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Miss Read's many fans will be delighted to renew acquaintance with two of her most popular Christmas novels, available here in one edition. In Village Christmas, a family new to Fairacre is viewed with suspicion by their elderly neighbors, the Waters sisters, until an unexpected turn of events works magic over both houses on Christmas Day. Meanwhile, Mrs. Berry, in the nearby village of Caxley, faces an equally eventful Christmas Eve in The Christmas Mouse when she is awakened by two unexpected intruders: a mouse and a bedraggled runaway boy, both taking refuge from a winter storm. Both stories are resolved in Miss Read's comforting style, as warm as the glowing coals of the cottage fire and the spirit of Christmas itself. Miss Read's Christmas Tales are a treat for those who already know Miss Read and a charming introduction to her books for those who do not. As in other books by Miss Read, this volume is complemented by John S. Goodall's delightful line drawings.

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Laurie Glassel says

This is the perfect cozy Christmas book.

Jess says

Cute, gentle stories set during Christmas time.

Trace says

These are the first titles I've read by Miss Read. They were nice, warm-hearted Christmas stories from a by-gone era. I love reading stories from a less complicated time.... these fit the bill rather nicely and I'll look forward to reading more stories from Miss Read.

Lori says

4 1/2 stars. The two stories in this book are charming, filled with good, old-fashioned people and ideas. In Village Christmas, service given to a new family in their time of need helps them to become accepted into the community. In The Christmas Mouse, a young boy must accept the consequences for his choices. I especially loved this story. It is so seldom that foster parents are depicted as well meaning, good people just trying to be fair and to do their best. I appreciated old Mrs. Berry who sets our young orphan straight about his selfishness, envy and jealousy when he runs away from his foster home on Christmas Eve. She sends him home, hopefully a little wiser and more considerate.

Mary Welk says

Fans of Jan Karon's Mitford series may recognize the work of Miss Read (the pen name of retired English schoolteacher Dora Saint). Miss Read's gentle stories of life in rural England filled 30 books over a period of 40 years. The 174 page CHRISTMAS TALES contains two novellas, Village Christmas and The Christmas Mouse.

Village Christmas tells the story of the elderly Waters sisters and their initial difficulty accepting the Emery family as new neighbors in the little village of Fairacre. The two households are brought together in an unexpected way, though, on Christmas Day, changing forever the lives of both the Waters sisters and the Emerys.

Mrs. Berry of Caxley village faces her own holiday dilemma in The Christmas Mouse when she awakes on

Christmas Eve to find two intruders in her home. The first is a mouse. The second is a runaway boy. Both have come seeking refuge from a winter storm, and both are dealt with by Mrs. Berry in the true spirit of the holiday season.

For heart warming stories of Christmas good will, I highly recommend Miss Read's CHRISTMAS TALES.

Elizabeth says

I have enjoyed all the previous Miss Read books but I found this one to have a heavy handed moral tone.

Sonia says

Very simple tales

Cynthia J says

Re-read this. Treat yourself! Her books are sheer delight.

Leaflet says

Cozy, comforting, small-English-village reads where the realities of life are dealt with firm common sense and - I'm sorry to have to add - old-fashioned principles.

Mary says

Sweet

Roberta says

There are two nice, unrelated stories in this book. Although I liked both, I enjoyed "Village Christmas" more than "The Christmas Mouse". Each story has a lesson, although the writing is not heavy-handed and preachy. I liked the old-fashioned illustrations.

Susan says

I loved the book and it brought back my English Mom. So simple so sweet

Joe says

Two early Xmas stories from Miss Read. Cozy and pleasant.

Joyce says

Public library copy. This is two volumes in one. I am reviewing the Christmas Mouse here, having read Village Christmas previously, which I enjoyed as much the second time around.

The Christmas Mouse is one of my favorite Miss Read books. The characters are fresh and the story is lovely. I loved it from start to finish. It is a parallel story, perhaps on more than one level. The Christmas Mouse has more depth to it than many of her stories. I particularly liked the element of faith in Mrs. Berry, and (no spoilers) where it took the story.

I wholeheartedly recommend this book to readers of all ages, to be read at any time of year. It is clean, wholesome and encouraging to the human spirit.

Lana Tolle says

This was my first Miss Read book. Truly enjoyed it. A nice diversion from my usual genre. Two very sweet stories. Just a "feel good" book and I look forward to reading many of her others.
