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The Three of Us



An exclusive digital short story

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About the Book

***The Three of Us* is an exclusive short story introducing Zara, the village midwife, whose story you can read in Cathy's new book, *Follow Me Home*, and bringing us up to date with what's happened to Tessa and Jack from *The Village Vet*.**

Plus read the first chapter of *Follow Me Home*, which is out in April

Tessa and Jack live at the Animal Sanctuary in Talyton St George. They had been friends for years, but it wasn't until Jack interrupted Tessa's wedding that she discovered his feelings for her were stronger than she ever knew.

Now, a year on, Tessa is pregnant, and they could not be happier.

But a scan shows that there are complications, and suddenly Tessa discovers that Jack has always had doubts about having a baby. Supported throughout by Zara, the village midwife, Tessa and Jack have some tough decisions to make.

However, as the baby's birth draws closer, Tessa and Jack grow further apart. Will he feel differently when the baby is born? Or will having her wonderful child mean losing the man of her dreams?

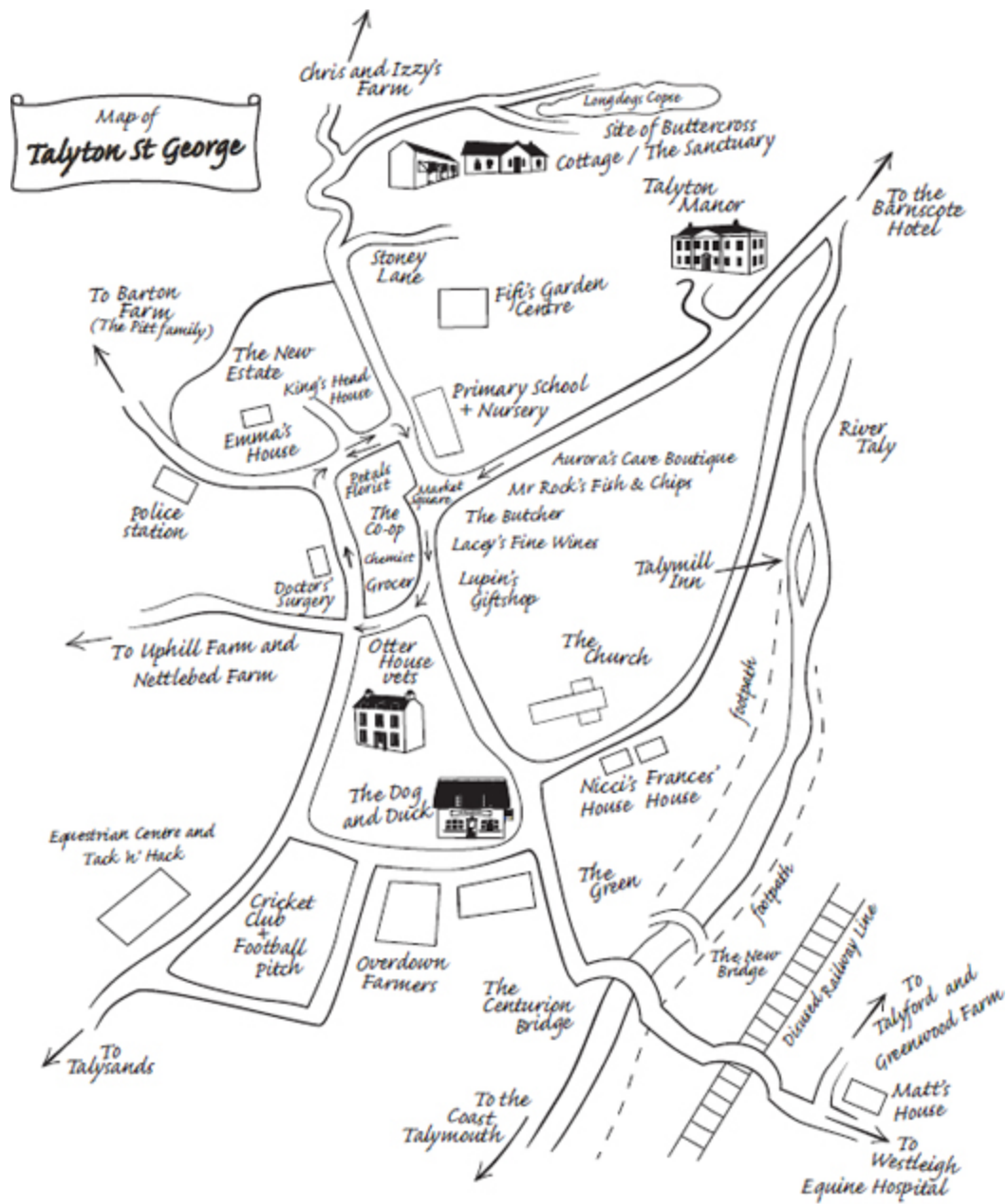
About the Author

Cathy Woodman was small animal vet before turning to writing fiction. She won the Harry Bowling First Novel Award in 2002 and is a member of the Romantic Novelists' Association. She is also a lecturer in Animal Management at a local college. *Country Loving* is the seventh book set in the fictional market town of Talyton St George in East Devon, where Cathy lived as a child. Cathy now lives with her two children, three exuberant Border Terriers and a cat in a village near Winchester, Hampshire.

Other books by Cathy Woodman

Trust Me, I'm a Vet
Must Be Love
The Sweetest Thing
It's a Vet's Life
The Village Vet
Vets in Love
Country Loving
Follow Me Home

Map of Talyton St George



The Three of Us

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Author's Note

When I was writing my latest book, *Follow Me Home*, about Zara the midwife, and the new mums and babies she cares for, I realised that every family she comes into contact with is different and each has their own tale to tell. I thought it would be lovely to continue with at least one of their stories so you could find out what happened after their baby was born. It was hard to choose which one, but in the end I decided to write about Tessa and her husband Jack because, although they are looking forward to the birth of their first baby in *Follow Me Home*, the pregnancy doesn't quite go to plan, and I wanted you to be able to see how they are coping with the changes in their lives a few months down the line.

I know some of you will already have met Tessa and Jack in another of the Talyton St George books, *The Village Vet*, where love grew from a shared interest in animal rescue and I enjoyed revealing what has happened to them since in *The Three of Us*. It's also been great fun for me to revisit some of the characters, both human and animal, at the rescue centre.

I hope you enjoy reading their story as much as I loved writing it.

Cathy