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Two Inspiring Stories From A Best-Selling Author

(NAPSA)—Two new books from best-selling author Jan Karon help build a heartwarming world you'll love to call home. *New York Times* bestseller *In This Mountain* (Penguin, \$13.95), the seventh novel in the beloved Mitford series is filled to the brim with the same spiritual charm and inspiration that have made Mitford a home-away-from-home for legions of devoted fans across the country. Her other new book, *The Trellis and the Seed: A Book of Encouragement for All Ages* (Viking Children's Books, \$15.99), is a timeless story of hope, faith and the beauty of everyday miracles.

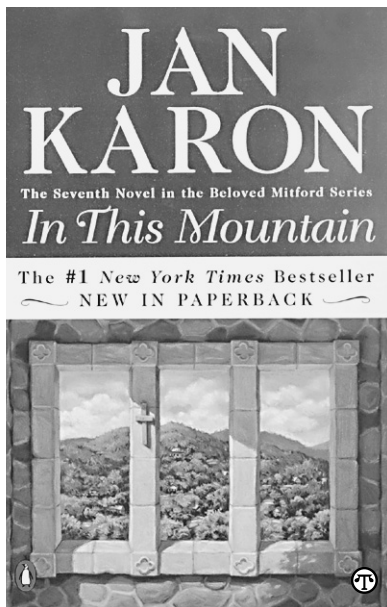
In This Mountain finds Father Tim and Cynthia returning to Mitford. Life hums along: Dooley looks toward his career as a vet; Joe Ivey and Fancy Skinner fight a haircut price war that takes no prisoners; Percy steps out on a limb with a risky new menu item at the Grill; Uncle Billy feels new pressure to produce a sure-fire joke; and the Man in the Attic returns to Mitford as the town holds its breath to see what happens.

Though Father Tim dislikes change, he dislikes retirement even more and takes on a difficult



ministry. An unexpected event shakes his world and the whole town of Mitford.

The Trellis and the Seed is a fable about a little seed that spends the winter in a jelly glass on the top shelf of a china cupboard. Although it is only a seed, and very, very small,



Jan Karon writes to give readers an extended family and to applaud the extraordinary beauty of ordinary lives.

it dreams of being a vine with blossoms one day. When spring comes, the Nice Lady makes a hole for the seed and plants it in her garden. It's soft in the hole, but also cold and dark. As the seed sprouts and the vine grows, the Earth encourages it, letting it know that God has a plan for the seed and its special qualities.

Robert Gantt Steele's vibrant full-color illustrations make the perfect complement to this simple story with a simple message about reaching your goals by patience and hard work.

These books are available at bookstores and for more information about Jan Karon, log onto www.mitfordbooks.com.