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by Patt Fero



About the Book

Long time friends Leslie and Liz are smart, talented and successful women. In their mid-fifties, the two have what many in their Baby Boomer generation have striven for: successful careers, beautiful homes, country club memberships, and financial security. In fact, they have everything mature women could want, including loving (if sometimes clueless) husbands.

But lately, something seems not quite right. The two self-crowned "Queens" often talk and dream of shucking the mantles of their corporate and suburbia worlds, where people and circumstances require them to pretend to be people they aren't. And they've joked for years about running away in a motor home. But they never did.

Until one ordinary day, Leslie discovers she has lost her hard-won corporate job. Pulled between anger over being phased out and the joyous realization that she doesn't really care, she admits to herself that what she really wants is less—less of all the trappings, the things that bind. And she thinks she knows just how to go about creating the life she's dreamed of for so long.

She sends Liz their secret S.O.S. code: www.queenmotorhome.com, and after some impulsive, secret preparations, and brief notes to their families, the two pack up their newly acquired motor home, don their "Queen" tiaras, and begin the long awaited adventure they've dreamed of for so long.

The road life they adopt teems with new experiences, new friends, and many challenges. Learning about RV's, campgrounds, CB radios, and truckers takes the two on a rollicking ride filled with laughter, adventure, insights, and a few tears.

But that's not all. For along the way, it is not just their original plans and dreams that are altered. Their very lives and relationships take on new meaning, as well. For what they once thought was the cause of their discontent, proves false.

And what they discover about others and themselves, alters the course of their lives forever.

But with this experience and adventure comes yet more questions to be answered. Should they stay on the road? Will their husbands ever understand? Will they be safe? What else waits beyond that horizon? And most importantly, can they or will they ever go home again?

Discussion Guide

1. What is your first impression of Leslie? Did your opinion change throughout the course of the novel?
2. Discuss the variety of characters from all walks of life in the story. Why do you think the author introduced so many different personalities?
3. Describe and discuss Leslie and Bob's relationship. Also, Liz and Carl.
4. Do you think the plot of the story is something that could likely happen in real life?
5. As the story unfolds, Leslie and Liz both begin to show considerable doubt about their runaway escapade. Why?
6. If you as a reader have never owned a motor home or been in one, do the author's writings adequately paint a visual picture of what traveling in one would be like? Did you learn something about the RV world?
7. While reading, did you fantasize about a runaway motor home adventure? Given the chance, do you think you could do it?
8. What is the most important life lesson learned by Leslie and Liz on this trip?
9. Discuss the self discovery process experienced by not only Leslie and Liz, but the other characters as well.
10. The novel has a surprise ending. Discuss what happens in the final chapters and what the ending means to all the characters. In your opinion, would you have ended the story differently?

Author Bio

Patt Fero is a native South Carolinian. She resides in the mountains of upstate South Carolina. She and her husband have three grown children and one granddaughter. Patt has spent over twenty five years in the private club and hospitality industries. She enjoys the beach, reading, walking and golf.

Patt has created two delightful female baby boomer characters who experience one life mid-life crisis and adventure after another. Readers will enjoy following the lives and escapades of Leslie and Liz with their marriages, careers, and travels. Patt's writings are fun and fast-paced, and readers will identify with her characters and relate to the stories in their own lives. This novel is her first, with several sequels planned.

Critical Praise

"We don't get a lot of novels about RVing, good or bad, but this one is a humdinger! A real page-turner that is almost impossible to put down."

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