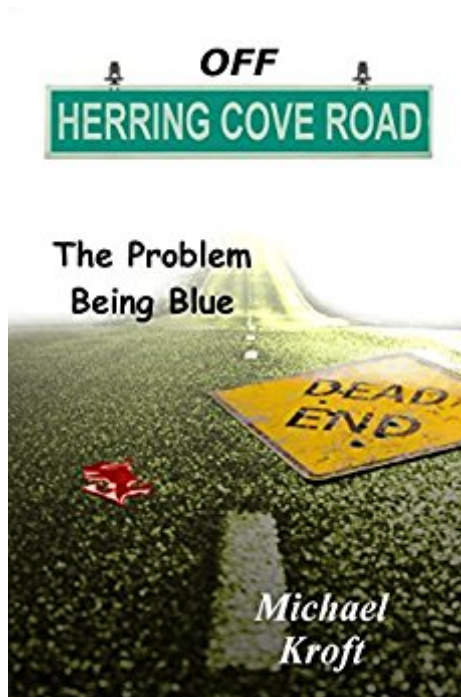


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# Off Herring Cove Road: The Problem Being Blue



## Synopsis

Book 3 of the Herring Cove Road series June 26, 2016: An additional edit to the fourth edition of Off Herring Cove Road: The Problem Being Blue, which included slight additions to several chapters with an overall increase of almost 5% to the word count, was completed to address the typographical and grammatical issues, and replace the British specific terms, slang and spellings with their American equivalents. With Blue's father in prison for selling marijuana and his mother estranged for over the last seven years, Blue is doing well, all considering. As the second addition to the not-so-nuclear Dixon family of Lisa, her ten-year-old son, Dwight, and the retired, Jewish introvert, Av, Blue finds himself living in a much better area of Halifax, Nova Scotia, going to a much better school and for the first time, actually applying himself academically as he struggles to fit in. All that's soon threatened when Blue's estranged mother returns to take him away, and around the same time, he's harassed and threatened by his father's affiliation with the very dangerous, local biker gang to whom his father owes money. Blue, his surrogate family, and Dwight's new academically overachieving friend, Lyon, are forced to deal with the quickly escalating problems that threaten both the family unit and its members. \*WARNING\* This third novel in the Herring Cove Road series includes violence and coarse language and involves situations of accidental death, murder, and suicide. -NOT RECOMMENDED FOR THOSE UNDER THE AGE OF FOURTEEN-ABOUT THE SERIES

The third of the four stand-alone novels in the evocative and not-so-nuclear family saga series Herring Cove Road, where a small group of troubled individuals, dealing with their own personal issues, accidentally come together to form a family unit, and then while struggling to maintain it, are forced to deal with its dark results, such as: racism, death, murder, suicide and much more. Taking place primarily in the 70's, with believable characters and mostly situated in several areas of Halifax, Nova Scotia, the series chronicles the actions (and their results) of an old and introverted Jewish man, a struggling mother, her naive and lonely son, and a boy streetwise beyond his years. Volume 1: On Herring Cove Road: Mr. Jew and the Goy Boy Volume 2: Still on Herring Cove Road: Hickory, Dickory, Death Volume 3: Off Herring Cove Road: The Problem Being Blue Volume 4: Before Herring Cove Road: A Love Story \*\*Coming November 2016\*\*

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## Customer Reviews

Once again, Michael Kroft has delivered a heart pounding, mind boggling thrill ride. So many ups and downs. So many twists and turns. Just when you think the ride is finally over, another loop pulls you out of your seat. It's only at the end do you notice the tightness in your chest and the tears in your eyes. The characters could be anyone, from anywhere, drawn together by a need to feel safe. A need to feel secure. A need to know there's someone there, standing beside you. A need for family.

Wow, what a way to end a trilogy. This character based novel will leave you wanting more. But there is no more. That's yer lot. It's now two weeks since I finished the whole trilogy and I'm still missing it. I know I need to get a life of my own but it's brilliant that Michael Kroft has created a little world that you can totally immerse yourself in. I strongly recommend you buy all three volumes and read them in order.

Again, as with the other two books in the series, the typos, spelling and grammar errors interfered excessively with the flow of the story. What started out as a charming story about a WWII survivor and a small boy somehow morphed into a dark tale of pedophilia, drugs and murder. Felt like the author completely lost his way on the story line.

I bought this because the title made me laugh. but it was so touching that I stayed. only complaint: the poor editing is amateurish and an insult to the level of the writer as well as the reader. how could this happen? are there no editors working anymore?

Poignant, down to earth feelings, mixed in with quirky + humorous happenings. Some of the things that happened were a little out there( far-fetched), but somehow, the author made it all work!!

A fun read if you've started with his first herring rd book. Also, has a lot of typos or left out words. Good for Jr high except for the violent parts. Has great character development!

I read the first as a lark because of the unusual title. It was so good I couldn't put it down. I followed up with the other two just as quickly. I wish there were more books to the series.

intriguing use of locale to become a character within the story. These characters would just not have 'fit' anywhere else, and the settings were nearly a virtual reality.

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