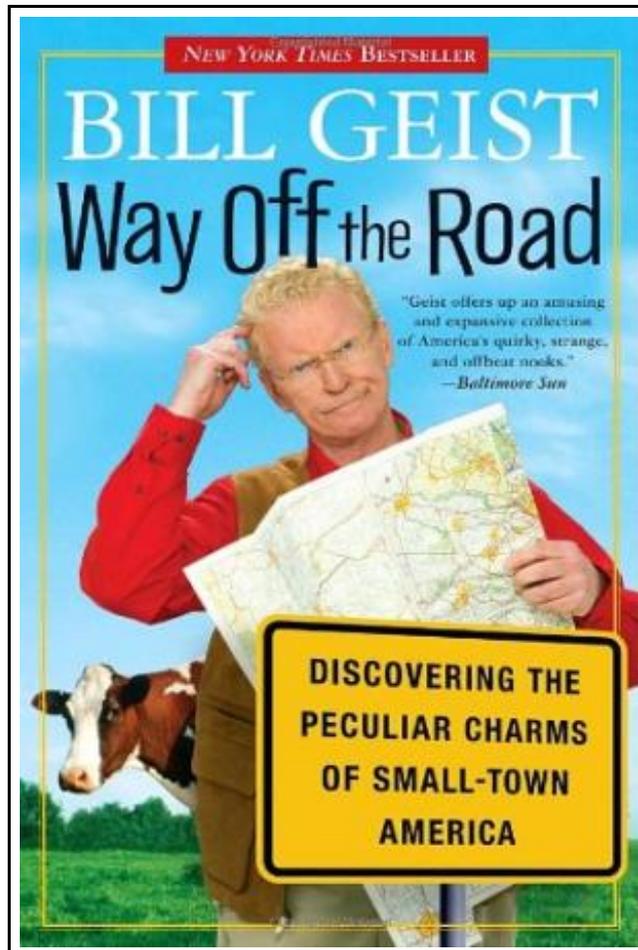# Way Off the Road: Discovering the Peculiar Charms of Small-Town America

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