

A Good Read

A Vividly Imagined World

(NAPSA)—Since the very beginning, faithful readers have been clamoring for a glimpse of Christmastime in Mitford, but Jan Karon, knowing that the story would call for something truly special, was waiting for the right inspiration.

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Father Tim has always lived what he calls “the life of the mind” and has never learned to savor the work of his hands. But that changes when he finds a derelict nativity scene that has suffered the indignities of time and neglect. Does he have what it takes to restore each of the pieces? It’s the beginning of a small journey of faith that touches everyone around him, and that reminds us all about the true Christmas spirit.

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—Chicago Tribune

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