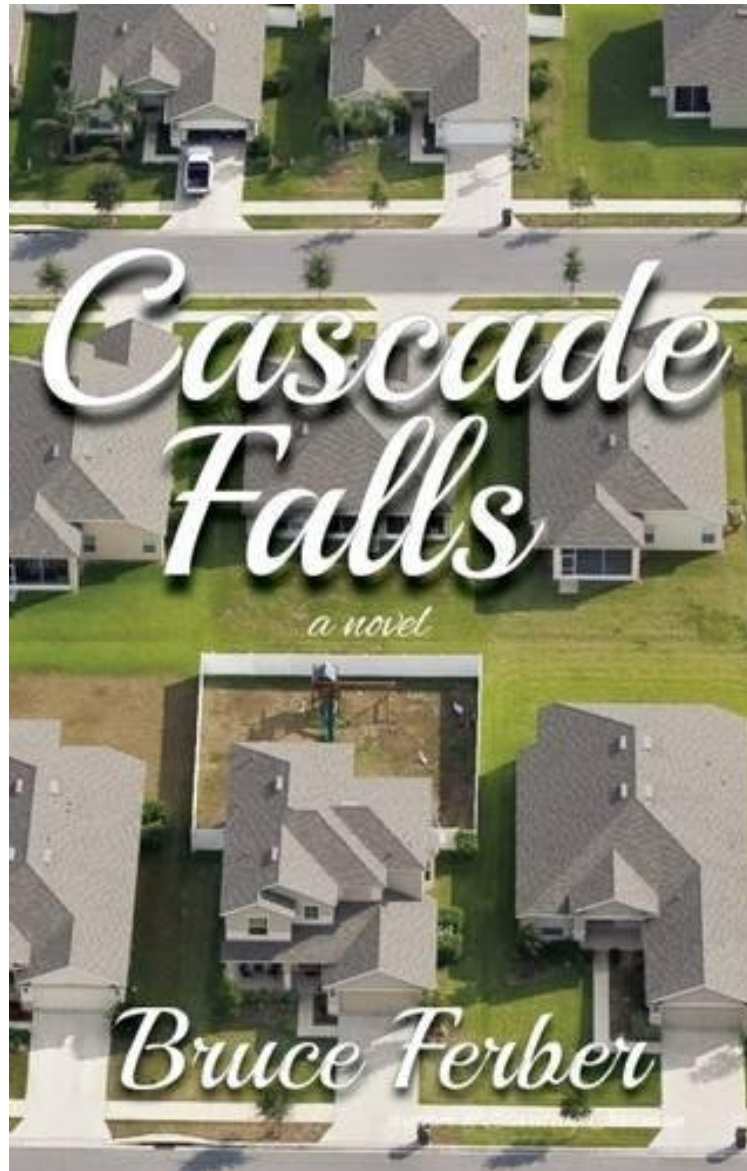


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A COMIC DARK TALE OF LIVES UNRAVELINGBy W. R. Keyes“Cascade Falls” held me from beginning to end. A lot of it’s amusing, and just as much is painful human. Like life, this story is unpredictable. It’s a rich complex, funny sad tale with vividly painted characters bouncing off each

other in a vividly dysfunctional place. How family can provide purpose or kill one's soul, even with the best of intentions. It's about what love can and can't do, as we watch a loving marriage slowly fall apart. Danny Johnson and his wife fled a failed life in the arts in LA for Danny's suburban hometown in Arizona, where he goes to work for his over-bearing, successful father. The story is about dealing with failure or fleeing it, appearance vs reality, finding (or not finding) grace. It's about love, husbands wives, parents children, sex, power, art, money and strength of character. (Or lack thereof.) Throw in a venal, cynical yet talented ghost-writer, a decent widower trying to do his best by his child despite his grief and loneliness. It seems like a quick read, but it's a big story. I'm not doing this book or it's colorful characters and absorbing plot Justice -- it's Life in microcosm, it keeps you turning pages to learn what happens next. It's the second novel I've read by Bruce Ferber. ("Elevating Overman" is the first, and also well-worth your time.) If there's a third, you can bet I'll be there in line to get it. Ferber is a talent to watch. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The American Dream isn't all it's cracked up to be...By MF Smith I was lucky enough to meet Bruce Ferber at a local Book Event. I bought an autographed copy and was pleased to add it to my autographed novel collection. After reading it, it is one of my favorite books. It is haunting in many ways, but there is always a thread of hope for all the characters. Many of the characters are both maddening and endearing, just like most of our families are to us. You think of the sacrifices we all make for family, whether consciously or subconsciously. The expectations we have for each other can be stifling and a burden, but they also give you a sense of belonging and an identity. We can all identify with wanting to run away to a place where nobody knows us and just recreating ourselves. But that idea has some drawbacks, because you never can really let go of who you actually are inside. There is a great twist at the end...and it is completely unexpected. The writing is fluid and the story moves well. I would definitely recommend this book. Just be prepared to see yourself in print. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A great read! By Miriam Trogdon Cascade Falls is a riveting read. Darkly funny, yet psychologically astute. The characters are well-developed and real, and you are immediately drawn into their world. You want to know why they do what they do and how their actions will affect each other. The housing development of Cascade Falls is a great place to set this story. The cheaply built houses with the cow manure smell represent the American dream for their inhabitants, and it's the pursuit of this dream that dictates the decisions they make. This is a book that takes you into the world of people who are questioning their lives and their very reasons for living. I really enjoyed it. My only negative comment - I wanted more. I wanted to know what else happened to these people. Were marriages healed? Were loves fulfilled? Did the lessons learned stick? Maybe a sequel, Mr. Ferber?

Cascade Falls explores the failed promise of the American Dream. Raised to believe that with hard work, anything is possible, a staggering number of Americans hate their jobs and see little chance of ever escaping the grind. In his tragicomic followup to the laugh-ridden *Elevating Overman*, Bruce Ferber asks the question: "How does giving up our dreams affect our relationships and our psyches?" Danny Johnson, a writer whose career never materialized, moves with his wife and children to Cascade Falls, a water-filled, golf community in the bone-dry desert outside of Phoenix. Grudgingly going to work for his father Ted, the Elmer Gantry of home development, Danny's quest for stability ultimately comes up short. His marriage begins to fray and the housing market goes bust, forcing him and those around him to examine their lives anew. *Cascade Falls* exposes the desperate price paid for sacrificing who we are for how and where we live.

"Bruce Ferber's *Cascade Falls* is a black comedy of high order, bitingly funny and earnestly moving at the same time. He has a great eye for the ways we misperceive ourselves and each other, often with drastic consequences. Ferber writes with a comic urgency but he's never too busy funnin' to recognize the way life can erode even the best intentions."—T. Jefferson Parker, author of *Full Measure* "In the suburbs of Phoenix, marriages and careers are coming undone in this second novel from sitcom producer Ferber."—Kirkus "This novel is a sincere exploration of the struggles people go through trying to survive and do right, while still holding on to their dreams."—ForeWord "Bruce Ferber is that perfect combination of humorist and humanist. *Cascade Falls* is poignant, moving, and ridiculously funny."—Dan Zevin, Thurber Award-winning author of *Dan Gets a Minivan* "Bruce Ferber's gentle narrative style slyly masks a much more serious question, one the disillusioned suburbanites at the core of *Cascade Falls* might as well be asking on the part of us all: namely, what does the American Dream mean these days, and to whom does its storied set of tenets apply? Ferber reminds us that no matter how well off you think you are, there's always room to fall, and yet no matter how far you've fallen, there's also room in your remaining space and years to find your best self."—David Kukoff, author of *Children of the Canyon* "Seldom does the breach in a couple's bond spring from a simple, singular moment. The rift deepens subtly through trickles of concealed, vulnerable truths; wounding misinterpretations that erode trust and build defensiveness; the paradox of alienation alongside a drive to join; and faraway spaces of intimacy, ardor, and hope. In *Cascade Falls*, Bruce Ferber masterfully reproduces a relationship in its aching devolution."—Holly Parker, PhD, lecturer in the Department of Psychology, Harvard University, and author of *If We're Together, Why Do I Feel So Alone?*