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Bill Bailey came into the life of a young widow Fiona Nelson and her three children as a lodger. He appeared to be ordinary enough but behind his rough charm lay some remarkable qualities, which were to have a great and lasting effect on the future lives of Fiona and the children.

Before long Fiona and Bill are married and they embark on a life together. They adopt a child and have one of their own. But their path is never smooth, and fluctuating fortunes take them from success to failure and back again...

Collected together in one volume for the first time, Catherine Cookson's first three Bill Bailey novels are richly entertaining tales of family life and relationships which touch the heart and offer much shrewd observation of the human condition.

Bill Bailey Details

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Peter says

Great read!!!!

As always Catherine Cookson spins a spellbinding yarn which is as realistic as everyday life. Very easy to read, excellent characterisation and a plot woven around life as we know it.

Barbra says

This is the first book in a trilogy. Although I did read the books they are not one of my favourite series by her.

Back Cover Blurb:

Set in the Tyneside town of Fellburn, a novel in which Fiona Nelson advertises for a lodger to make ends meet, and into her life steps Bill Bailey. It is not long before she wonders how she ever managed without him.

Shirley Revill says

I never realised I had read so many Catherine Cookson stories till I started to create a list of books that I have read. A very gifted lady who brought so much pleasure to many people through the years. Loved her stories and the film adaptations of her books. Storytelling at it's best. Recommended.

Lili says

I read all of Catherine Cookson's books some years ago and enjoyed them immensely. I recently re-read all of them and find that on a second look I found them all so very predictable, and was rather disappointed. However I'm sure that it is my tastes that have changed not the calibre of her story telling.

Gena Lott says

This is the first in a trilogy. Very well written and full of poignant moments, realization and change.

Louise says

Good but not one of the best, I did enjoy it though.

Ladan Fazli says

You can not help but love the characters...

Vickie says

Fun book of an interesting step family.

Benjamin Stahl says

For grandmma lit, I must admit that Catherine Cookson deserves recognition. This was not as good as the previous novel I read - *The Harrogate Secret* - but all in all, *Bill Bailey* is not a bad story. I didn't like how it teased towards certain genres - at one point it becomes a kidnap thriller - but in the end, with the emotional climax, I realised that I cared about her characters more than I had realised.

Beverly Low says**Really great**

cookson does it again!!!! Oh how she takes you away...a must read that will make you laugh and put you on the edge of your seat

Cheryll Butters says

Another enjoyable read. I look forward to finding out more about Bill Bailey!
