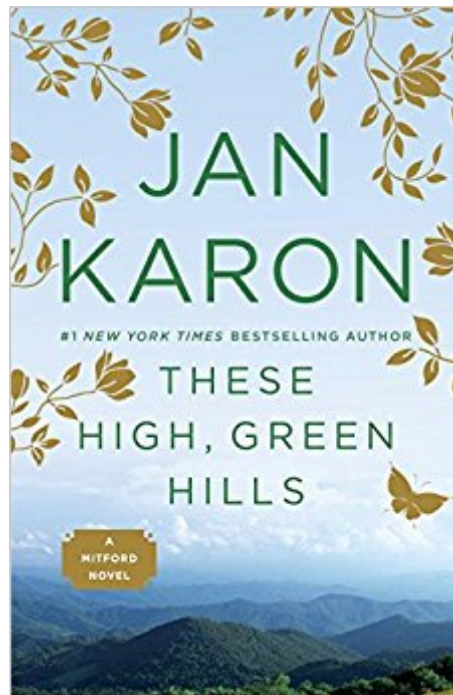




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These High, Green Hills (Mitford Years)



Synopsis

With her first two Mitford novels, "At Home in Mitford" and "A Light in the Window", Jan Karon established her reputation as a deft chronicler of small-town life. "These High, Green Hills" takes readers back to Mitford for a third visit, recounting the further adventures of Father Tim who, in addition to a new wife, has added a foster son to his life. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

The village of Mitford is soothing tonic for a readership that feels starved for community and yearns for clear morals. The recently married Father Tim and his plain-folk neighbors live the best of Christianity in everyday life. Even the rampant gossip in Mitford is the good kind: folks worrying about other folks and everyone minding one another's business out of concern rather than malice. As a result, no one faces a crisis alone. Often the crises are cause for a belly laugh, such as the rectory's new computer system that seems programmed to torment. But just as often the crises have the bite of real-life problems, such as the bloody young girl in shredded clothes, whom Father Tim finds after she was beaten by her drunken father, and the soul-wrenching despair Father Tim feels when he loses a surrogate mother. The heavily quoted scripture gives a day-to-day context for biblical teachings as well as spiritual solace during the sadder days at Mitford. --Gail Hudson --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This third in the Mitford series (At Home in Mitford? a 1996 ABBY Book of the Year finalist? and Light

in the Window) is another sympathetic portrayal of small-town Southern life with just enough drama to carry the plot and gracefully developed portraits of endearing characters. Allusions to past events and cameos by peripheral characters will delight the fan but may frustrate the reader new to Karon's work. Mitford is a Southeastern mountain town where everyone turns out for benefactress Sadie Baxter's birthday, where the police chief gives copies of Southern Living to inmates?and where social trouble brews in a hillbilly enclave across the creek. Episcopal minister Timothy Kavanagh of Lord's Chapel is the pivotal character. A lifelong bachelor adjusting to marriage for the first time at 63, he has no perspective on his faith and future until he and his new wife, Cynthia, are lost?and found?in a cave on a youth-group camping trip. Most compelling in Timothy's affectionately drawn flock are the young people. Thirteen-year-old Dooley Barlowe was abandoned at the rectory and now struggles to adjust to Timothy's Pygmalion efforts; Lacey Turner, also 13, is saved from her father's abuse as much by Timothy as by social services. Like glass chips tumbling in a kaleidoscope, the people at Mitford fall neatly into place at story's end, having provided a cozy and satisfying read. Author tour. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I've read all of the Mitford series at least 10 times each. At least once a year, I feel like I need to visit my "friends" in Mitford. I know the real world is nothing like Mitford and isn't that why we read? To not be immersed in reality?!Out to Canaan, like all the Mitford books, is a nice change from our very busy world. I would love to live in a small town like Mitford, if only any of them existed that were good with lesbians and if there were people of color there, too.

I love the Mitford series! But do know that this audio book is the abridged version read by the author, Jan Karon. The unabridged version. Is read by John McDonough, who does an incredible job. The abridged version does feel like your missing some things but is still great. My hubby and I like to "go on vacation to Mitford" because these books do seem like they will take you there.

There is not a one of the Mitford/Father Tim books that I've not read more than three times--many far more than that. I don't know what more I can say that will express my delight in these books. I've noticed that I often pick them up when I'm feeling low or anxious. They're very restful. I like spending time with these folks, even the wicked Edith is eventually redeemed. All of them have their own very human flaws and their own blessings to share.

This third in the series. Enjoy the many characters and the way they live. Honest people who don't swear or have extra marital affairs! Lots of simple pleasures along with living this life for our Lord.

I love all of Jan Karon's Mitford series. I'll be sad if she doesn't keep writing about these charming characters and their quaint lives. I especially love Father Tim and Cynthia and their Christian love. The Bible verses and the quoting of the liturgies are so familiar to me and it's refreshing to read these pages with no sex or profanity, yet they are filled with true love. The guys at the Grill are so funny and sound like some folks I know! The only thing about this edition was that it was sent to my iPad; I'm sure it went to my Kindle as well, but I hardly read from it anymore as I like the iPad better. I don't know what happened, but all throughout the book the numeral "1" appeared everywhere at the end of words in place of the letter that should have been there. Annoying after a while but I still loved the story. I don't know if it went out that way to other readers or not but it was strange! Great series, though-

This is the fourth book in the series that I've read about the Mitford folks. It is simply written and a nice getaway from more complicated books. I plan to continue reading these Mitford books.

I read the Mitford/Father Tim series by Jan Karon several years ago and enjoyed them very much. Now I'm listening to the books on CD during my drive home commute everyday. Hearing the stories aloud is a wonderful stress reducer. It's almost like meeting and catching up with news of old friends. Every character's story has challenges but with Father Tim's never failing faith and perseverance everything always works out for the best.

This was a great addition to the series. I love to catch up on what is going on in Mitford with all the characters and meet new ones.

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