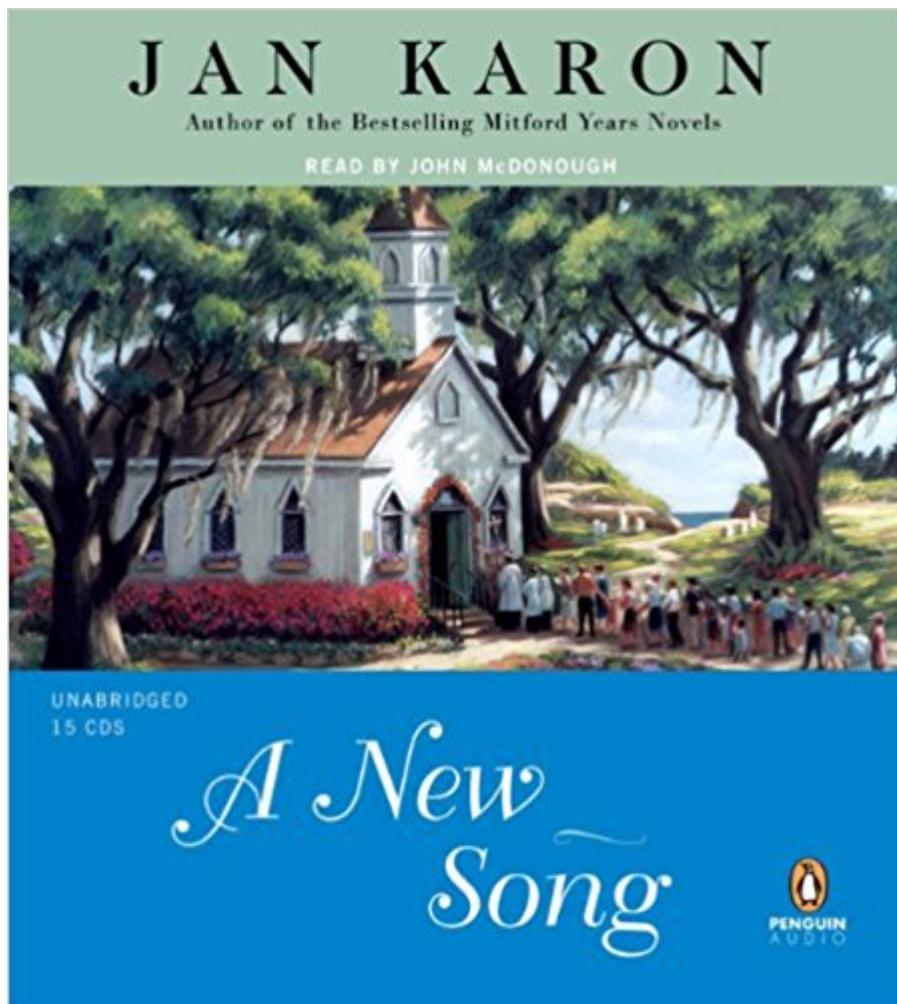


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Synopsis

The fifth novel in the Mitford series, by the bestselling author of *At Home in Mitford* and *Somebody Safe with Somebody Good* *In A New Song*, Mitford's longtime Episcopal priest, Father Tim, retires. However, new challenges and adventures await when he agrees to serve as interim minister of a small church on Whitecap Island. He and his wife, Cynthia, soon find that Whitecap has its own unforgettable characters: a church organist with a mysterious past, a lovelorn bachelor placing personal ads, a mother battling paralyzing depression. They also find that Mitford is never far away when circumstances "back home" keep their phone ringing off the hook. In this fifth novel of the beloved series, fans old and new will discover that a trip to Mitford and Whitecap is twice as good for the soul. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

As if being a priest in this day and age isn't difficult enough, try shepherding two parishes, located hundreds of miles apart, at the same time. A predicament of biblical proportions indeed, but one the indomitable Father Tim Kavanagh and his cheerful wife, Cynthia, can handle, with a little help from the Lord--not to mention their friends--in Jan Karon's *A New Song*, the fifth installment in her much-loved Mitford series. When asked to act as interim minister for a tiny island parish in North Carolina's Outer Banks, the recently retired Father heeds the call, all the while trusting in a divine master plan: "He had prayed that God would send him wherever He pleased, and when his bishop

presented the idea of Whitecap, he knew it wasn't his bishop's bright idea at all, but God's." From the more routine duties of settling into a new church to dealing with a number of deeper domestic issues--including a single mother's spiral into depression and a reclusive next door neighbor in need of kindness--Father Tim's new parish presents a welcome challenge. All the while, of course, the folks back home keep him informed of goings-on in Mitford--the biggest being the recent arrest of Dooley Barlowe, a mountain boy whom Father Tim had taken into his home and heart five years earlier. As in past Mitford episodes, things have a way of working themselves out, but not before Father Tim and his accompanying cast learn a few more valuable lessons about life. Full of the homey atmosphere and heartwarming truths--not to mention the endearingly quirky characters--that are Karon's trademark, *A New Song* is a delightful celebration of the communal ties that bind.

--Stefanie Hargreaves --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Karon reads the fifth installment of her popular Mitford series with gentle authority, nimble in her Southern enunciation and the depiction of colorful local characters (the four previous titles are available on tape, with the author at the microphone). She is very good at establishing mood, eliciting the nuances of time and place in the life of Father Tim Kavanagh, the recently retired Episcopal minister of this postcard-perfect North Carolina small town. He and Cynthia, his devoted wife, are moving to the coastal island of Whitecap for a year, where he is to preside as interim minister at a small church. Kavanagh is acutely sensitive to the "upheaval" of the "tearing up and nailing down" required by the temporary move. He feels homesick and is nagged with fear, especially as he learns that his adopted teenage son, Dooley, has landed in jail back home. And that's just the beginning of his troubles. Because Kavanagh's life unfolds episodicallyAand always in unexpected waysAit translates especially keenly as audio drama. Simultaneous release with the Viking hardcover. (Apr.) Copyright 1999 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 ready by the

author, Jan Karon. The unabridged version. Is read by John McDonough, who does an incredible job. The abridged version does feel like you're 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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