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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 changing 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 Piggott—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

Changes at Fairacre
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.

Farewell to Fairacre

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
While Fairacre's new commuter lifestyle causes a sharp decline in enrollment at her school, Miss Read focuses her attention on the ill health of her old friend Dolly Clare.

Village Centenary Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

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.

Yours Cheerfully HMH

“ If you ’ ve ever enjoyed a visit to Mitford, you ’ ll relish a visit to Fairacre. ” —Jan Karon
Miss Read once again transports readers to the picturesque English village of Fairacre with her Village Diary. Having received a beautiful diary for Christmas, she proceeds to set down a year ’ s worth of observations and experiences as the village school ’ s headmistress. And what a year it is! As the villagers prepare for their country pageant, Fairacre

welcomes many newcomers, such as the headstrong Amy; the earnest new infants ’ teacher, Miss Jackson; and Mr.

Mawne—whom the villagers would like to see the reluctant Miss Read marry . . . “ Miss Read's Books . . . have deservedly received the highest praise from both English and American reviewers. ” —The New York Times Book Review

“ 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

Farther Afield Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

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. News from Thrush Green Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Two childhood friends grow up in a small village in England. Through the years they seek and receive solace from each other during their good times and bad. Fairacre Roundabout 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 Changes at Fairacre Simon and

Schuster London family, newly moved to a quiet country village, are accepted by the unfriendly townfolk only after a newborn baby boy arrives at Christmas. No Holly for Miss Quinn BQB Publishing Gathers together 25 early short stories by Miss Read, about life as a village schoolteacher. These stories led to her writing her first novel, Village School, and reveal the seeds of her later novels. Village Christmas Thorndike Press Introduces the remarkable schoolmistress Miss Read, her

lovable group of children and the tiny English village of Fairacre. Village School Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Miss Read fondly recalls her school years in Kent in this second volume of memoirs of an English childhood. These school years set the pattern for her future and were later woven into her much-loved novels of Thrush Green and Fairacre. Storm in the Village Center Point Miss Read introduces the inhabitants of the lovely village of Thrush Green during the course of one pivotal day--May Day. Storm in the Village Center Point

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"From the author of the "jaunty, heartbreaking winner" (People) and international bestseller *Dear Mrs. Bird*, a new charming and uplifting novel set in London during World War II about a plucky aspiring journalist. 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 challenge of becoming a young wartime advice columnist. Her relationship with boyfriend Charles (now stationed back in the UK) 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 desperately needed female workers to the war effort, Emmy is thrilled to be asked to step up and help. But when she and Bunty meet a young woman who shows them the very real challenges that women war workers face, Emmy must tackle a life-changing dilemma between doing her duty and standing by her friends. Every bit as funny, heartwarming, and touching as *Dear Mrs. Bird*, *Yours Cheerfully* is a celebration of friendship--a testament to the strength of women and the importance of lifting each other up, even in the most

challenging times"--

[Miss Read's Christmas Book](#)

HMH

Nothing can be kept secret for long in Thrush Green... For many years, Dorothy Watson and Agnes Fogerty have taught in the school at Thrush Green, so their imminent retirement provokes rumour and speculation. Who will take Miss Watson's place as head teacher? As for replacing little Miss Fogerty, it seems impossible to imagine. There are other issues too. Will Winnie Bailey's eccentric nephew move into the schoolhouse? Who is the strange young man lurking outside The Fuchsia Bush? And what will become of Miss Fogerty's stray cat? The changing seasons reflect the changing face of Thrush Green as

old and new friends learn to live happily together.

Village Affairs HMMH

The twenty-third chronicle of village life in Fairacre, Thrush Green, and the surrounding countryside depicts the village's excitement at a white robin's sudden appearance

Christmas at High Rising HMMH

A brand new Miss Read novel, set in the Cotswold village of Thrush Green at Christmas. The villagers of Thrush Green celebrate Christmas traditionally, in a way that has hardly changed over the generations. Children eagerly hang up their stockings, families go to church together and

everyone enjoys the treats of the festive season. And when it snows as the carol singers make their way round the cottages on the green, it looks as if Christmas will be perfect this year. But not everything is as peaceful as it seems. Phyllida and Frank have their work cut out for them when they agree to take on the Nativity play - made all the more difficult by an outbreak of chicken pox. The indomitable Ella has lived in Thrush Green for as long as anyone can remember, but lately she has been behaving strangely. Then there are the dreadful Burwells, newcomers to Thrush Green, who cause something of a

stir with their 'home improvements'. For Nelly, owner of The Fuchsia Bush tea shop, Christmas is an especially busy time, with people dropping in for much-needed refreshment, weary from all their Christmas shopping. But then she receives an unexpected letter.

Thrush Green HMMH

Zany women and their pets have fun getting older. "When I get old, I hope to have friends as awesome as these. This is an absolutely feel good novel. Naturally, our intrepid characters, wattles and all, undergo all sorts of trials, but it's the compassion and generosity

they exhibit that endears the reader." -- Sam Sanders, via NetGalley Zany families, eccentric friends, and ne-er-do-well neighbors inhabit the labyrinthine lives of three women friends as they grapple with real world events in one "Golden Year." An unwelcome visit from local law enforcement, a younger friend's romantic chaos, and the death of a parent combine with daily mundanities---laundry, scones, and senior sex---to create a walloping, raucous read. Opinionated pets---critics and alter egos---offer a rich counterpoint to the human dramas affecting their lives.

Unfiltered and compelling, this entertaining saga provides readers of all ages with a new and positive view of growing older. Fresh from the Country Orion Three uplifting Christmas tales--"No Holly for Miss Quinn, Village Christmas," and "The Christmas Mouse"--are offered here in one enchanting volume. The English village of Fairacre is a vision of holiday joy, but celebrations of the season do not always go as expected. The Caxley Chronicles Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

“ 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.

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