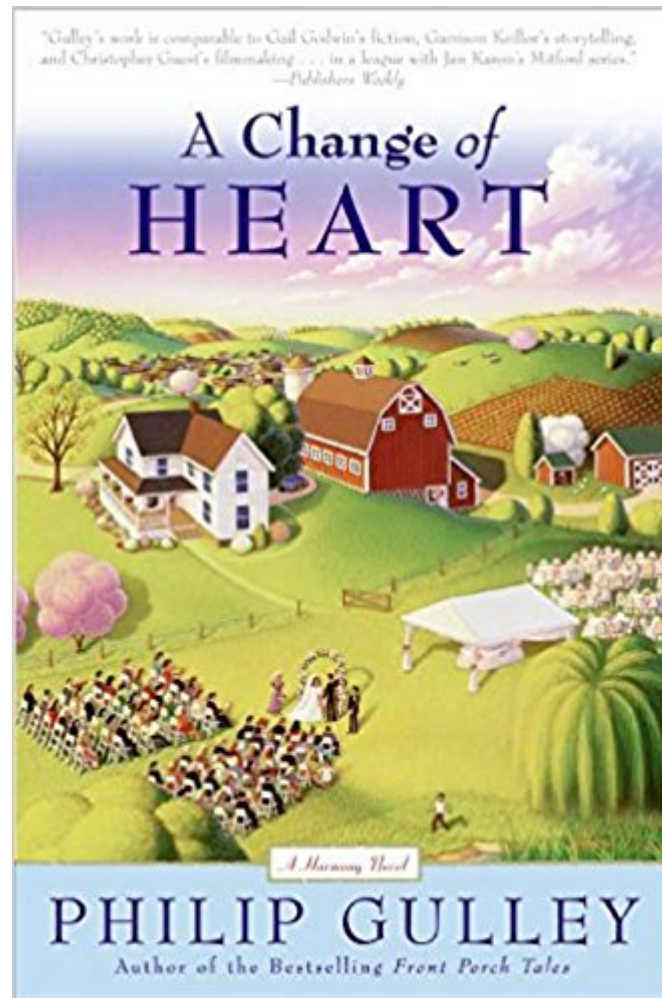




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Synopsis

Now in paperback, in the fifth full-length novel in the beloved Harmony series Philip Gulley reunites us with the quirky cast of Quakers in Harmony, Indiana.

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Customer Reviews

Mix Garrison Keillor, Tom Bodett, and Jan Karon, and you have Quaker minister Gulley's Harmony series featuring Pastor Sam Gardner. The stakes aren't as high in this fifth entry as they were in *Just Shy of Harmony* (2002), when Sam questioned whether he still believed in God, or in *Signs and Wonders* (2003), when evidence of miracles gave him pause. This time there are only subplots revolving around members of Sam's congregation: spinster Deena Morrison, rehearsing for a perfect wedding; mean old Dale Hinshaw, at death's door and in need of a new heart; and Ellis and Miriam Hodge, who years ago took in their niece, Amanda, and raised her as their own. Now they face Amanda's biological parents, Ellis' brother and his wife, dedicated alcoholics who have dried out and want a place in their daughter's life. Although *A Change of Heart* lacks cohesion, each of its small stories is entertaining and fresh, and makes a reader wish for a town like Harmony to live in. And truly, it's Gulley's Hoosier humor that readers return for. Mulling over his wedding ceremony, Sam's grateful there are no "readings from Kahlil Gibran about how if you love someone, let them go and if they return they are yours, but if they don't, they're with someone else, or words to that effect." Mark Twain would have chuckled at that one. John Mort

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• With the storytelling ability of Garrison Keillor • | Gulley spins tales that are also a bit like Jan Karon's Mitford. • (Arkansas Democrat-Gazette) • Fans of Jan Karon's • Mitford • series and anyone who enjoys gentle reads will find Gulley's natural storytelling irresistible. • (Library Journal) • Entertaining and fresh, and makes a reader wish for a town like Harmony to live in. • (Booklist) • [I]n true Harmony form, [A Change of Heart] provides plenty of laugh-out-loud passages. • (Indianapolis Star) • Gulley has a knack for drawing from true life and embroidering it to make excellent fiction. • (FaithfulReader.com)

Love this series

These book by Phillip Gulley are so down to earth - I find myself wondering "how does a minister put up with all the different folks in their congregation" - I find myself comparing the folks with people I know (and maybe sometimes myself) I have all his books now - I usually give my books away but I will keep this set - I read some of the books years ago, now, I want to keep these they never go out of style - He is a wonderful writer.

I purchased these books based on the fact that they were described as light hearted but spiritually based. The writing is excellent...the author is witty and dry and quite funny...but belittles Baptists more than any other denomination, and is quite humanistic. If you are just looking for a light hearted work of fiction this is fine. But if you have doctrinal beliefs, it can get to the point that it becomes frustrating...as it did with me.

Loved it. Real scenarios in the life of a pastor. Although it is fiction, I related completely. Makes you smile and get emotional too. Gulley has a way of getting the reader involved.

The whole Harmony series is very enjoyable, and it among my favorite in the fiction genre. They are all light-hearted and full of wonderful and entertaining characters. The books follow Sam, a pastor in a small-town Quaker church, and the eclectic group of individuals who are members. That being said, this was my least favorite of the series. I fear Gulley is running low on humor! This one was very pleasant and feel-good, but was not quite as funny as the previous ones. Also, one of the things I love about these books are the touching one or two-liners he usually ends the chapters with.

They just warm your heart! But this book didn't have those. Either way, these books are easy, pleasant and clean reads. Enjoy!

I have thoroughly enjoyed all the Harmony series and am now reading the Hope series. Don't know when I have laughed so much.

I have read the Harmony series several times over, and it never fails to provide much needed comic relief. I recommend to anyone who attends church regularly or even if you don't, it's still a wonderful series of books. Warning, you will likely laugh out loud many times so be prepared for people to stare.

Love this series! Interesting, engaging characters. Well done Phillip Gulley!

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