

## Clean and Gentle Reads

### **DB41118**

Title: Fruitful Vine: Miriam's Journal Volume 1

Author: Carrie Bender

The summer her mother dies, Miriam, an unmarried forty-year-old Amish woman, takes a job as a housekeeper to a young widower and begins this journal. Miriam worries over and becomes emotional about the romantic lives of others, including her employer. She even offers to pretend to date her neighbor to pique the interest of his sometimes girlfriend. Then Miriam falls in love. Prequel to A Winding Path (DB 41119).

### **DB41119**

Title: A Winding Path: Miriam's Journal Volume 2

Author: Carrie Bender

After A Fruitful Vine (DB 41118), Miriam, an Amish woman, writes in her journal about happily raising her twins and foster daughter, Dora, with her husband, Nate. Dora's birth mother, Priscilla, has come a long way from being the immature girl who dated Miriam's former boss, but she still needs Miriam's counsel. Then, when Priscilla is finally happy, Miriam realizes Nate is brooding about something. 1994.

### **DB62168**

Title: The Three Mrs. Parkers

Author: Joan Medlicott

Facing foreclosure on her family's South Carolina homestead, middle-aged widow Zoe Parker turns to her wealthy, estranged mother-in-law, Winifred. Winifred moves in, as does Zoe's grieving daughter, Katie. Facing unexpected challenges and dangers, the three generations of Parker women resolve old grievances and form new bonds. 2005.

### **DB70886**

Title: A Blue and Gray Christmas

Author: Joan Medlicott

When a historic restoration crew unearths a rusty box, friends Grace, Amelia, and Hannah discover it contains the diaries and letters of two soldiers--one Southern and one Northern--chronicling the Civil War era in

Covington, North Carolina. The women track down the men's descendants and arrange a reunion. 2009.

**DB59520**

Title: The Cat Who Went Bananas

Author: Lilian Jackson Braun

Pickax City eagerly awaits the theatre club's opening of a play in which Alden Wade, a newcomer in town, is the lead actor. But when a cast member is killed and Siamese cat Koko acts like he's lost his mind, local columnist Jim Qwilleran investigates Wade's past. Bestseller. 2004.

**DB61762**

Title: The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell

Author: Lilian Jackson Braun

Journalist Jim Qwilleran helps plan a knock-out celebration of Pickax City's sesquicentennial. Meanwhile Nathan and Doris Ledfield, a wealthy couple, mysteriously die leaving their greedy nephew to inherit their estate. Siamese cats Koko and Yum Yum help to uncover the truth about the couple's demise. Bestseller. 2006.

**DB45992**

Title: Shiloh Autumn

Author: Bodie Thoene

To the Tuckers and other cotton farmers of Shiloh, Arkansas, the 1929 stock market crash was a remote event that seemed unrelated to their way of life. Then the cotton market collapses in 1931, causing the Tuckers to lose their farm and brave an arduous trek in search of a new life in California. 1996.

**DB 48936**

Title: Of Men and of Angels: A Novel

Author: Bodie Thoene

Joseph Connor Burke returns to Ballynockanor to claim his land and is asked to join the Repeal Movement against England. Although he supports the movement, he prefers to help the people on his estate. He also hopes to reclaim the heart of Kate Donovan Garrity. Sequel to Only the River Runs Free (DB 46729). 1998.

**DB56704**

Title: Cape Light: Cape Light Novel, Book 1

Author: Thomas Kinkade

First in a series of novels by the well-known landscape painter and his coauthor set in a Massachusetts community where everyone knows and cares deeply for one another. Introduces Jessica, recently returned; her sister, Emily, the mayor; the owners of the local eatery; and Reverend Ben, who counsels and consoles the residents. Followed by Home Song (DB 56726). 2002.

**DB56726**

Title: Home Song: A Cape Light Novel, Book 2

Author: Thomas Kinkade

In this sequel to Cape Light (RC 56704), Mayor Emily faces a challenger in the next election. Sister Jessica plans her wedding and hopes their mother will finally accept her fiancé. Sara must decide whether to reveal her parentage, and newcomer Luke sets up a halfway house for troubled teens. 2002.

**DB74551**

Title: Nana's Gift and the Red Geranium

Author: Janette Oke

Two inspirational short stories. In Nana's Gift ninety-three-year-old Lizzie helps her great granddaughter overcome tragedy. In The Red Geranium Tommy brings his Gran a gift to cheer her up while she is in the hospital. 1996.

**DB74567**

Title: Another Homecoming

Author: Janette Oke

Martha Grimes gave up her infant daughter Kyle after her husband's presumed death in World War II. Kyle, now seventeen, learns of her adoption only after her stepfather's death, which sparks a fight for his company. Kyle searches for her birth parents and finds solace in her newfound faith. 1997.

**DB86649**

Title: The Whole Town's Talking: A Novel

Author: Fannie Flagg

Follows the residents of the small Missouri town of Elmwood Springs through the decades. They lead normal lives, but when they die, folks remain for a time in the cemetery above the town, watching over friends and relatives. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

**DB77825**

Title: The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion

Author: Fannie Flagg

2005. Sookie Poole is recovering from marrying off the last of her three daughters when she is entrusted with a registered letter for her formidable mother, Lenore. The letter reveals secrets from Lenore's past during World War II that change Sookie's perception of her mother--and herself. Bestseller. 2013.