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from the regular fare you read please get this! It's funny, touching, warm with people accepting each other as they are getting together as families to celebrate the small large events of our life. I can't wait for Trent to write another book about living in Atlanta or anywhere! He has a great capacity to bring you into the story make you feel like you are there eating drinking at the same table. What's not to like about a book with children, their harried parents, Trent Kens cats, their remodeling of their Queen Anne house, their Mom's each others families. Trent Pines has a wonderful voice I look forward to reading another of his "Andy Griffith Mayberry " books

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Fantastic Read By Jessica Booth Life on Altamont Court is a outstanding adventure that Trent and Ken made living in New Jersey on a lovely street called Altamont Court. From buying a new-to-them house and going through several challenging remodels, to having the perfect neighbors and hilarious mothers, Trent made living on Altamont Court a dream to all who read about his endeavors. I often found myself comparing my life and neighborhood to theirs and wondering why I couldn't be as fortunate as them! Hearing the stories of their backyard parties for neighbors, holidays, and daughters melted my heart and made me laugh so hard that I would cry. If you're looking for a insight into the lives of two absolutely incredible people and all of the others that have touched their hearts, this book is the perfect read for you. If you're wanting a pick-me-up and a book that makes you feel like you're right there painting with Heather or attending Lindsay's 16th Greased themed birthday party, this is the book for you. Pick up a copy, and trust me, you won't put it down until your done!

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A wonderful book about Life, Love and Laughs! By Peter Lu I got this book because of the great ratings and I have yet to be let down. I have not been able to put this book down and finally have completed it and I want more. This book is a must buy/read! The book follows the life of a gay man living a family life in a neighborhood in New Jersey. The focus is not on the men being a gay couple, but about living life and dealing with the same issues and celebrations of life that any other family encounters...but with a FABULOUS flare. I'm a straight man living in Dallas, TX but I could relate to so many of the situations in the book, the macho men in the neighborhood that have more power tools than they know what to do with, the neighbor that goes overboard with Christmas decorations, and the wonderful cooks that you always invite to your parties because you know they will bring wonderful food. Speaking of food, the book includes many of the recipes that are referenced in the stories. I can't wait to try it out this holiday season. Don't these sound great?"Made a pot of sauce, you'll come to dinner" - sauce "Trent's divine balls" - risotto rice balls "The Nog" - just in time for the holidays "How do you say 'I need your cheesecake recipe,' in Italian?" - Italian Cheesecake The only thing I would say this book is missing is the NEXT BOOK! What happens next in your life? What happened before you got to New Jersey?

WINNER OF THE 2014 Next Generation Indie Book Awards for HUMOR/COMEDY The Inflatable Snowman. The Gigantic Inflatable Snowman. We thought that 'Frosty' would lead to our demise. That 20-foot monstrosity placed in our front yard by a not so helpful elf had me questioning our decision to move into this seemingly quiet neighborhood on a cul-de-sac. Read about the mayhem and mishaps that come into play when you mix together a potpourri of eccentric characters that live within a stone's throw of each other. Take an Eco-friendly, high-strung type A neighbor, a demanding Italian Matriarch, men who are the embodiment of the words "More Power," a troop of loving and mischievous kids and mix in two gay men who are hell-bent on making a home out of a charming half-million-dollar, 100 year old fixer upper and you have the residents of Altamont Court. Whether you're a weekend warrior who can't wait to get your hands around the next "improvement project", a stiletto-wearing Texas woman who wields a gun in flawless makeup, or a queen from the city who eagerly awaits the next big sales event at Neiman Marcus - this memoir is for you. Pour a drink, or more appropriately a shot, sit back, relax and enjoy - and if you don't, then the words of a truly classy character from this book come to mind, "What the F%\$'s wrong with you?" Yes, it's that kind of party - bless our hearts. Trent Pines trentpines@gmail.com

From Kirkus sPines' debut memoir offers a lighthearted, entertaining tale about his time on Altamont Court—a small, suburban cul-de-sac in Morristown, N.J.—and the neighbors who became his surrogate family. The author repeatedly notes that he never envisioned himself having a white-picket-fence kind of life. However, that's exactly what he got when he moved, with his partner, Ken, to Altamont Court, a quiet suburban neighborhood filled with zany, inquisitive and lovable neighbors. The memoir's first section centers on Pines' story of renovating a "half-million-dollar fixer-upper" home soon after he and Ken arrived in Morristown—a disastrous undertaking that's similar to the one in the 1986 comedy film *The Money Pit*, which the author quotes throughout. The latter, and longer, section focuses on the couple's life on Altamont Court after the renovation was complete and their relationships with their neighbors, including Karla, the outspoken matriarch next door; her tomboy daughter, Erin, who became Pines' "faux goddaughter"; and Davin, Karla's youngest son, who was "as honest and sincere as they come." Ultimately, the stories here are simply amusing, at best, but the author's voice and personality make this book highly entertaining. Pines is an honest, self-deprecating narrator ("Once we were boarded, I drugged myself with an Ambien, two Xanax, and two shots of vodka and woke up as we landed.... Believe me when I say it's in everyone's best interest that I remain anesthetized on long international flights"), and reading his book feels like having a conversation with an old friend.

This memoir is also notable for its real-life story of a committed gay couple living a peaceful domestic life, something rarely portrayed in the popular culture. A heartwarming memoir featuring funny stories of suburban life.