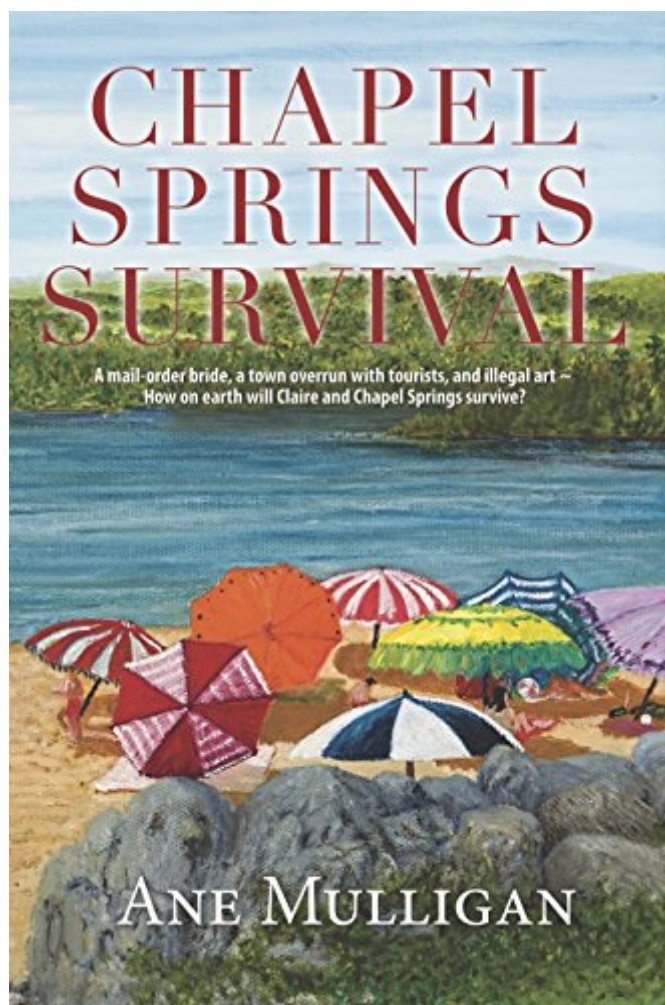


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# Chapel Springs Survival (Chapel Springs Series Book 2)



## Synopsis

A mail-order bride, a town overrun with tourists, and illegal art ~ How on earth will Claire and Chapel Springs survive? With the success of her Operation Marriage Revival, life is good for Claire Bennett. That is until the mayor's brother blabs a secret: Claire's nineteen-year-old son, Wes, has married a Brazilian mail order bride – one who is eight years older than him. When Claire tries to welcome her new daughter-in-law, she's ridiculed, rebuffed, and rejected. Loving this girl is like hugging a prickly cactus. Will Claire and her family survive her son's marriage? Lydia Smith is happily living alone and running her spa then the widow on the hill becomes a blushing bride. Along with her new marriage, she has a dream to expand her business by adding guest rooms. Things are going according to plan. That is, until her groom's adult son moves in on everything. Will her dream survive her stepson? From the first sighting of a country music star in Claire's gallery, The Painted Loon, to the visit of a Hollywood diva, Chapel Springs is inundated with stargazers, causing lifelong residents to flee the area. When her best friends, Patsy and Nathan, put their house on the market, Claire is forced to do something or lose the closest thing to a sister she's got. With her son's future at stake and the town looking to her to solve their problems, it's Claire who needs a guardian angel.

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## Customer Reviews

Chapel Springs Survival by Ane Mulligan  
Have read other works by this author and enjoyed the book. This is about a town where many new things are happening. They are happening so fast that the tourists are staying past the summer and there are no places to stay. Townsfolk are overworked but love the income and they try to create a balance for the growth changes. What I really like about this book is that it concentrates on many different age groups and their problems. Claire is newly married and trying to get her son involved with someone who will bring him much happiness also. Love all the career choices available and the layout of the town and all it offers. Love the indepth chatter about the careers and how they do their jobs. So many mysteries with the land deal and struggles among families as older children have their own dreams at all costs. Praying and going to church help some with the solutions.

Having read Chapel Springs Revival, I purchased the Kindle version of CS Survival after its release. But I'd downloaded several books before that, and I've been reading so slow lately--often skimming to get through them or flat out jumping ahead--I jumped at the chance to receive an audio version in exchange for an honest review so I could enjoy the story while driving to and from my new job. I wasn't sure how I would like listening to a novel, but I loved it so much, and it enhanced the story so well, I may get a monthly Audible subscription. In Chapel Springs Survival, Ane Mulligan deepens characterization and life in the quaint, fictional town of Chapel Springs, Georgia. Where Revival focuses on Claire's, Patsy's, and others efforts to save the town from economic ruin, Survival features their efforts to save the town from an overrun of tourists as well as the characters' relationships with their children--seeds that sometimes landed far from the tree. Thanks to the audio version, I caught nuances I would have missed had I skimmed the book. I absolutely loved it and look forward to the next release in the series.

Claire Bennett is a Chapel Springs business owner, wife, mother, and soon to be mother-in-law to a girl too old for her son. Wes met this girl on-line. Not only that, she is from another country. Claire decides she had many reasons to hate the idea that her son was being taken advantage of. She is angry at her son, at the girl, and most everyone. She focuses some of that anger to protect their

town from big business and a few underhanded townsfolk. Mulligan weaves a lovely story of a family and a town. Claire shows her very real thoughts and emotions, which are not always the most loving and forgiving thoughts for a Christian. The book reveals the very real struggles Claire has toward becoming the person she knows Christ wants her to be. This book is an easy and pleasant read with twists and turns to keep it interesting. I received this book for my honest review.

Ane Mulligan's *Chapel Springs Revival* is more than entertaining. After reading *Chapel Springs Revival* I couldn't wait to pay the town a visit again. Chapel Springs seem to have a whole new string of dilemmas thanks to tourism taking the place by storm. In the midst of the humor Ane weaves some relatable family and community scenarios. Claire Bennett continues to embarrass herself in public. Her best friend Patty and her ever patient husband Joel continue to rescue her. This novel has a more mature Claire determined to do things God's way. Her internal battles often spill out in the world around her. I love reading about parents of adult children who are still in love or newlywed older couples dealing with family drama they don't want or need.. This story has these elements with some enticing plot twist. Add a new daughter-in-law via cyber dating and things really heat up. I have delightful daughter-in-laws both born in foreign countries with customs so different from my own. Claire's concerns were so relatable and Costy's fears believable. Not to mention lots of laugh out loud moments and poignant ones that touched my heart and feed my spirit. Ane Mulligan has created a community I'd love to visit. I am so looking forward to joining the ladies of Chapel Springs on their next adventure.

This was such a fun book! Not only trying to figure out what is going on, but I enjoyed the small town friendships. After building up the tourist trade in the last book, this book has tourists over-running the town and making the locals crazy. With the threat of a big chain hotel trying to buy land and get permits to build, the locals are in fear of losing their small town shops. Claire's son starts by hiding himself in his room and then drops out of college. What Claire thinks is awful, but the reality turns out to be worse! He's married a girl from Brazil and now that she is here, Costy hates her mother-in-law, Claire can't do or say anything right! She tries everything to win her daughter-in-law over, but nothing works- so Claire prays and hands it over to God (again and again and again). At the same time Claire is trying to find out about this hotel- and stop it. Then Claire gets arrested! The Christmas walk was nice. When things all get sorted out, I have to admit- the explanation of Costy's disdain was so funny and believable! Although this book is part of a series, it does well by itself,

though I recommend reading the first book, so you don't miss out on any of the fun! I was given a copy of this book for my honest review.

I have not loved a cast of characters like I love Ane Mulligan's Chapel Springs' since Jan Karon and Mitford--or maybe Adriana Trigiani's Big Stone Gap! The first book is "Chapel Springs Revival", which you really should not miss. This series is a delicious blend of relate-able characters with relate-able problems and families (and some problems/family members I'm glad I don't have), plus a town you feel like you're living in (or want to live in), with lots of humor and wisdom, too. Only drawback -- I had to be careful reading before falling asleep because I didn't want to disturb my husband by laughing out-loud! Sweet and fun.

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