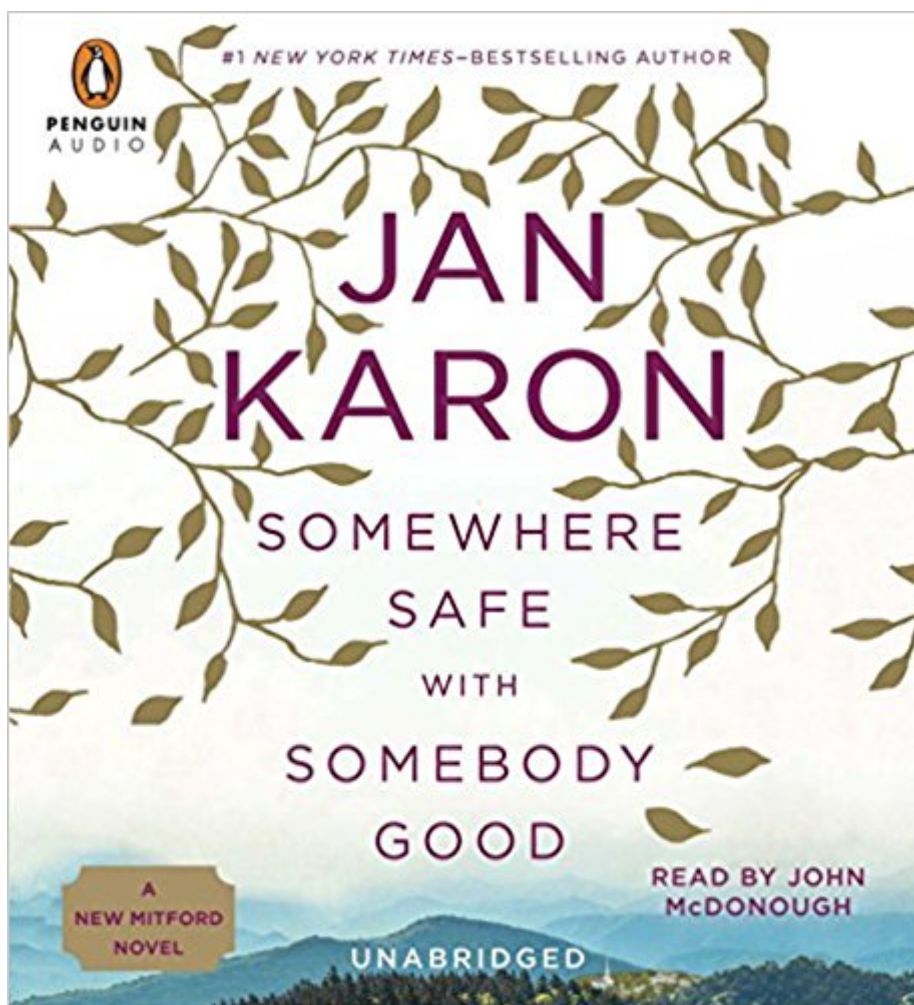


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Somewhere Safe With Somebody Good (Mitford)



Synopsis

A publishing event: #1 New York Times bestselling author Jan Karon returns and invites her millions of fans to join her again in Mitford. After five hectic years of retirement from Lord's Chapel, Father Tim Kavanagh returns with his wife, Cynthia, from a so-called pleasure trip to the land of his Irish ancestors. While glad to be at home in Mitford, something is definitely missing: a pulpit. But when he's offered one, he decides he doesn't want it. Maybe he's lost his passion. His adopted son, Dooley, wrestles with his own passion for the beautiful and gifted Lace Turner, and his vision to become a successful country vet. Dooley's brother, Sammy, still enraged by his mother's abandonment, destroys one of Father Tim's prized possessions. And Hope Murphy, owner of Happy Endings bookstore, struggles with the potential loss of her unborn child and her hard-won business. All this as Wanda's Feel Good Café opens, a romance catches fire through an Internet word game, their former mayor hatches a reelection campaign to throw the bums out, and the weekly Muse poses a probing inquiry: Does Mitford still take care of its own? Millions of fans will applaud the chance to spend time, once more, in the often comic and utterly human presence of Jan Karon's characters. Indeed, they have never been more sympathetic, bighearted, and engaging.

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Jan Karon is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of twenty-three books, including the Mitford novels, the Father Tim novels, a popular cookbook, and several books for children. She lives near Mr. Jefferson’s Monticello, a World Heritage site in Central Virginia.

‘Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good’ is the latest and much anticipated continuation of the Mitford series; although one would not necessarily have to have read the previous volumes - you will probably want to. There is a peace and a reality in Jan Karon’s writing. Father Timothy and his wife Cynthia have returned to Mitford after a trip to Ireland. Readers might notice that Father Tim has turned into a bit of a curmudgeon. After such a long absence, it almost seems as if many in the town are irritable. But after all, those of us, of a certain age will probably agree with him...that it is a consolation to see someone doing the same thing over and over again - keeping things the same. He wonders where the barbershops of the past are, where a man could go for some male understanding and it seems like nothing works these days and at times it seems as if everyone is frailer. There are instances when the story seems to hop in time and thought, much like our own minds work in reality, but it can be a bit confusing and other than assuming the reader knows what OMC is we are welcomed into this mountain town. One will smile at thoughts like books take you to other peoples’ lives and places, but you can still sit in your chair warm and cozy. This is a book with prayer, where the characters pray for each other to help them in their lives. It is not overwhelming to the story line; but that faith and belief is there. The people readers have come to care about are here, Dooley and his family, Barnabas, Father Tim and Cynthia. We meet some new faces and a story that finally gives the town paper some real news to report. Life happens and even death comes. There are the daily events and they are dealt with; but most of all there is what we have come to hold dear about Mitford...its caring, hope and of course love.

I have read and loved all the books in the Mitford series and I was thrilled when I found out that Jan

Karon was back with another book in the series. As soon as it arrived I cleared my schedule and sat down to get reacquainted with all the characters that anybody whose read the series has come to know and love. This latest book in the series is a thick one at 500 pages and I really wanted to read it slowly to savor every page but once I started I couldn't put it down. It's so easy to get lost in the pages of a Mitford novel and this latest is no exception. I loved it from start to finish and because I don't want to give any spoilers away I'll leave the details of the story out. I will say though that the ending felt like a set up for another book in the series - at least that's what I'm hoping for! If you've been a fan of the other books in the series then you'll be a fan of this one too!

UPDATE: After only one week since release "Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good" is #2 on our local best-seller list. A must read. More Mitford is what we all begged Jan Karon for. She delivered. My wife's already finishing her second read-through. It's a novel family reunion for readers. _____ I didn't gulp down Mitford. It deserves slow succulent reading. A morsel, then contemplation; like taking a bite of Esther Bolick's orange marmalade cake, set down fork, roll tongue, and salivate. This return to Mitford, after Father Tim's gadding about other parishes, is a balm of Gilead. This NEW MITFORD NOVEL had been prayed for by Jan Karon fans for years. It's back and as good as ever. If it's your first time in Mitford, no worries, Jan Karon introduces you to the town's characters, past and present, in this fun and lengthy re-debut. Old Mitford fans will no doubt send this book up the best-seller charts fast. Like all previous Mitford books, "Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good" comes so packed with both old and fresh that it is impossible to describe in a review. Without a doubt, it's another Jan Karon 6-star novel. Village neighbors 'got yur back', don't cha know; each character with realistic human issues transforming text into a genre kaleidoscope of humor, mystery, romance, tragedy, historic . . . well, CLASSIC Mitford. My wife and I married in our mature years, and enjoyed Mitford "A Common Life", alternating chapter reading to each other during our honeymoon. Reviewers should share their finest Mitford encounter. We own every Karon Mitford, including the cookbt. Should we go back to the beginning "At Home in Mitford" and read them all again? "Consider it done!"

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