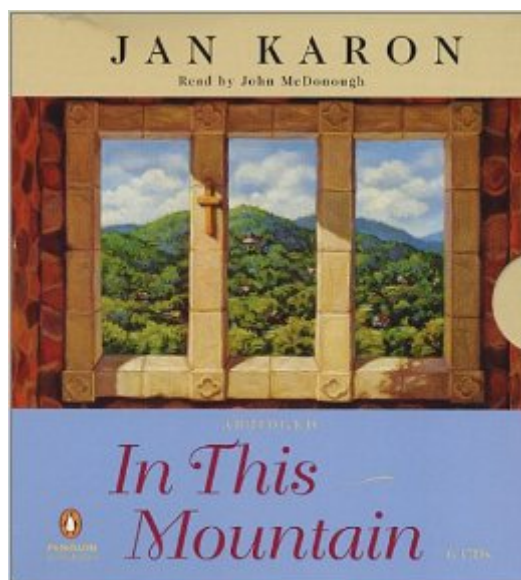


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# In This Mountain (The Mitford Years)



## Synopsis

Father Tim and Cynthia have been at home in Mitford for three years since returning from Whitecap Island. In the little town that's home-away-from-home to millions of readers, life hums along as usual. Dooley looks toward his career as a vet; Joe Ivey and Fancy Skinner fight a haircut price war that takes no prisoners; and Percy steps out on a limb with a risky new menu item at the Main Street Grill. Though Father Tim dislikes change, he dislikes retirement even more. As he and Cynthia gear up for a year-long ministry across the state line, a series of events sends shock waves through his faith-and the whole town of Mitford. In her seventh novel in the bestselling Mitford Years series, Jan Karon delivers surprises of every kind, including the return of the man in the attic and an ending that no one in Mitford will ever forget

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## Customer Reviews

I was so sad to finish this book! What a delight: such an optimistic and hopeful view of life. I almost turned to the first page and started reading it over! Father Tim and Cynthia have moved back to Mitford after their stint on Whitecap. They are happy to be back, but Fr. Tim is dissatisfied with retired life. He doesn't know what to do with himself. He wrestles with his faith and with the direction his life is turning. Cynthia has received major accolades for her children's books. The Man In The Attic is back in Mitford, Dooley is lovesick, and the "Turkey Club" is meeting at The Grill as always. With a few surprises along the way and an ending that will leave you gasping, Jan Karon delivers the most notable Mitford story yet! All the characters we have come to love are still in

Mitford, and we love them even more.

Very much like A LIGHT IN THE WINDOW, I found this book equally as enjoyable. Even if you haven't lived in a small town you'll be able to "get into" this book. There's so much there. It reminds me in many ways of McCrae's BARK OF THE DOGWOOD or even TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD in its writing and well-drawn characters. This is a timely and moving tale, sure to please. Also recommended: McCrae's BARK OF THE DOGWOOD and I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS

This is the 7th book in Jan Karon's wonderful Mitford series, and it was definitely worth the wait. This one displays more insight and emotion into the characters, particularly Father Tim, as he deals with several tough issues. But there is still the same small town humor that we've all come to know and love in this series, and I again finished another Mitford book wishing I could visit this place and meet these eccentric, loveable, and strong characters. Pick this book up today - I read it in 2 days and could barely put it down. You won't be disappointed, and will hopefully find your faith stretched as a result!

This is the book Jan Karon has made; let us be thankful and rejoice in it. An amazing addition to the Mitford series, one that left me gasping at one point and re-reading it almost as soon as I finished it. Once again Ms. Karon presents the reader with the gentle village life of Mitford and the lovable but occasionally cankerous Father Tim, and shows us a gentle side to some very difficult issues. Far from syrupy, the books in this series manage to tackle some really hard turns in the road without becoming a soap opera - more an approach to life through faith and kindness and devotion. For some people, this might be a difficult read but the message of thankfulness and hope will guide you through the darker parts. Life with Father Tim, Cynthia, Dooley, Puny, Emma, the Turkey Club, Harley, HESSIE, Hope & Helene - well ALL the favorite Mitford character, continues to challenge and enrich anyone opening the cover of this truly wonderful book.

"In This Mountain" takes on a new direction for the beloved Mitford series and its characters. Father Tim deals with the issues of depression, failing health, and self-doubt. There is more dramatic tension in this issue than in previous books. Jan Karon matures right along with her characters. Keep them coming Jan!

If you ever doubted that these books are divinely inspired, then I urge you to read this book! If you have ever suffered with depression, I urge you to read this book! If you have ever felt yourself waver in your faith, I urge you to read this book! In this installment of Jan Karon's glorious Mitford series, we, "Come Home To Mitford", again, and oh what a happy reunion it is! This book takes us from the valley's to the mountaintops, as we see Father Tim struggling with certain issues in his life. We are reunited with Uncle Billy and Miss Rose, HESSIE MAYHEW, DOOLEY, JESSIE, POO, and most of the other characters that we've grown to love. I found this to be a much deeper book than the others in the series, and we see these characters grow, through their struggles! This book will have you laughing and in tears, and it will leave a lasting impression on your heart and soul! If you've ever felt in need of a soul-satisfying, divinely inspired book, READ THIS BOOK! A Devoted Fan, and Mitford Cheerleader! Becky Carden, rec@hiwaay.net

Father Tim Kavanaugh and his author-wife, Cynthia, are back in Mitford, thank goodness, for this 7th installment of Jan Karon's lovely series about a tiny village in the North Carolina mountains. Compared to her last book, a prequel about the couple's wedding that only took a couple of hours to read, this book is much more substantive and fun to read. Once again, Tim's fussy personality and Cynthia's practical sense make for a pleasurable read. It just goes to show you that it doesn't take blood and guts and cussing and sex to make a very good book.

I was eagerly awaiting the seventh installment of the Mitford books, because I have loved them all. Don't get me wrong, I really liked this book, but throughout I felt like we had been covering territory that we'd already journeyed through in the first books, particularly "A Light in the Window." I felt that Ms. Karon got a little bogged down in all the introspection Father Tim went through in this book after his accident (which I won't give away for those who haven't read it yet). And I also thought the Edith Mallory character resurfacing yet again was a repeat of what had happened in previous books. I was really hoping to see the end of her, especially after Father Tim married Cynthia. Maybe it's just a part of the woman's character that she keeps trying to get Father Tim in compromising positions! However, I loved the "Sammy" angle in this story as well as how Ms. Karon further fleshed out Hope Winchester (a delightful character), Helene Pringle, and HESSIE MAYHEW. And I was happy to return to Mitford, albeit through some familiar territory as said before. I'm looking forward to the eighth book in the series, and am hoping some of the loose ends from this book will be tied up -- Dooley and Lace, Sammy and his mother, and the "year in the country." Oh, and one more thing -- my question at the end of "A New Song" was never answered in this book. What was in the note

Father Tim gave Helene Pringle at the end of that book? Was it an oversight that it was left out or are we supposed to think whatever we like?

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