
Village School Fairacre 1 Miss Read

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The Fairacre Festival G K Hall & Company
Even a small English village can't escape growing pains—"If you've ever enjoyed a visit to Mitford, you'll relish a visit to Fairacre." (Jan Karon, #1 New York Times—bestselling author). Times are changing in the charming downland village of Fairacre, and Miss Read isn't certain it's all for the best. The new commuter lifestyle has caused a decline in attendance at the local school, and officials are threatening closure. Miss Read worries about the failing health of Dolly Clare.

Vegetable gardens have given soothing oasis of tidy living way to trips to the Caxley markets, and the traditional village fête now includes a prize for best quiche. With her trademark patience and good humor, Miss Read hopes for the best and plans for the worst as the village grows increasingly modern. Despite all the innovations, Fairacre still retains its essential elements: gentle wit, good manners, and the comfort of caring neighbors. "The characters and settings are as familiar and comfortable as old shoes. . . . Read writes with deep affection about what she knows and never succumbs to the temptation of clichés. An occasional visit to Fairacre offers a restful change from the frenetic pace of the contemporary world." —Publishers Weekly "For the devoted following: a vegetable garden has given a soothing oasis of tidy living for the frazzled reader weary of an untidy world." —Kirkus Reviews
[Mrs Griffin Sends Her Love](#) Hachette UK
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

A Peaceful Retirement Houghton Mifflin

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.'

Tales from a Village School
Simon and Schuster

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.

Gossip from Thrush Green
Center Point Pub

" For those who miss the Waltons, or who can't get enough of Jan Karon, Fairacre is an excellent place to visit " (Publishers Weekly). After a long winter of red noses and wet mittens, summer is a welcome time for Miss Read and her downland village friends. Summer at Fairacre charmingly recounts this bright, bustling season and the problems and possibilities that unfold against the background of roses, skylarks, and bees. Joseph Coggs finds a temporary home in the schoolhouse while his mother is in the hospital. Miss Read's friend Amy mysteriously disappears. Perhaps most difficult of all, Mrs. Pringle, the grumpy school cleaner, is unable to work because the pain in her bad leg flares up. Still, the sounds of children playing and the fragrance of summertime flowers fill the air, as Miss Read

shepherds her students and friends through the warm season.

" If you've ever enjoyed a visit to Mitford, you'll relish a visit to Fairacre. " —Jan Karon, #1 New York Times – bestselling author

The school at the ch^âlet Houghton Mifflin Harcourt "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.

Storm in the Village HMH
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 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

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.

David Austin's English Roses
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

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. The *Caxley Chronicles* HMH 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.

Winter in Thrush Green

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

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.

Village School Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

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...

Village School HMH

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

Farther Afield Acc Art Books

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

Village Affairs Hachette UK

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.

This One and Magic Life HMH

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 the 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 lost 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

Spare Change HMH

- Presents David Austin's best rose varieties - including their latest additions- Provides valuable information on all aspects of rose cultivation- The perfect companion for gardeners and enthusiasts- Written by the proprietor of one of the world's leading

rose nurseries"Fully illustrated, the charm of his English Roses comes across on every page, even if the reader has to imagine their scent." - The Irish Garden "Experts will appreciate the notes on each rose's breeding." - Historic Gardens Foundation Informative, accessible and stunningly illustrated, David Austin's English Roses introduces the reader to the world of rose propagation and care. The book focuses on English Roses, bred by David Austin to combine the sumptuousness of Old Roses with the strength and practical virtues of Modern Roses. It will be greatly prized by rose-growers and rose-lovers everywhere, whether professional or amateur. Contents: Introduction; The English Roses; The Development of the English Roses; The Classification of English Roses; Gallery of 88 Shrubs, Climbing and Rambler Roses; English Roses Cultivation Friends at Thrush Green Harper Collins 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. Chronicles of Fairacre

Hachette UK

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. 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

Changes at Fairacre

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 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