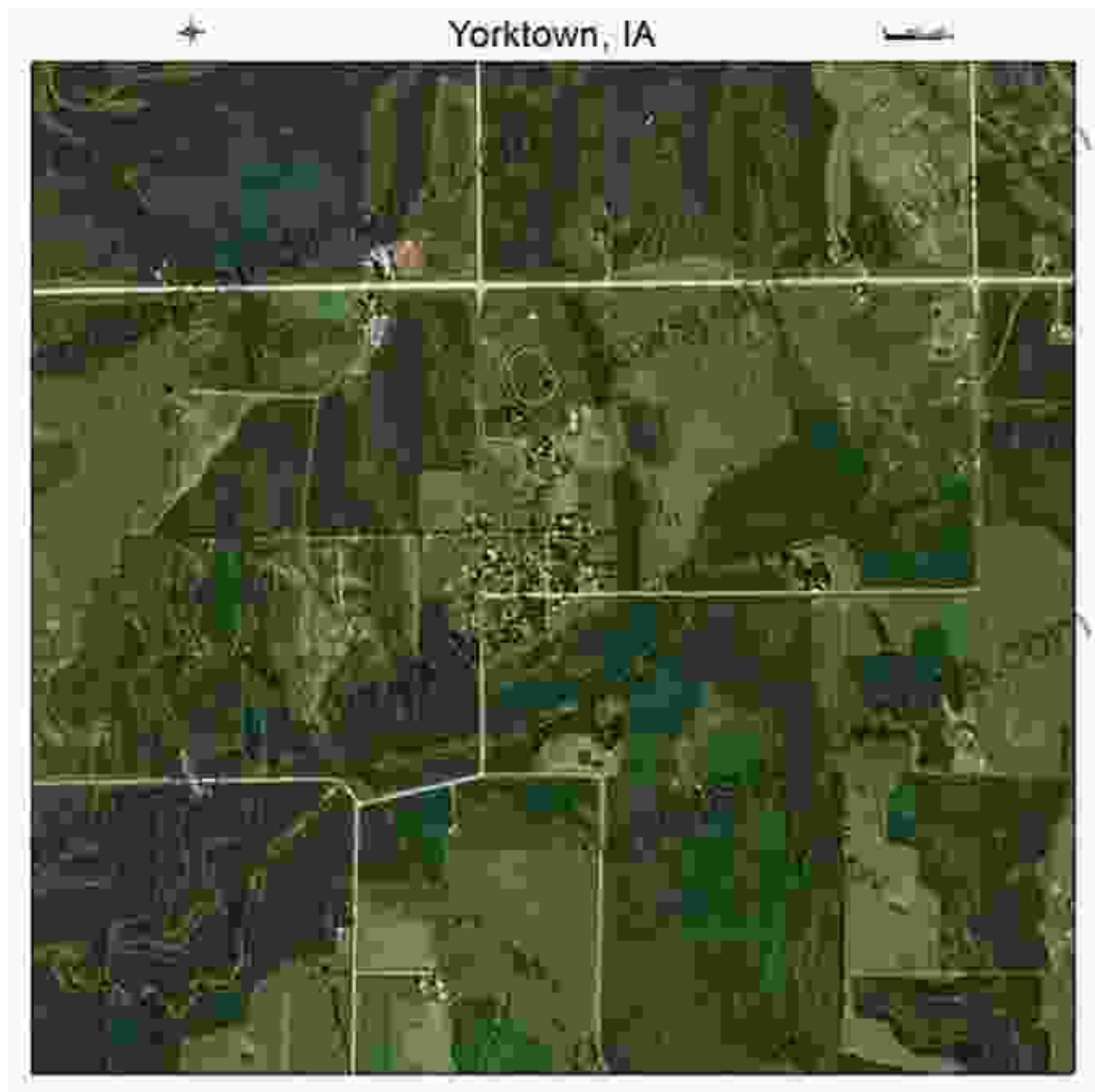


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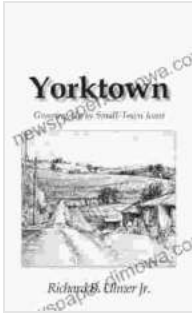
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Yorktown: Growing Up in Small Town Iowa is a memoir by award-winning author Jane Smiley. The book chronicles Smiley's childhood and adolescence in the small town of Yorktown, Iowa, and explores the themes of family, community, and the American Midwest.

Smiley was born in New York City in 1949, but her family moved to Yorktown when she was a young child. Yorktown is a small town in southern Iowa, with a population of just over 1,000 people. Smiley's father was a doctor, and her mother was a nurse. Smiley had two older brothers and one younger sister.

Smiley's childhood in Yorktown was idyllic. She spent her days playing with her siblings and friends, exploring the countryside, and attending the local school. She was also active in the town's Methodist church, where she sang in the choir and participated in other activities.

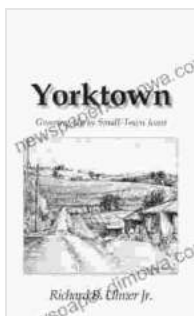
As Smiley grew older, she began to develop a strong sense of independence. She was a good student, and she excelled in math and science. She also developed a love of writing, and she began to write short stories and poems.

When Smiley was in high school, her family moved to Des Moines, Iowa. Smiley was initially reluctant to leave Yorktown, but she eventually came to enjoy her new life in the city. She attended the University of Iowa, where she studied English and creative writing. After graduating from college, Smiley moved to New York City, where she began her career as a writer.

Smiley has published over 20 novels, as well as several works of non-fiction. Her work has been translated into over 30 languages, and she has won numerous awards, including the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

In *Yorktown: Growing Up in Small Town Iowa*, Smiley paints a vivid portrait of her childhood and adolescence in small-town Iowa. The book is a celebration of the American Midwest, and it explores the values of family, community, and hard work.

Yorktown: Growing Up in Small Town Iowa is a must-read for anyone who grew up in a small town, or who is interested in the American Midwest. It is a beautifully written and deeply moving memoir that will stay with readers long after they finish reading it.



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