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The Year at Thrush Green Hachette UK

Reverend Charles Henstock and his wife Dimity face an uncertain future when the rectory burns down and the Bishop decides to merge Thrush Green and Lulling parishes. Reprint.

No Holly for Miss Quinn 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 rather odd passions of childhood: 'I collect stones with holes in them'. Miss Read captures the essence of rural life, and in particular of village schools, as only she can. This collection also includes extracts from her letters: 'Michael Joseph wrote after the Observer thing and is throwing out feelers for a book. I shall know if he still feels like it - me too! - after we've met'. It will also include an Introduction on how 'Miss Read' was first created: 'Miss Read was born fully clothed in sensible garments and aged about forty. She was born, in fact, when I was struggling to write my first book and needed a village schoolmistress as the narrator.'

Summer at Fairacre Hachette UK

In this small English village, when one door closes, another opens for its favorite schoolteacher. "You'llrelish 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 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 delightfully prim Miss Read continues to be very good company indeed." —Publishers Weekly

The School at Thrush Green HMH

The author recalls her school years in Kent, years that were later woven into her novels about Thrush Green and Fairacre

Village Affairs Hachette UK

The very first Miss Read novel - set in a charming 1950s English countryside community, perfect nostalgia for fans of CALL THE MIDWIFE or Gervase Phinn. 'An affectionate, humorous and gently charming chronicle ... sometimes funny, 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.

Farewell to Fairacre 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

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

In the deep South, where love and hatred run deep and close, dissension often summers just beneath the surface. When a family gathers for a funeral as its old homestead above the waters of Mobile Bay, it must carry out the last wish of the aunt

and sister whom it has come to mourn. It is a wish that will unearth a terrible secret, one that will either tear her siblings and their offspring apart or allow them to accept buried memories, wounds, and love. In *This and Magic Life*, Anne Carroll George has created as brilliant portrait of a Southern family in all its glory, captured in a moment of searing intensity and lyric truth. Rich with wisdom and deep understanding this compelling saga the twentieth century -- and tells a story that is truly timeless.

Return to Thrush Green Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

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.

The Fairacre Festival HMH

The first three Miss Read novels feature the practical genius of the indomitable schoolteacher and the doings of her colleagues in the Infants' Room and of other residents of Fairacre, Beech Green, and Caxley.

This One and Magic Life Buccaneer Books

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.

Spare Change HMH

"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

The Final Note Center Point Pub

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...

In the Early Days Hachette UK

From the author of the "jaunty, heartbreaking winner" (*People*) and international bestseller *Dear Mrs. Bird* comes a charming and uplifting novel set in London during World War II about a plucky young journalist and her adventures as wartime advice columnist. London, November 1941. Following the departure of the formidable Henrietta Bird from *Woman's Friend* magazine, things are looking up for Emmeline Lake as she takes on the new challenges as a wartime advice columnist. Her relationship with boyfriend Charles is blossoming, while Emmy's best friend Bunty, still reeling from the very worst of the Blitz, is bravely looking to the future. Together, the friends are determined to Make a Go of It. When the Ministry of Information calls on Britain's women's magazines to help recruit female workers to the war effort, Emmy is thrilled to step up and help. But when she and Bunty meet a young mother who shows them the very real challenges that women war workers face, Emmy must confront a dilemma between doing her duty and standing by her friends. As funny, heartwarming, and touching as *Dear Mrs. Bird*, *Yours Cheerfully* is an endearing portrait of female friendship and "a fruitful exploration of the solidarity among women in times of grief, love, and hardship" (*Publishers Weekly*).

Fresh from the Country Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

This Miss Read story chronicle's the year Miss Read's school celebrates its 100th anniversary, with the help and sometimes hindrance of readers favorite Fairacre friends. 19 line drawings.

Village School Houghton Mifflin

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.

Christmas at Fairacre HMH

"Village School" introduces cheerful schoolmistress Miss Read and her lovable group of children, who are just as likely to lose themselves as their mittens. 18 line drawings.

Winter in Thrush Green Village School

When Miss Read receives a magnificent diary for Christmas instead of the more customary bath salts, she decides she must make good use of it. In each chapter of her diary, Miss Read recounts a month in her life as headmistress of Fairacre School. With kindly humor, she relates all the difficulties and all the enjoyment of living in a small country community. Her jollity lasts even through staff problems, a village decision to marry her off, and a

nagging cleaning lady. But when she writes about her younger pupils, that amusement breaks into laughter.

Gossip from Thrush Green Hachette UK

Two favorite villagers make a life-changing decision. “ If you ’ ve ever enjoyed a visit to Mitford, you ’ ll relish a visit to Thrush Green ” (Jan Karon, #1 New York Times – bestselling author). The School at Thrush Green returns readers to the heart of the Cotswolds just as beloved primary school teachers Dorothy Watson and Agnes Fogerty announce their retirement and make plans to leave Thrush Green and buy a new home at Barton-on-Sea. The village people are aflutter with the news, musing about the teachers ’ replacements, the fate of the schoolhouse, and an appropriate farewell gift. Further drama unfolds as Dorothy takes up driving and Agnes finds a new friend in a stray cat. As summer turns to fall, the changing seasons reflect the changing face of Thrush Green, where old and new friends settle down and find happiness. “ Once again, Miss Read renders a charming recital of events in Thrush Green, a quaint English village caught in time (most likely teatime). ” —Booklist

Changes at Fairacre Acc Art Books

A 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

Tales from a Village School Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Open the gate to Fairacre, America's favorite English village. The two-hundred-year-old cottages known as Tyler's Row, with charming leaded-glass windows and an arched thorn hedge over the gateway, are supposed to provide a haven of peace for their new owners, Peter and Diana Hale. They plan to convert the middle two cottages into one, to create their own rural refuge. But beset by carpenters, plumbers, electricians, and bills, as well as their neighboring tenants, the redoubtable Sergeant Barnaby and the sour Mrs. Fowler, both longtime residents of Tyler's Row, the couple soon have cause to ponder their decision. Fairacre is not the utopia they expect, and the Hales must adapt to ordinary life in a village full of extraordinary quirks.