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Synopsis

Thousands of readers have come home to Mitford, the little town with the big heart, whose endearing and eccentric residents have become like family members. But now change is coming to the hamlet. Father Tim, the Episcopal rector, and his wife Cynthia are pondering retirement; a brash new mayoral candidate is calling for aggressive development; a suspicious realtor with plans for a health spa is eyeing the beloved house on the hill; and, worst of all, the Sweet Stuff Bakery may be closing. Meanwhile, ordinary people are leading the extraordinary lives that hundreds of thousands of readers have found so inviting and inspiring. Peopled with the lovable cast of characters familiar to so many, and peppered with plenty of new and colorful personalities, *Out to Canaan* is filled to the brim with the mysteries and miracles that make everyday life worth living, and that make Mitford one of the most memorable small towns in recent literature. There are 30 million copies of Jan Karon's books in print.

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Customer Reviews

Mix one part *All Creatures Great and Small* with two parts *Lake Wobegon*, sprinkle a little *Anne of Green Gables* and get: Mitford, the pinnacle of provincial life, where homespun wisdom, guarded tradition, and principled faith are the precepts of good living. Jan Karon, purveyor of so-called "gentle fiction," continues the series that began with *At Home in Mitford*, in *Out to Canaan*. The patriarch of the tightly bound community of Mitford, North Carolina, is Father Timothy Kavanaugh, a.k.a. legal counsel, psychologist, foster parent, headhunter, husband, political analyst, and rector of

his congregation. He is always there to lend a helping hand, a kind word or bit of advice, which believe it or not, makes for an incredibly busy schedule in this quiet, country town. Longtime mayor Esther Cunningham, revered for preserving the traditions of the town, finds a formidable foe in Mack Stroupe, a free-spending industrialist who stands for the two most reviled words in Mitford: change and development. If that isn't enough, a suspicious company called "Miami Development" wants to buy Sadie Baxter's home--a Mitford landmark--and turn it into a hoity-toity spa. Father Tim has his hands full again with Dooley, his foster child who is back from prep school for the summer. The good rector continues to doctor Dooley's troubled past by locating his siblings, Poohbaw and Jessie, and finding their alcoholic mother, Pauline, work. The plethora of intricately woven, cozy vignettes makes *Out to Canaan* a potpie of warm, country reading. --Rebekah Warren --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Though facing retirement, Father Tim Kavanagh hasn't slowed down one bit since his appearance in *These High, Green Hills* (Viking, 1996). Racing from one good deed to another, Father Timothy takes in stray sick folk, finds an abandoned child, and helps his favorite baker write a winning jingle. A mayoral race pitting the long-time mayor Esther Cunningham against the possibly corrupt Mack Stroupe makes for some colorful sparring. Father Timothy applies his own unique, time-honored method of intuition, prayer, or dietary indulgence to a multitude of problems big and small. His late-in-life marriage to Cynthia continues to be a blessing readers will feel privileged to share. Distinguished by their rare tone of kindness, Karon's Mitford novels create instant warmth and coziness. *Out to Canaan* continues in this spirit, offering comedy and consolation to all. For most fiction collections.-?Keddy Ann Outlaw, Harris Cty. P.L., Houston, Tex.Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I've read all of the Mitford series at least 10 times each. At least once a year, I feel like I need to visit my "friends" in Mitford. I know the real world is nothing like Mitford and isn't that why we read? To not be immersed in reality?!*Out to Canaan*, like all the Mitford books, is a nice change from our very busy world. I would love to live in a small town like Mitford, if only any of them existed that were good with lesbians and if there were people of color there, too.

I love the Mitford series! But do know that this audio book is the abridged version read by the author, Jan Karon. The unabridged version. Is read by John McDonough, who does an incredible job. The abridged version does feel like your missing some things but is still great. My hubby and I

like to "go on vacation to Mitford" because these books do seem like they will take you there.

There is not a one of the Mitford/Father Tim books that I've not read more than three times--many far more than that. I don't know what more I can say that will express my delight in these books. I've noticed that I often pick them up when I'm feeling low or anxious. They're very restful. I like spending time with these folks, even the wicked Edith is eventually redeemed. All of them have their own very human flaws and their own blessings to share.

This third in the series. Enjoy the many characters and the way they live. Honest people who don't swear or have extra marital affairs! Lots of simple pleasures along with living this life for our Lord.

I love all of Jan Karon's Mitford series. I'll be sad if she doesn't keep writing about these charming characters and their quaint lives. I especially love Father Tim and Cynthia and their Christian love. The Bible verses and the quoting of the liturgies are so familiar to me and it's refreshing to read these pages with no sex or profanity, yet they are filled with true love. The guys at the Grill are so funny and sound like some folks I know! The only thing about this edition was that it was sent to my iPad; I'm sure it went to my Kindle as well, but I hardly read from it anymore as I like the iPad better. I don't know what happened, but all throughout the book the numeral "1" appeared everywhere at the end of words in place of the letter that should have been there. Annoying after a while but I still loved the story. I don't know if it went out that way to other readers or not but it was strange! Great series, though-

This is the fourth book in the series that I've read about the Mitford folks. It is simply written and a nice getaway from more complicated books. I plan to continue reading these Mitford books.

I read the Mitford/Father Tim series by Jan Karon several years ago and enjoyed them very much. Now I'm listening to the books on CD during my drive home commute everyday. Hearing the stories aloud is a wonderful stress reducer. It's almost like meeting and catching up with news of old friends. Every character's story has challenges but with Father Tim's never failing faith and perseverance everything always works out for the best.

This was a great addition to the series. I love to catch up on what is going on in Mitford with all the characters and meet new ones.

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