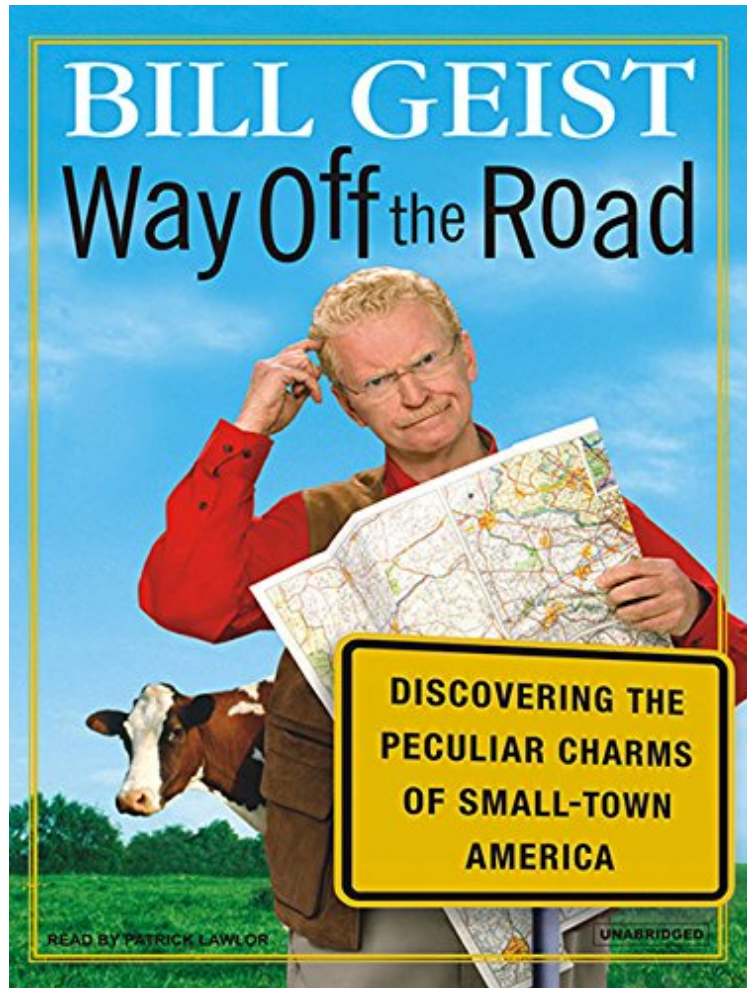


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Good for a road trip By Moon over Moon While the stories are entertaining, many of them are simply audio renditions of stories Mr. Geist has done for the Sunday Morning television program. The most disappointing thing about me for this was that Bill Geist did not narrate the CD! While the reader was fine, I missed it not hearing Bill's voice. After all, I purchased the CD thinking he was the narrator. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Well worth listening to By J. Wilson I thoroughly enjoyed this audiobook.

The stories were very engaging and Bill Geist is just plain funny! The narrator was just right for this book. I would recommend it.

Celebrated roving correspondent for CBS News Sunday Morning and bestselling author Bill Geist serves up a rollicking look at some small-town Americans and their offbeat ways of life. "In rural Kansas, I asked our motel desk clerk for the name of the best restaurant in the area. After mulling it over, he answered: 'I'd have to say the Texaco, 'cuz the Shell don't have no microwave.'" Throughout his career, Bill Geist's most popular stories have been about slightly odd but loveable individuals. Coming on the heels of his 5,600-mile RV trip across our fair land is *Way Off the Road*, a hilarious and compelling mix of stories about the folks featured in Geist's segments, along with observations on his twenty years of life on the road. Written in the deadpan style that has endeared him to millions, Geist shares tales of eccentric individuals, such as the ninety-three-year-old pilot-paperboy who delivers to his far-flung subscribers by plane; the Arizona mailman who delivers mail via horseback down the walls of the Grand Canyon; the Muleshoe, Texas, anchorwoman who delivers the news from her bedroom (occasionally wearing her bathrobe); and the struggling Colorado entrepreneur who finds success employing a sewer vacuum to rid Western ranchers of problematic prairie dogs. Geist also takes us to events such as the Mike the Headless Chicken Festival (celebrating an inspiring bird that survived decapitation, hired an agent, and went on the road for eighteen months) and Sundown Days in Hanlontown, Iowa, where the town marks the one day a year when the sun sets directly between the railroad tracks. Along the wacky and wonderful way, Geist shows us firsthand how life in fly-over America can be odd, strangely fascinating, hysterical, and anything but boring.

"Geist tells his tales straight, letting the humor come through on its own.... They are refreshing tales about good-hearted people who work hard and without pretension." ---Chicago Sun-Times
About the Author Bill Geist is a regular commentator for CBS News Sunday Morning and The CBS Evening News. Patrick Lawlor has recorded over three hundred audiobooks in just about every genre. He has been an Audie Award finalist multiple times and has garnered several AudioFile Earphones Awards, a Publishers Weekly Listen-Up Award, and many Library Journal and Kirkus starred audio reviews. From AudioFile
CBS News personality Bill Geist, known for his quirky enthusiasms, has shown viewers a stand-still parade, a cow photographer, a one-woman town, and many other scenes of small-town life. Geists audiobook re-creates some of his reports, along with a few rants on airports, motels, and rental cars. Patrick Lawlor's cheerfully excited narration brings out Geists descriptions of such experiences as eating at a Texas barbecue joint. Lawlor also adds a sarcastic tone to Geists stories and projects Geists occasional dislike for some of his topics, such as figure-eight school-bus racing. Fans of Geists reports might prefer to hear his voice, but, for the most part, his anecdotes of rural America are still entertaining as delivered by Lawlor. J.A.S. © AudioFile 2007, Portland, Maine--
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