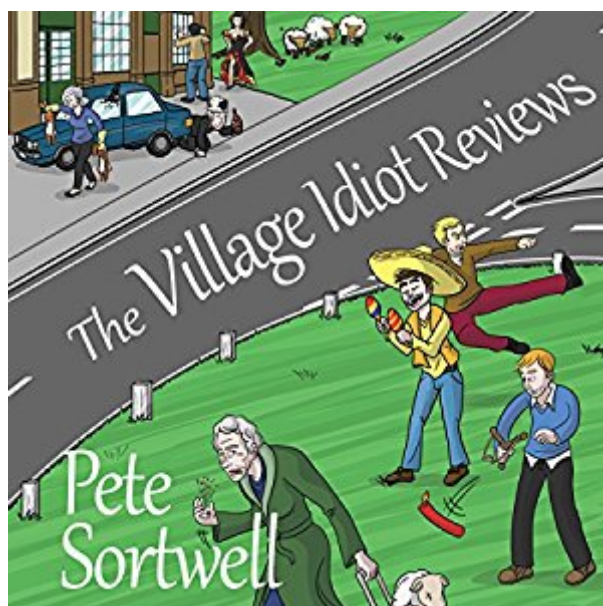


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# The Village Idiot Reviews: The Idiot Reviews, Book 1



## Synopsis

Join Brian, as he tries to woo the girl that works in the local shop, will passing out face down in super glue while trying to make her a gift hinder his chances of getting her to go out with him? Will Father Frederick, an alcoholic vicar who has a slight issue with stalking be able to win back the heart of a woman he loved a long time ago? And will Ethel, who thinks that throwing hard rice instead of confetti in a Bride Groom's face is an acceptable form of sport, be able to catch whichever one of these two losers in love with her trick as they step out of the church on the happy day? Written entirely in the form of product reviews, we guarantee you've never read a book quite like this before. Hilarious and wholly original, The Village Idiot Reviews pokes gentle fun at the more obscure corners of your favourite e-commerce sites - and introduces the most bonkers set of countryside dwellers since The Vicar of Dibley.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This is a review of The Village Idiot Reviews (A laugh out loud comedy e-book) This book takes the form of reviews of products available on . Although the reviews are meant to be tongue-in-cheek, they all have a link to the relevant product page, and the review appears there. Naturally, the author makes a point of saying the review itself is fictitious and uses the opportunity to plug his book (and why not?). The reviews themselves are hilarious, and form a narrative that runs through the whole book. Laugh Out Loud? YES! A very original concept. The reviews are not repetitive, as Pete Sortwell creates a number of characters to assess each item. These characters themselves are the real stars: Bishop Desmond, Denny, Father Frederick and Ethel to name a few amongst a host of

others, all bring their unique 'insight' into everyday products. I found this a light read, with lots of 'Oh My God!' moments - and, yes, I couldn't resist clicking the link to a number of these products to see if the review was \*really\* there. They always were. 5 stars for this original concept.

This is such a cool idea, and the writer has managed to make it hilarious as well. Basically this book is a collection of 'fake' reviews of products which has been weaved together so that all the 'reviewers' are characters from the same fictitious village. If I'm not making sense, then just read it, you won't be disappointed! I've been following this writer for a while now, his observational humour is spot on. Check it out. And this is a real review by a real person by the way. Although I am the idiot in my village. Read it!

Pete Sortwell is a good online friend of mine and having read various pieces of his online I was eager to read this first release of his. It is a very intelligent premise, namely using reviews to tell the story of village life. Each review tells a little story and either follows on from the previous stories or precedes a later review. The reviews are left by a range of different characters within the village and each of these characters has a unique personality and voice. I heartily recommend that you join Brian, Denny, Father Frederick and the rest of the gang for a bunch of rib-tickling reviews. You'll laugh, cry and wince your way through this incredibly clever novella.

A really original and very funny book. Full of observations and witty asides. I hope there is a sequel to this book.

That being titled, it is a funny book, just not "laugh out loud" funny. It does have a humorous storyline driven by reviews, and as you read along, the reviews and the storyline do intertwine nicely...and certain characters may remind you of people you know. All in all, worth the price I paid (free) so I'm satisfied and it certainly wasn't the worst comedy I've read.

Yes this is funny I chuckled quite heartily at some of the situations the characters were in. Brian being the definitive village idiot dominated the book at times I felt his entries were a little bit too obvious. I did very much like Father Frederick though his hip flask entry had me giggling from Waterloo to St John's Wood I was still smiling on the escalator out of the station. I look forward to reading the office version.

Quite a unique concept of a way to tell a tale, write a bunch of fake reviews on products by random people in a fictional village. You've got an alcoholic vicar who stalks a woman who went out on a date with him in high school and tells us all about it through products that help him do those things, a juvenile delinquent who wants to grow pot, a crazy old pushing a supermarket trolley around the place lady, a farmer and many other eccentric characters. What works is that there will be many incidents where one character will recount what happened through their review of a product, then a few review entries later another character that was there will mention the same incident with a different point of view of who was in the right and who was in the wrong. Sort of like in real life someone will go on a date with someone and tell you how great it was, how the other person was so into them, then you'll talk to the other person and they'll tell you they never want to see that person again and recount the same events in a negative manner. I don't think any individual fake reviews in this collection are funnier than the fake reviews that have received legendary status on here such as the The Mountain Three Wolf Moon Short Sleeve Tee, but overall the collection is amusing and of a high enough level of fun to check out the sequels.

We've all read some pretty odd reviews on - heck, you're reading one now. From the description of this book I initially got the impression that the book was a goof on reviewers and some of those odd reviews. Sorry, the book is actually so much more and so much better. The product reviews could just as well be diary entries or letters to the editor or in some other form. What they end up being is a series of interrelated stories and bits that, when read together, create a funny and affectionate portrait of an endearingly odd village. Whether it's the Vicar, the Bishop or Denny from the child care home, you will enjoy and appreciate their voices and, as the book develops, the narrative created by their amusing and sometimes touching stories. Really, a clever, satisfying, and ultimately generous and affectionate portrait. Please note that I found this book while browsing Kindle freebies. I have no connection at all to either the author or the publisher of this book.

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