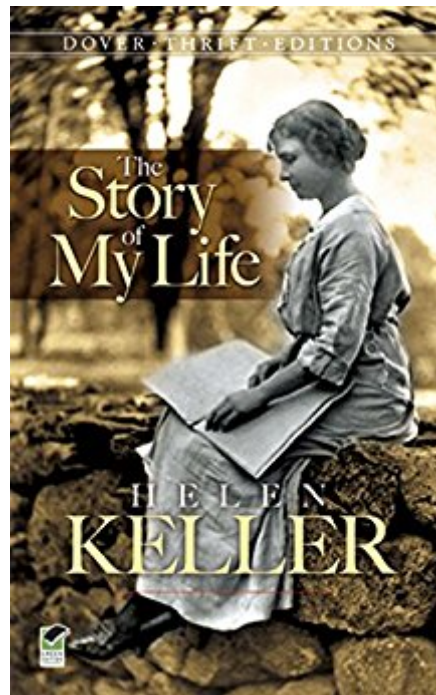




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When she was 19 months old, Helen Keller (1880–1968) suffered a severe illness that left her blind and deaf. Not long after, she also became mute. Her tenacious struggle to overcome these handicaps-with the help of her inspired teacher, Anne Sullivan-is one of the great stories of human courage and dedication. In this classic autobiography, first published in 1903, Miss Keller recounts the first 22 years of her life, including the magical moment at the water pump when, recognizing the connection between the word "water" and the cold liquid flowing over her hand, she realized that objects had names. Subsequent experiences were equally noteworthy: her joy at eventually learning to speak, her friendships with Oliver Wendell Holmes, Edward Everett Hale and other notables, her education at Radcliffe (from which she graduated cum laude), and-underlying all-her extraordinary relationship with Miss Sullivan, who showed a remarkable genius for communicating with her eager and quick-to-learn pupil. These and many other aspects of Helen Keller's life are presented here in clear, straightforward prose full of wonderful descriptions and imagery that would do credit to a sighted writer. Completely devoid of self-pity, yet full of love and compassion for others, this deeply moving memoir offers an unforgettable portrait of one of the outstanding women of the twentieth century.

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Very well written and very inspiring. I wish awesome wasn't the only word I can come up with. It moved my soul.

The second book of the Mitford series doesn't disappoint. Instead, we get to further become a part of this wonderful town and the beautifully crafted characters created by Jan Karon. I highly recommend it.

Jan Karon somehow manages to take readers into a different world, a gracious world of charm and great beauty. Mitford is a wonderful town, in a gorgeous location. The seasons, the foods, the flowers and the weather are almost like characters in themselves. This is not a book about physically perfect people, but real people with weaknesses and strengths who are willing to engage in and better each others lives. To some, the town may be idealistic, but there is actually significant complexity when it combines to the emotions of uncertainty and excitement that often come with romantic love.

Helen and her teacher, Anne Sullivan, must have both been blessed by God with incredible intelligence. Ms. Sullivan, without any formal teaching training, found ways to teach Helen that were unknown before that time. Helen's grasp of intangible concepts leave me shaking my head in awe. The book combines third party accounts, along with Ms. Sullivan's reports, her personal letters, Helen's autobiography, and her letters, in a way that takes the reader through all the phases of Helen's lifelong learning experience. I have shared stories from this book with friends in casual conversation more than any other book I have read in recent years, because the tale is just so extraordinary. I highly recommend "The Story of My Life" for anyone who has a fascination with learning.

Great book. You want to know more about each character. You grow to love them and their town. Can't put it down once you start.

If you've read the first one in this series, then you know that this is a continuation of the saga of

Father Timothy (a bachelor until in his sixties), his dog, his young charge, Dooley, and his next door neighbor/love, Cynthia. It's a sweet, feel good, lull you to sleep read. There's also a lot of good advice and life lessons within Father Tim's way of handling life's little upsets. Reading these books kinda makes me wish I lived in Mitford. FYI, my usual fare is Robert B. Parker, Patterson, John Connolly, Anita Shreve and the like. The Mitford series is total opposite of these authors' stories, but good for reducing stress levels. :-)

I have read this book before and no doubt will read again. Jan Karon has a way of capturing your heart with the characters. They become your wholesome friends, with whom you want to spend time.

A brief but fairly complete synopsis of the life and times of Helen Keller.

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