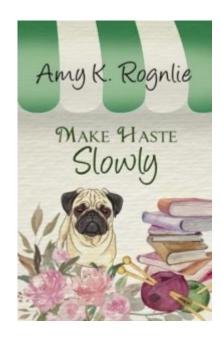
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By Amy K. Rognlie (Mountain Brook Ink)

Middle school teacher Amy Rognlie, who has written several historical fiction novels, returns to a contemporary setting in *Make Haste Slowly*. In the first of the Short Creek Mysteries, the author introduces life in Short Creek, a small Central Texas town near Temple on Interstate 35.



Growing up, Callie Erickson and her brother spent happy summers with Aunt Dot and Uncle Garth in Short Creek. When her widowed aunt moves to assisted living, she offers Callie her home. In need of a fresh start after losing her husband, Callie drives a U-Haul from Ohio with her dogs and opens a florist/book/knitting shop next to one of the town's churches.

The 35-year-old seems to be settling in until she finds a body near her shop's back porch. She calls 911, and the mystery begins. In a town where everybody knows everyone, no one knows the deceased, not even handsome volunteer fireman Todd. Later, Sheriff Earl tells Callie the man wasn't dead, but Callie knows dead when she sees it.

The determined young woman searches for answers with the help of her aunt and a bevy of new friends, including Todd, single pastor Houston, and church secretary Mona. The whodunit twists and turns through Callie's past, the pastor's office, her aunt's attic, and Hang 'Em High Taxidermy. Faith, prayer and Scripture guide and guard Callie as she unravels the mystery and opens to love.

<u>Make Haste Slowly</u> offers an exciting and suspenseful mystery/romance while showing the difference one woman can make in her world.

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