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The school at the châtlet Center Point Pub retains its essential elements: gentle wit, Even a small English village can ' t escape good manners, and the comfort of caring growing pains— “ If you ' ve ever enjoyed neighbors. “ The characters and settings visit to Mitford, you ' ll relish a visit to are as familiar and comfortable as old Fairacre. ” (Jan Karon, #1 New York shoes. . . . Read writes with deep affection Times – bestselling author). Times are about what she knows and never changing in the charming downland village succumbs to the temptation of clich é s. An of Fairacre, and Miss Read isn ' t certain occasional visit to Fairacre offers a restful it ' s all for the best. The new commuter change from the frenetic pace of the lifestyle has caused a decline in contemporary world. ” —Publishers Weekly attendance at the local school, and “ For the devoted following: a soothing officials are threatening closure. Miss oasis of tidy living for the frazzled reader Read worries about the failing health of weary of an untidy world. ” —Kirkus Dolly Clare. Vegetable gardens have given Reviews way to trips to the Caxley markets, and Village School Houghton Mifflin Harcourt the traditional village f ê te now includes a This Miss Read story chronicle's the year prize for best quiche. With her trademark Miss Read's school celebrates its 100th patience and good humor, Miss Read anniversary, with the help and sometimes hopes for the best and plans for the worst hindrance of readers favorite Fairacre as the village grows increasingly modern. friends. 19 line drawings. Despite all the innovations, Fairacre still

The Caxley Chronicles HMH

Set in Caxley, the quiet country town neighboring the village of Fairacre, *The Caxley Chronicles* follow two intertwined families, the Howards and the Norths, through the tumultuous first half of the twentieth century. The first Caxley tale, *The Market Square*, introduces the deep-rooted camaraderie of Septimus Howard and Bender North, whose friendship survives misunderstandings, the tragedy of war, and the bitterness of loss. The story of their families continues through the generations. The second tale, *The Howards of Caxley*, tells of Edward Howard, grandson to them both. Edward flies for the Royal Air Force Reserve as England prepares for another war -- and Caxley braces itself for overwhelming changes.

In the Early Days Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Eleven year-old Ethan Allen Doyle has witnessed a brutal murder and now the boy is running for his life.

Olivia Westerly is the only person Ethan Allen can trust, and he's not too sure he can trust her. She's got no love of children and a truckload of superstitions--one of them is the belief that eleven is the unluckiest number on earth. Olivia avoided marriage for almost forty years. But when Charlie Doyle happened along, he was simply too wonderful to resist. Now she's a widow with an eleven-year-old boy claiming to be her grandson. With a foul mouth, dark secrets and heavily guarded emotions, Ethan Allen Doyle is not an easy child to like. He was counting on the grandpa he'd never met for a place to hide, but now that plan is shot to blazes because the grandpa's dead too. He's got seven dollars and twenty-six cents, his mama's will for staying alive, and Dog. But none of those things are gonna help if Scooter Cobb finds him.

The Fairacre Festival Harper
Collins

Old and new friends find a

warm welcome in the cozy English village of Thrush Green. "Miss Read's novels are sheer delight" (Chicago Tribune). There had been general dismay when Miss Watson and Miss Fogerty retired to Barton-on-Sea after many years of devoted service teaching the children of Thrush Green, so their visit to see old friends in the village brings great pleasure. The new headmaster, Alan Lester, is cautiously accepted, but rumor is rife about his wife's health. Meanwhile, farmer Percy Hodge is also the subject of local speculation: Is his strange behavior the result of an infatuation with the young Doreen Lilly? As for affairs at the Lovelocks' house, it is increasingly apparent that Bertha Lovelock is now in her dotage, and a new and most unfortunate habit is the cause of considerable embarrassment to the good people of Lulling. All these matters and more are faced by our old friends against the familiar background and changing seasons of the Cotswolds. "[A] rambling, gently humorous

novel . . . heartwarming
simplicity." –Publishers
Weekly

Fresh from the Country

Hachette UK

An enchanting story of
village life from the
bestselling author of the
FAIRACRE series. January has
been bitterly cold in Thrush
Green. But at last the winter
seems to be melting into a
beautiful spring. But with
the warmer weather comes a
series of local dramas in the
community: the future of The
Fuchsia Bush tea shop is
uncertain when its owner, Mrs

Peters, falls ill; there are
problems concerning Rectory
Cottages, which prove hard to
solve; the plans for the
village fete - always an event
rife with conflict - are
hotting up... Meanwhile, the
arrival of a stranger from
America excites much interest
and curiosity - who is he, and
what effect will he have on
the village?

Changes at Fairacre HMH

Another delightful Fairacre
novel from the bestselling
author Miss Read 'No matter how
devoted, dedicated,
conscientious and altogether

noble a teacher is, I feel pretty sure that each and everyone feels the same sense of freedom and relief from her chains when the end of term arrives...' So it is for Miss Read - but on the very first day of the long summer holiday she falls and breaks her arm. Instantly, all her plans for the holidays are in tatters. But Miss Read's friend, Amy, comes up with an idea: and so it is that the two of them leave Fairacre for the island of Crete. The change of scene provides a welcome break for both women, giving Miss Read the opportunity to recuperate, and for them both to discuss the merits of single and married life. And when Miss Read returns, refreshed, to Fairacre, she is ready to tackle the problems which await her...

Spare Change HMH

A nostalgic collection on rural schools, childhood and English country life from the much-loved author of VILLAGE SCHOOL. From organising the school summer fete...

'Because of our inability to recognise our climatic shortcomings from the outset, arrangements for outdoor jollities get completely out

of hand'. ...to the sometimes clothed in sensible garments
rather odd passions of and aged about forty. She was
childhood: 'I collect stones born, in fact, when I was
with holes in them'. Miss Read struggling to write my first
captures the essence of rural book and needed a village
life, and in particular of schoolmistress as the
village schools, as only she narrator.'

can. This collection also *Gossip from Thrush Green*
includes extracts from her Buccaneer Books
letters: 'Michael Joseph wrote The very first Miss Read novel
after the Observer thing and - set in a charming 1950s
is throwing out feelers for a English countryside community,
book. I shall know if he still perfect nostalgia for fans of
feels like it - me too! - CALL THE MIDWIFE or Gervase
after we've met'. It will also Phinn. 'An affectionate,
include an Introduction on how humorous and gently charming
'Miss Read' was first created: chronicle ... sometimes funny,
'Miss Read was born fully sometimes touching, always
appealing' New York Times

Fairacre is a village of cottages, a church and the school - and at the heart of the school, its headmistress, Miss Read. Through her discerning eye, we meet the villagers of Fairacre and see their trials and tribulations, from the irascible school cleaner Mrs Pringle, to the young schoolchildren with their scraped knees, hopeful faces and inevitable mischief. Miss Read takes us through the school year, beginning with the Christmas term when the bitterly cold weather challenges the school's ancient heating system, right through to the hot summer day when school is over for another year. VILLAGE SCHOOL is an intriguing glimpse into a forgotten world and has become a true classic.

Return to Thrush Green HMH
The inhabitants of the village of Thrush Green become excited when a distinguished bachelor decides to settle in the village for his retirement, stirring a wave of speculation. Reprint.

The Final Note Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
A stranger's arrival in the village stirs up ripples of speculation and interest. The village finds itself paying

tribute to the stranger's hero, a missionary born and bred in Thrush Green, and the stranger's presence alters the romantic prospects of Miss Dimity Dean.

Over the Gate HMH

Collected for the first time in book form, this treasury of forty stories chronicles the life of a village schoolteacher in the Berkshires in England and captures the scenes and nuances of village school life.

Thrush Green Village School

In this small English village, when one door

closes, another opens for its favorite schoolteacher. "You'll relish a visit to Fairacre" (Jan Karon, #1 New York Times–bestselling author). Gradually worsening health forces Miss Read to consider an early retirement from her job as the village school's headmistress. John Jenkins, a handsome newcomer, competes for her affections with the newly widowed Henry Mawne. However, Miss Read has more on her mind than men. Orphans living in her former house have bolstered the village school's roll, but

these new students seem to be delightfully prim Miss Read having problems with their adoptive family. In the midst of all this turmoil, readers can rest assured that Farewell to Fairacre boasts all the elements they have come to love: eccentric villagers, gentle humor, and a verdant rural landscape teeming with lambs, larks, and blackthorn bushes. "As soothing and warm as a cup of Earl Grey tea, this book will delight fans and newcomers to the series alike." –Library Journal

"Sensible, well read and acutely observant, the continues to be very good company indeed." –Publishers Weekly

Chronicles of Fairacre Simon and Schuster

Discover the little English village that neighbors Fairacre, in a novel that's "enchanting, lovely, gentle, pointed, and charming" (Minneapolis Sunday Tribune).

Miss Read's charming chronicles of English small-town life have achieved legendary popularity, providing a welcome return to a gentler time with "wit, humor, and wisdom in equal measure" (The Plain Dealer). Welcome to

Thrush Green, the neighboring village to Fairacre, with its blackthorn bushes, thatch-roofed cottages, enchanting landscape, and jumble sales. Readers will enjoy meeting a new cast of characters and also spotting familiar faces as they become immersed in the village's turn of events over the course of one pivotal day: May Day. All year, the residents of Thrush Green have looked forward to the celebration. Before the day is over, life and love, and perhaps eternity, will touch the immemorial peace of the village. "The more turbulent the real world, the more charming we may find the stability of Miss Read's tiny fictional world." —Los Angeles Times

Tales from a Village School
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Both the good and the bad find sanctuary in an English village. "You'll relish a visit to Thrush Green" (Jan Karon, #1 New York Times—bestselling author). It's spring again in the village of Thrush Green, and with the change of the seasons comes change in the lives of many villagers. The Young family's tranquility is disrupted by the sudden arrival of Joan's father, while Molly and Ben Curdle consider putting

an end to their wandering days in order to finally settle down. Even the reappearance of Sexton Albert Piggot—one of Thrush Green’s more malevolent sorts—cannot dim the happiness that inevitably prevails at Thrush Green. “The more turbulent the real world, the more charming we may find the stability of Miss Read’s tiny fictional world.” —Los Angeles Times “A charming little world in which to live . . . One learns a good deal about human nature, integrity, and about truth.” —Christian Herald

A Peaceful Retirement

Hachette UK

“Delicious wit, quirky characters, [and] the colorful intrigues of daily life” make Fairacre America’s favorite English village (Jan Karon, #1 New York Times—bestselling author). The English village of Fairacre may appear idyllically peaceful to passersby, but those who live among its shady lanes always have problems to untangle. When a terrible rumor emerges—that the Fairacre School is to be closed and the children bused to nearby Beech Green—the village is up in arms at once. The

schoolmistress, Miss Read, suffers agonizing indecision at the prospect, and her situation is made worse when her infants' teacher decides to leave and the short-tempered Mrs. Pringle becomes more contrary than ever. "Affectionate, humorous, and gently charming . . . Sometimes funny, sometimes touching, always appealing." —The New York Times "Miss Read reminds us of what is really important. And if we can't live in her world, it's certainly a comforting place to visit." —USA Today

Farewell to Fairacre G K Hall & Company

A trip to Florence with her friend Amy is a bright spot in Miss Read's retirement; Henry Mawne's complaints about his new wife and John Jenkins' persistent offers of marriage are not.

This One and Magic Life Acc Art Books

A mysterious Fairacre villager receives an unexpected Christmas gift in this heartwarming holiday novel from the popular author of the Thrush Green series. Nobody in Fairacre knows much about Miss Quinn, which is a rare state of affairs and much regretted by the villagers. Apart from the fact that she lives in the annex to Mrs. Benson's house and that she

works in Caxley, her past history and the amount of her salary remains a tantalizing mystery. In fact, Miss Quinn is a highly efficient secretary to a Caxley businessman. She runs him, and her own affairs, with terrifying competence. She is completely unsentimental and plans to spend her Christmas exactly as she wants, without fuss or family. But before the great day, her brother rings to say his wife has been rushed to hospital, and could she come and cope with the children? Secretly dismayed, Miss Quinn sets out to do her duty. She copes as capably with the turmoil of her brother's household as she does with the office, and the regret for her Christmas is mitigated by the children's joy and the unexpected arrival of an old flame . . . "Miss Read's novels are sheer delight."
—Chicago Tribune

Village School Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

In this brand-new novel from bestselling author Kevin Milne, readers will be inspired yet again by the themes of love, loss, and renewal. Ethan met and fell in love with Anna while studying music abroad in college. He married her, and fully expected to grow old with her. After all, they were young, life was good, and faith in each other came easily, as evidenced by the Love Notes Anna periodically left between the strings of his guitar. On their wedding day, Ethan promised to

love, honor, and cherish his wife...and to write a song for her. Fast forward to the present day. Despite his grand promises, reality has proven to be much harder than he anticipated. Instead of composing hit songs, he's working long hours to provide for his family, and still promising to finish Anna's song. His formerly hopeful spirit is almost too heavy to carry, weighed down as it is by regret. His grandfather, a veteran of World War II, knows a thing or two about regret and bitterness, and has his own stories to tell. One in particular, has the potential to change Ethan's attitude and help him put the past to rest, if he can open his heart to the truth of it. Can an old

soldier's tales of war help Ethan relinquish his anger? Is it too late to finish the song he began for Anna on their wedding day? Will he be able to remember why he fell in love so many years ago? In this tale of loss and heartbreak, love and forgiveness, Ethan is about to discover that the final note has yet to be written.

Village Affairs HMH

A violent October storm -- unexpected except by the weatherwise Mr. Willet -- strike the village of Fairacre. Trees and telephone poles are down, and the roof of St. Patrick's Church has been badly damaged. The

repair estimates are so high
that its repair seems
unlikely. That is, until Mr.
Willet suggests a festival.
Suddenly, Fairacre is bustling
with whist drive, a food sale,
a Christmas Bazaar, and
finally, the festival itself.
But Fairacre still has a long
way to go. Will they be forced
to sell the church's treasured
Queen Anne chalice? The
denizens of Fairacre are
undaunted and persevere
despite seemingly
insurmountable odds.