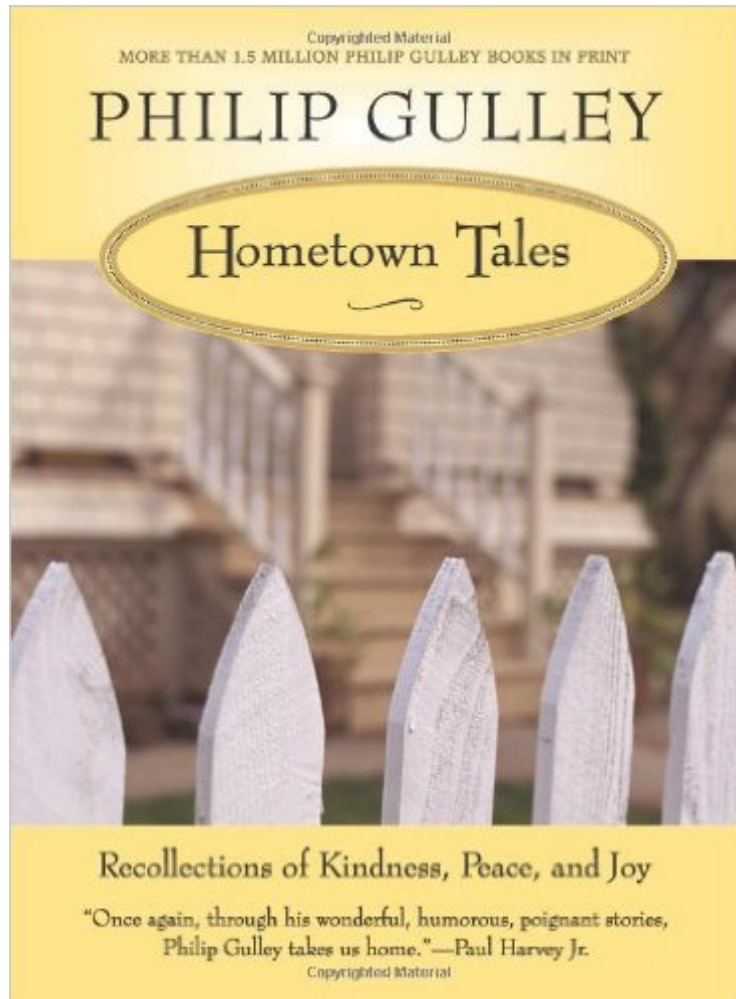


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Hometown Tales: Recollections Of Kindness, Peace, And Joy



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Stories from a Place That Feels Like Home Master storyteller Philip Gulley envelops readers in an almost forgotten world of plainspoken and honest small-town values, evoking a simpler time when people knew each other by name, folks looked out for their neighbors, and people were willing to do what was right no matter the cost. When Philip Gulley began writing newsletter essays for the twelve members of his Quaker meeting in Indiana, he had no idea one of them would find its way to radio commentator Paul Harvey Jr. and be read on the air to 24 million people. Fourteen books later, with more than a million books in print, Gulley still entertains as well as inspires from his small-town front porch.

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Customer Reviews

I found treasure in a small little book called HOME TO HARMONY. From there I followed the treasure map to FOR EVERYTHING A SEASON, and then on to HOME TOWN TALES. This book is labeled: recollections of Kindness, Peace and Joy, and tracks the fruits of the spirit through a series of happy, poignant and sad vignettes. All of Mr. Gulley's books have charm and sweetness and light - and manage to do so without being too heavily gooey and sickeningly sweet. This collection of simple and ordinary everyday tales, is truly a celebration of faith and goodness and all the fruits of the spirit. I have recommended these books to everyone I know, and give away my copies as quickly as I buy them. For all ages, for all faiths, these lovely books have something to say to everyone who picks them up.

Although I have only read two books of Gulley, I have become a great fan of his. Home Town Tales is a perfect follow-up of Front Porch Tales. I do prefer his first book to Home Town Tales; nevertheless it's a book worth reading. I highly recommend it. There has been an influx lately of books like Chicken Soup for the Soul. At first they were okay, but I got kind of sick of them and already found them corny, mainly because the books were characterised merely by quantity of stories and not by their quality- the stories somehow trailed the same messages, the same lines of thought, the same points. But Home Town Tales is different- the stories are not predictable, yet they occur in an ordinary man's (or shall I say extraordinary?) ordinary life. Heart-warming... it makes you go "ahh..." with a tear in your eye, and discover the mawkish in you.

What fun when I find a book that captivates your attention, feeds your soul, and makes you laugh all at the same time. I love to read a great book and know there are more by the same author to savor and look forward to. The short story format makes for short get-aways during my day to sit and gain perspective and remind myself just what is most important in life. This book and others by the same author are treasures I'm so glad I found. They make wonderful gifts too!!!

Hometown Tales is another book full of wonderful tales about life. Beautiful stories that remind us to sit back for a second, look around us, and take it all in. Philip Guelly truly understands what it means to appreciate the little things in life. His stories get you thinking about all the things we take and have taken for granted...about memories long past...and how to make this life a little better for ourselves. And most importantly, he always reminds you that there's someone up above looking out for us.

My cousin attended seminary with the author and gave me this book for Christmas. As an afterthought I picked it up four days ago and now have read all but the last story--You will be captivated by how easy these stories are to read, yet how deep of meaning they carry. I now know what books I will be giving to people for the next year. My favorite and the story I often retell to folks (over the phone even) is "The Clothesline." It's full of chuckles. Simple messages about the fruit of the spirit that are heart warming and inspirational. The keen insights are refreshing and poignant. Keep writing Philip!

Bought this as a gift for my Mother who is in a nursing home, looked for light, up lifting reading for

her and WOW did I find it in this author, bought two more of his books and am thrilled with the poignant and sometimes humorous stories. Would recommend again.

This book is a combination of short tales wrapped up in the theme of the fruits of the spirit. I have really enjoyed the spiritual insights, humor and just sitting down to read a text that is down to earth. No bologna. True human feelings, experiences and insights that have helped me along my own faith journey. It is the perfect bedtime, lunch break or waiting in a doctor's office text. You can read a brief section and know your getting a good dose of spiritual food and not missing some climax to a dramatic story. I normally read this before bed. I gave it five stars because of the fact that it fits both my busy lifestyle and fills my spiritual needs as well.

In a time of world confusion and fear, Gulley's book provides a wonderful oasis by reminding us of the things we hold dear. It reminds me of Katherine Valentine's Dorsetville novels. Filled with hope and faith, I plan to give several out as gifts.

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