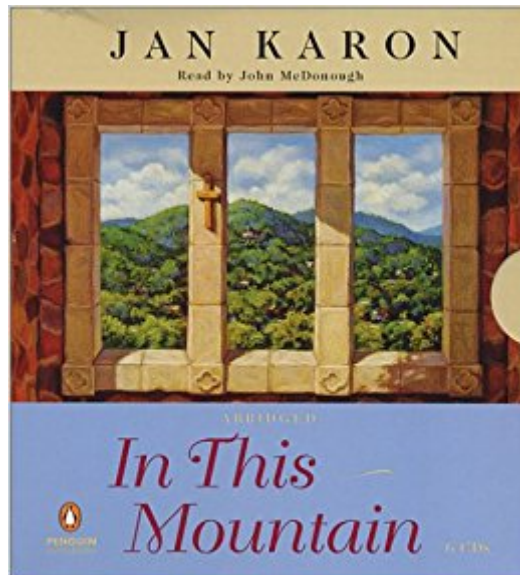




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# **In This Mountain (The Mitford Years)**



## Synopsis

Father Tim and Cynthia have been at home in Mitford for three years since returning from Whitecap Island. In the little town that's home-away-from-home to millions of readers, life hums along as usual. Dooley looks toward his career as a vet; Joe Ivey and Fancy Skinner fight a haircut price war that takes no prisoners; and Percy steps out on a limb with a risky new menu item at the Main Street Grill. Though Father Tim dislikes change, he dislikes retirement even more. As he and Cynthia gear up for a year-long ministry across the state line, a series of events sends shock waves through his faith-and the whole town of Mitford. In her seventh novel in the bestselling Mitford Years series, Jan Karon delivers surprises of every kind, including the return of the man in the attic and an ending that no one in Mitford will ever forget

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## Customer Reviews

Father Tim Kavanagh and his wife, Cynthia, return from Whitecap Island to "the little town with the big heart" in Jan Karon's seventh novel in the bestselling Mitford series, *In This Mountain*.

Retirement holds challenges Father Tim hasn't anticipated, and even as Cynthia's career as a children's book author and illustrator brings her new accolades, he finds himself dogged by health troubles and dissatisfaction with the way his life is turning out. However, the beloved villagers of Mitford are on hand to offer support and humor through every crisis, and a few new characters are introduced to keep interest in the series fresh. Throughout the tale, Karon folds in themes of grace and forgiveness, and offers hope for even the most difficult situations. Fans will be delighted to find

that this installment of the series is full of the engaging descriptions and charming depiction of life in Mitford that first won Karon the loyalty of legions of readers. --Cindy Crosby --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Fans of Mitford, N.C., will rejoice over this anticipated full-length seventh installment in the bestselling series, especially those disappointed with its shorter, rather lightweight predecessor, *A Common Life*. Although this offering is permeated with Karon's trademark charm, the plot isn't all sweetness and light. Three years have passed since Father Tim Kavanagh and his wife, Cynthia, returned to Mitford from Whitecap Island, and depression and discontent are gnawing away at the good cleric as he faces the big "7-0." As Cynthia's career reaches new heights, Father Tim makes some personal decisions that lead to tragedy. But never fear - although Karon strikes some somber notes, she avoids becoming heavy-handed. Devoted readers will find the same appealing characters and enchanting writing that originally won them to the series. Edith Mallory is up to her old tricks, plotting her seduction of Father Tim, and haircut wars are fought between barber Joe Ivey and stylist Fancy Skinner. Convicted jewel thief George Gaynor returns to the series after his release from jail; something new is cooking down at the Main Street Grill; and Dooley Barlowe learns the ropes of romance even as he agonizes over a search that may turn up his lost father and brothers. Karon more fully fleshes out two of the series' minor characters, Helene Pringle and Hope Winchester, and introduces newcomer Millie Tipton, a wise-cracking Methodist preacher who fits comfortably into town life. Homespun dialogue, fresh and lively descriptions, laugh-out-loud moments and poignant scenes mark the heartfelt book, which is a happy reunion for Mitford devotees. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

*IN THIS MOUNTAIN* by Jan Karon is the third book in the Mitford Series. I am an unabashed fan of Jan Karon's work and think of the characters and the community of Mitford as my family, & my town. It is a special author who can evoke such devotion and sense of reality to a work of fiction. Another truth about *IN THIS MOUNTAIN* and other Jan Karen books is that they are straightforwardly faith based. Fr. Tim, is definitely a man of the cloth and works at living the faith handed down. Cynthia, his wife adds a rich dimension to the storyline because the ins and outs of marriage are shown. Sometimes one feels like a fly on the wall during a heartfelt discussion or two. There is joy and triumph along with tremendous sadness and loss in this book. Just like life.

These are the first books I have read by Jan Karon and I'm hooked. This series about an Episcopalean priest and his dog is so completely entertaining that I plan on getting many more of her books after I completed the 9 in this series. She is a writer that makes you feel as though you are a part of this small but wonderful community. There aren't too many books that will make you laugh out loud with the smallest sweetest things. I know I will miss Fr. Timothy Kavanaugh and his life with his new wife and old dog. Make sure you read all of them in order. You too will be in love with this series. Thank you, Jan Karon.

I loved this book! Suspense, drama, hope, happiness, troubles, questions, it was all there and more. Really showed some of the true personalities of the characters. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who has started the series. I have thoroughly enjoyed each one of Karon's books in the series. Was a little hard to describe in one word the mood of the book. It is filled with all of the descriptions listed but I chose suspenseful as I was never sure what was going to happen. I simply didn't want to put the book down until it was finished but I had to because of work.

Jan Karon has a real winning set of characters in the Father Tim Series, and I would love to have more of them. It is so very refreshing to follow people who are living their lives to their best, and while there are issues to address they gather and find ways to address their concerns. Father Tim is not pretentious nor does he think he has all the answers, and in fact is just as human as his parishioners. The characters have a sense of humor can make the reader smile, and generally love the whole town! Father Tim and Cynthia are very special people, and I have loved following them through their "adventures" and challenges.

It has been quite a few years since I read the first books of the series and, of course, at that time the final books hadn't been written. I haven't read the last 3 books so I am looking forward to enjoying them. This series is well written and when you finish each book, you feel good. The characters are believable and you care about them and what happens in their lives. In our world today where so much anger, hatred, and discord seems to abound, it is a wonderful respite to visit this place of good people who care about and help each other. I do suggest reading the entire series in the order they were written.

As a pastor I enjoy reading the Mitford series. I can relate to lots of the things that Father Tim deals with. This book spoke directly to my heart. Retirement is not something that Pastors look forward to,

at least not the ones I know. A good pastor / missionary / evangelist never retires from doing the Lord's work. But what caught me here was the fact that even Pastors can struggle with some discouragement and depression. I have struggled for the last two years with some depression after being moved from one position to another. It has been difficult. Sometimes I wondered where God was. I like Father Timothy kept opening my Bible looking for the right verse that would speak to my heart. So, as I read this book I totally related. I would hope that as you read it you will come to understand that Pastors are just as human as everyone else. We deal with the same issues that laypeople deal with. God is there and is walking with us through every part of our lives. You just might not see him clearly right now. But hold on tight, He is there and He loves you and will help you find the other side of depression and bring you Joy in the morning. Thank you Jan for writing a truly heart felt book.

If you haven't read the Mitford series by Jan Karon, you'll want to read the whole series no matter where you start - with book 7 or 5 or 1. Father Tim Kavanagh (spelled with a K and no U) and the people around him are worth getting to know, so much so, that sometimes their stories seem more biographical than fiction. Jan Karon not only delightfully entertains but she feeds the soul, and for me, has piqued my curiosity about authors I have never read when Father Tim quotes varied works of prose and poetry. However, there's nothing stuffy about him or the folks in Mitford. I'm on my second go round for the whole series and I'm one who never reads a book twice. Can't say that anymore!

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