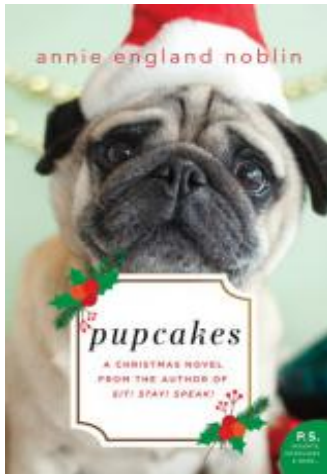


# Pupcakes: A Christmas Novel

by Annie England Noblin

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## About the Book

**All she wants is a settled-down life.**

**What she gets is a dog --- and a whole new normal...**

There he stood in the doorway: overweight, depressed and nearly homeless --- a pug named Teddy Roosevelt. Teddy was Brydie Benson's latest problem, arriving on top of her messy divorce and sudden move. Brydie needed a place to start over, so this rent-free home seemed a great idea. She just never counted on Teddy, or his owner, the Germantown Retirement Village's toughest customer, Pauline Neumann.

And because rent-free doesn't mean bills-free, Brydie gets a night-shift job at a big-box grocery. Whoever guessed there were so many people who wanted baked goods after midnight?

Then, she gets an idea: Why not combine her baking skills with her new-found dog knowledge? And so her store Pupcakes is born. Along with a new start comes a possible new love, in the form of Nathan Reid, a local doctor with a sassy Irish Wolfhound named Sasha. And as fall turns to winter, and then to Christmas, Brydie begins to realize that life is a little bit like learning a new recipe for puff pastry --- it takes a few tries to get it just right!

## Discussion Guide

Although no discussion guide is available for PUPCAKES, we encourage you to take a look at these recipes from the book that you may want to consider for your next book group meeting.

## Author Bio

Annie England Noblin lives with her son, husband and three dogs in the Missouri Ozarks. She graduated with an M.A. in creative writing from Missouri State University and currently teaches English and communications for Arkansas State University in Mountain Home, Arkansas. She spends her free time playing make-believe, feeding stray cats, and working with animal shelters across the country to save homeless dogs.

## Critical Praise

“Fans of Noblin’s canine-themed tales (SIT! STAY! SPEAK!; JUST FINE WITH CAROLINE) will beg for more.”

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