



Meet the **SOUTHERN ROADS** characters and the world they live in!

(And get some great ideas for writing your own stories within the **SOUTHERN ROADS** Kindle Worlds!)

Overview

Ten years ago, an F-5 tornado obliterated the remote town of Sweetness in the Georgia mountains. The three Armstrong brothers had deep roots there and now have reunited to rebuild their town with an army of ex-military men. In the beginning, they made great progress, but then the men threatened mutiny from the lack of women. Desperate, the brothers place an ad for “100 women with a pioneering spirit” willing to help build a community...and they come!

The plotlines of the **SOUTHERN ROADS** stories are twofold: as the town grows and necessary buildings are built and services added, romances develop between the town’s residents. The complications of burgeoning relationships are exasperated by the remote and rural conditions, and the fact that most of the women who answered the ad are from the Northern United States and most of the men are from the Southern United States, so everyone’s ideas of societal roles are challenged. But how exciting to be planning and building a town from the ground up—the possibilities and the direction of stories are endless! Readers and writers are encouraged to consider starting their own mini-series within the **SOUTHERN ROADS** series through Kindle Worlds.

Setting Information

The setting for the **SOUTHERN ROADS** series is the remote Georgia mountains. The climate is hot and humid most of the year, but the elevation is high enough for snow accumulation in the winter. There are lots of hardwood trees and plenty of Georgia pine trees for an evergreen backdrop. The terrain is rugged and rocky, with lots of red clay and steep cliffs.

In the town of Sweetness, the landmarks are Timber Creek, a pretty waterway that winds alongside the town and has a famous swimming hole. Over Timber Creek is Evermore Bridge, a picturesque covered bridge where families congregate for picnics. There’s also a white water tower, the only structure spared by the tornado. The men in town often climb the water tower to proclaim their love with graffiti! And there’s Clover Ridge, which rises above the town; it’s where the Armstrong brothers lived; clearing the ridge for new homes to be built is a high priority.

In the town of Sweetness, you’ll find a Boardinghouse that originally housed the initial group of women who came to Sweetness, but now families live there, including children. There is also a bunkhouse, which is still where most of the single men live, a school, a general store/post officer, a diner, a lost and found warehouse, a medical clinic, a hair salon, dog groomer, and other retail locations. Most of the buildings are made from materials recycled from the tornado debris.

Keep in mind Sweetness is still being built, so new businesses are popping up all the time!



Characters

Emory Maxwell is the US Army soldier who returns to Sweetness on military leave to propose to his childhood sweetheart **Shelby Moon**. He's the best friend of Porter Armstrong. While Emory is in Sweetness, the devastating tornado occurs. Their story is told in the prequel novella, *BABY, I'M YOURS*.

Porter Armstrong, the youngest of 3 brothers and a former US Army soldier. He's handsome and impulsive. His love interest is **Dr. Nikki Salinger**, who moves to Sweetness to recover from a painful breakup. Their story is told in *BABY, DRIVE SOUTH*.

Kendall Armstrong, middle brother, former Air Force airman. Civil engineer. He's the referee between his two brothers. His love interest is his high school sweetheart **Amy Bradshaw**, also an engineer, who returns to Sweetness to rebuild a landmark covered bridge. Their story is told in *BABY, COME HOME*.

Marcus Armstrong, oldest brother, former US Marine. Very stoic and authoritative. A large man carved out of stone. His love interest is **Alicia Randall**, a reporter who comes to do an expose on the town's matchmaking reputation. Their story is told in *BABY, DON'T GO*.

Emily Armstrong, the matriarch of the Armstrong clan

Doc Riley Bates, a natural healer

Rachel Hutchins, a gorgeous blonde barracuda determined to be mayor of Sweetness

Dr. Jay Cross, a geeky, slight Brit who's head over heels in love with the out-of-reach Rachel

Molly McIntyre, an ex-military battle axe of a woman who keeps everyone in line

Betsy Hahn, a young woman who runs the lost & found warehouse website

Dr. Barry Devine, a handsome scientist studying kudzu

Matthew Mason, the minister

Cupid, a wounded deer rescued and adopted as the town pet and mascot

Various and sundry workers, and women who answered the ad

Story Starters

Stumped for story ideas for the **SOUTHERN ROADS Kindle Worlds**? Here are some ideas to get your imagination going:

--Consider the rugged, rural setting and how that might lend itself to certain types of stories: Maybe someone is hiding? Maybe someone is looking for a small community to con and think they find it in Sweetness?

--Sweetness is a matchmaking town! There's an army of men who came to build the town, and women arriving every day in hopes of finding a mate. What business/services come to mind when you think of dating, engagements & weddings?

--The Armstrong brothers and many of the men they recruited to rebuild the town are ex-military, which presents its own story ideas dealing with town security; what if a special ops team is operating there in secret? What if Sweetness is tasked to build a bunker to house top government officials in a national emergency?

--The rural southern setting is rife for all kinds of folklore, myth, and magic—can you think of some great paranormal stories to set in Sweetness?

--Part of the charm of Sweetness is its remote setting...but what if someone famous visits and turns the town upside down...like the President of the United States? A movie star? Or the film crew for a reality show?

YOU can be a part of the SOUTHERN ROADS community by writing a story for Kindle Worlds!

What are you waiting for? Go, go, go!