

## BOOK LOVERS' CORNER

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### VILLAGES AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT

#### WEST VIRGINIA ROMANCES, TALES OF YOUNG LOVE IN THE MOUNTAIN STATE, VOL. I AND VOL. II

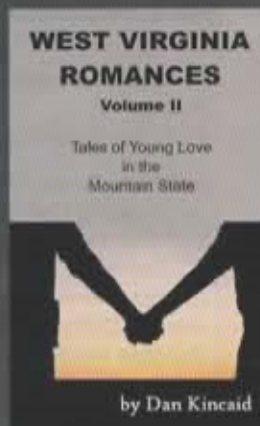
by Dan Kincaid, Village of Dunedin

Genre: Teenage/Young Adult Romance

Each book features four separate stories.

**In volume one:** A young girl from Illinois comes to Marshall University in Huntington, WV on a track scholarship and becomes homesick, but then meets a nice young local boy. Her homesickness begins to fade. Two students meet at a summer educational workshop at Snowshoe Ski Resort. The third is about two students who meet during a chance encounter at a basketball game between rival high schools.

**In volume two:** An Ohio girl and a West Virginia boy meet during a visit to Blennerhassett Island State Historical Park near Parkersburg, WV. A young female track star and the brother of one of her competitors meet at Laidley Field in Charleston at the state track meet. They both eventually attend Concord University, one to run track and the other to play baseball. Another story follows two students from Shepherd University, who didn't previously know each other. They meet during the summer at the Appalachian Trail Visitor Center in Harpers Ferry. The final story focuses on a star high school volleyball player from Ironton, Ohio. She's upset when her father is transferred to a job in a remote location at the Monongahela National Forest in Pocahontas County. There, she meets the son of one of her dad's co-workers who helps her get acclimated to her new school, where she soon becomes a premier player on her new team.



#### Q: WHAT PROMPTED YOU TO WRITE YOUR BOOK?

I have four granddaughters, three of whom have grown up in West Virginia. I wanted to write something as a tribute to them that they could relate to with references to many locations, schools and activities in the state.

#### Q: WHAT DO YOU HOPE READERS TAKE AWAY AFTER READING YOUR BOOK?

These stories are G-rated and will be of interest to anyone, just as many teenage/young adult romance books are set in various other states like Vermont, Montana and so forth. Young love and romance occur all around the country.

#### Q: WHAT CLUBS, ACTIVITIES AND HOBBIES DO YOU ENJOY?

Writers League of The Villages, billiards, softball, walking, West Virginia Club, Sports Memorabilia Club and enjoying the music at various singing and performing clubs.

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