to show you what can happen when people of all kinds rally behind a good deed. There is a lesson here and I hope we have learned that it is indeed possible that when it is worth it, 'Go For It!' Enjoy!
