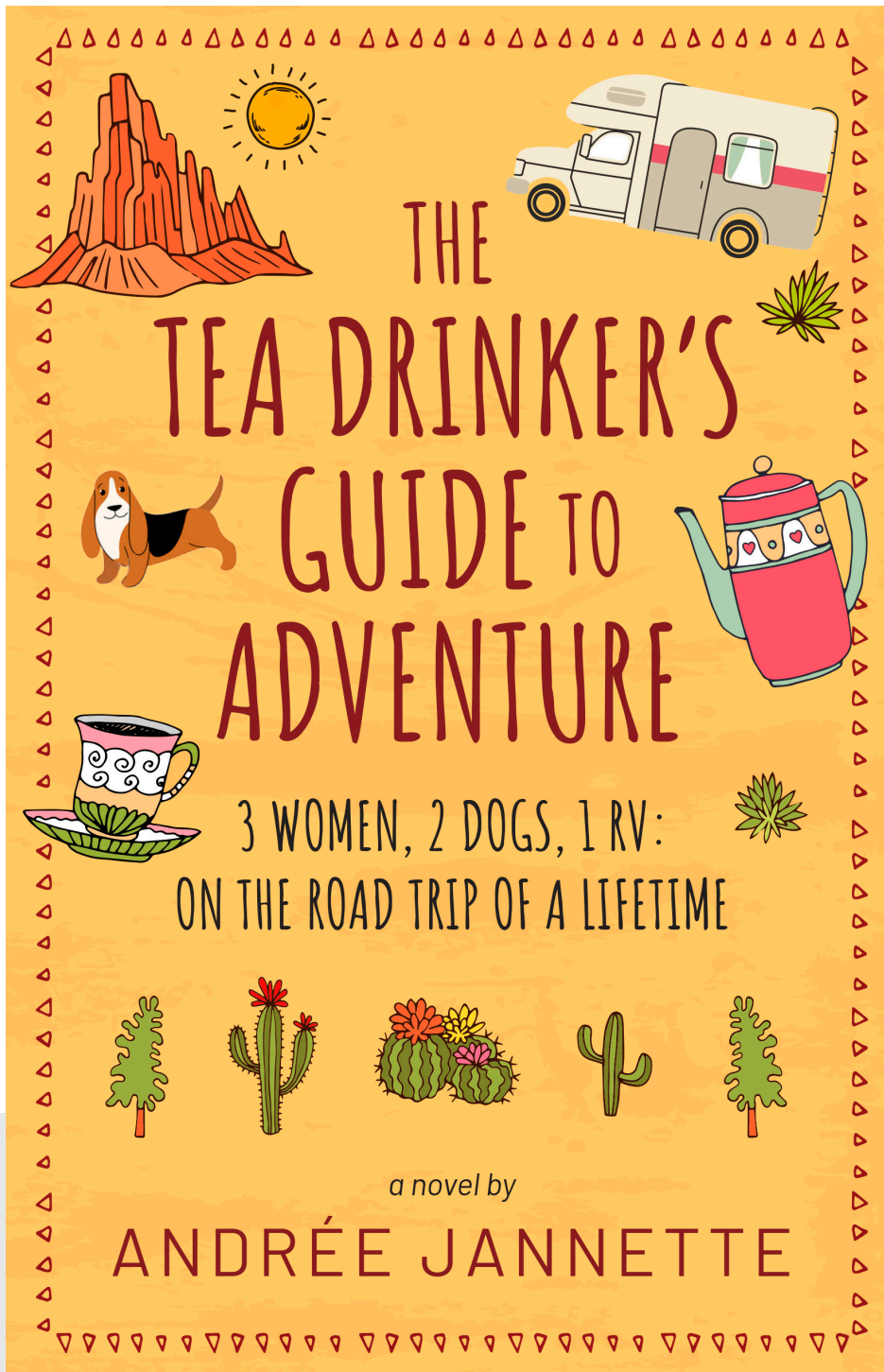


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# Author Biography

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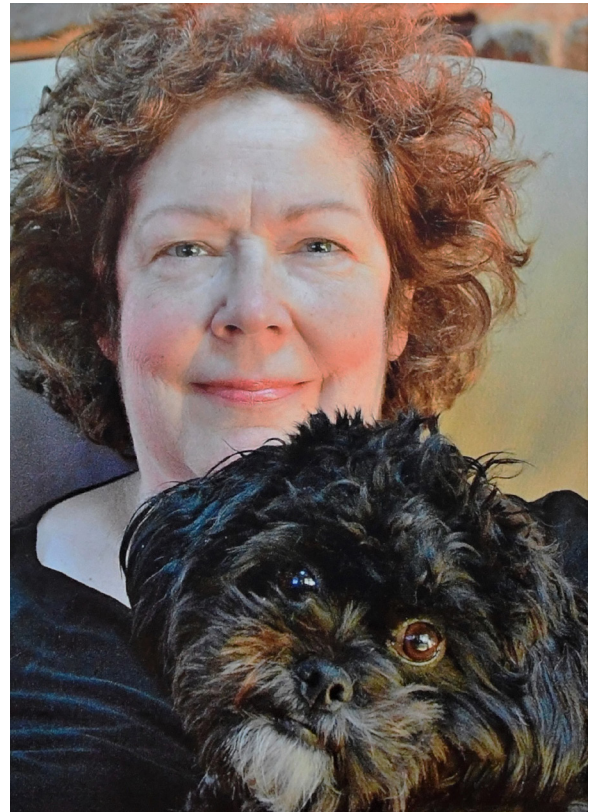
In Andrée Jannette's debut novel, she introduces readers to Cathy, Linda and Betsy as they set off on the adventure of a lifetime.

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Andrée Jannette lives in the Philadelphia area with her partner and two dogs. She was previously a public relations manager and freelance writer/photographer. T

*The Tea Drinker's Guide to Adventure* is her first novel. She is already working on her next, *Welcome to Mouse Island*.

You can learn more about her books on Amazon.



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# 02 Book Details

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**As Cathy, Linda, and Betsy begin the adventure-filled road trip of a lifetime, to fulfill a dying friend's wish, the trio of 60-something friends have no idea that their lives are about to change forever.**

Setting off from their homes in Pennsylvania, they are women with a mission; to spread their late friend's ashes at Georgia O' Keefe's Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. But when a stray dog runs in front of their RV on a dark desert night, it sends them on a path that none of the women could foresee.

As they overcome unexpected dangers, and face their own personal conflicts head-on, can the trio's growing friendship help them to conquer the challenges on the road that lies ahead? The only thing they can be certain about is that there will be plenty of laughter, tears and tea, as they each discover an inner strength they never knew they had.

# 03

# Chapter Excerpt

## EXCERPT FROM CHAPTER 8

“We are definitely moving the RV,” said Cathy. Linda saw how close Charlie was to the riverbank. Feeling a rush of fear, she called his name. He looked up, wagged his tail, and turned to amble back to her. She smiled at him.

Without warning, the edge of the riverbank where Charlie was standing gave way. He dropped into the water with a terrified yelp. Paddling frantically, he tried to keep his head above water. But he was not a natural swimmer and was pulled under by the water, again and again. The river picked him up, whirling him away downstream. He quickly disappeared.

Linda screamed a wild, ragged sound full of anguish. She raced for the edge of the river. Cathy raced after her. Once she reached Linda, she tried to grab her arm.

Linda yelled, “Let me go!”

Cathy yelled back, “No! You’ll drown!”

Betsy appeared at their side and grabbed Linda’s other arm, pleading with her. “It’s too late!”

With all her strength, Linda pulled her arms free from both of them, raced to the water’s edge, and jumped.

“No!” screamed Cathy and Betsy.

“Jesus Christ!” Cathy grabbed Betsy, “I am going to run along the river and see if I can spot them. Here’s my phone. Call Ben. His number’s in there, so is Alfreda’s and Peter’s. Call them. Call 911. Get help.” With that Cathy spun on her heels and raced off toward the river.

The last few moments of extreme stress had triggered Betsy’s Parkinson’s. Her hands began shaking so violently that she dropped her phone twice before she could hold

**EXCERPT CONTINUED**

it securely enough to bring up Siri. She instructed Siri to call Ben. Ben wasn't answering, so she left a message. She then called Alfreda and, again, had to leave a message. Finally, when she called Peter, he picked up. He started to greet her pleasantly. She cut him off and told him what had just happened and that they desperately needed help. He told her he was at the ranch house and would be right down.

While Betsy was waiting for Peter, she noticed something shiny and metallic in the bunch of weeds right by the river. She went over and pulled the weeds aside. It was an old aluminum rowboat. Lots of dents but no holes and, better yet, two oars. She began pulling it out of the weeds, pushing it toward the river. "You can do this," she told herself, even as she shook with fear. She was about to push off, when powerful arms grabbed her around the waist and lifted her out of the boat.

"What the hell do you think you're doing?" Peter yelled.

"I'm going to save my friends!"

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## Sample Interview Questions

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*Why did you include a character with Parkinson's?*

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*Why did you choose to focus on women in their 60s?*

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*Do you think people in their 60s would be interested in a romance between people their age?*

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*Are dogs really dumped on highways? How many?*

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*Are medical alert service dogs real?*

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*Why do you think friendships among women are so often devalued?*

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*Why did you decide to write this book?*

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*Who is your favorite character?*

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*Do you plan on a sequel?*

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*Was it difficult to write this book?*

# 05

# Main Characters

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**Cathy:** Willing to take on new challenges but at the same time afraid to open up to a second chance at love. She lost her husband to cancer and is afraid to feel that much pain again. She believes she is too old to fall in love.

**Linda:** Had a troubled childhood with an absentee father. Because of that she has major trust and abandonment issues. She keeps everyone around her at a distance emotionally, both men and women. She feels shut off and alone. Until this trip she never really let people get close.

**Betsy:** Diagnosed with Parkinson's 15 years ago. Her husband left her as he was not able to deal with it. For years she has hidden the symptoms, this road trip is the first time she's let people see her struggling with the disease. She uses humor to insulate herself from worry about the future.



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# Target Audience

## MATURE READERS OF WOMEN'S FICTION

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*Female readers aged 40 and over will enjoy this multi-dimensional story that follows a trio of strong and capable women as they experience romance and adventure.*

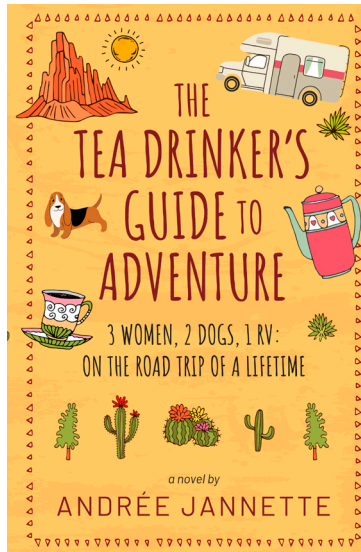


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