Travels With Jim

It used to be Cliff and Vivian and now it isn’t. With these words, Jim Harrison sends his sixty-something protagonist, divorced and robbed of his farm by a late-blooming real estate shark of an ex-wife, on a road trip across America, armed with a childhood puzzle of the United States and a mission to rename all the states and state birds to overcome the banal names men have given them. Cliff’s adventures take him through a whirlwind affair with a former student from his high school-teacher days twenty-some years before, to a snake farm in Arizona owned by an old classmate; and to the high-octane existence of his son, a big-time movie producer in San Francisco.

The English Major is the map of a man’s journey into—and out of—himself, and it is vintage Harrison—reflective, big-picture American, and replete with wicked wit.

I enjoyed this latest novel by Jim Harrison - sort of a Travels with Charlie without the dog. A cynical, aging man who is educated but chose farming after teaching school for a few years travels through several Western states trying to figure out what happened with his life and his marriage. Wait a minute . . . is this a novel or JHs journal? Who cares. It was quite an entertaining, light read with little explosions of brilliance sprinkled throughout.

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