

# *Buckle Up, Buttercup*

It'd take a powerful squeezing to turn that lump of coal into a gem. At least, that's what Twilight Dawn thinks about Paul Goshen. We meet him as an aimless community college student and follow him through the other characters' tales as he becomes a police officer -- and the man we know he can be.

"With warmth and charm, Belinda Anderson creates a world that lingers long after the last page. Her characters aren't afraid to take up residence in the reader's mind and stay there; they are as real and recognizable as the flesh-and-blood people we know and love."

— Gretchen Moran Laskas,  
*The Midwife's Tale* and *The Miner's Daughter*

"In this novel-in-stories, her third major publication, Belinda Anderson offers an attractive panoply of characters rich with nuance and diversity. At times I felt as if Ms. Anderson had moved the ghost of Edgar Lee Masters from Illinois to West Virginia to add that special Spoon River magic to her tale — a compliment, indeed. Full of humor, under-stated romance, and unexpected suspense — will the Driver's Ed vehicle really get obliterated? — this book has something for everyone. But mostly what remains after reading it is a warmth of spirit in which readers with similarly empathetic hearts will take true comfort."

— Marc Harshman,  
*The Storm*, a Smithsonian notable book.

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