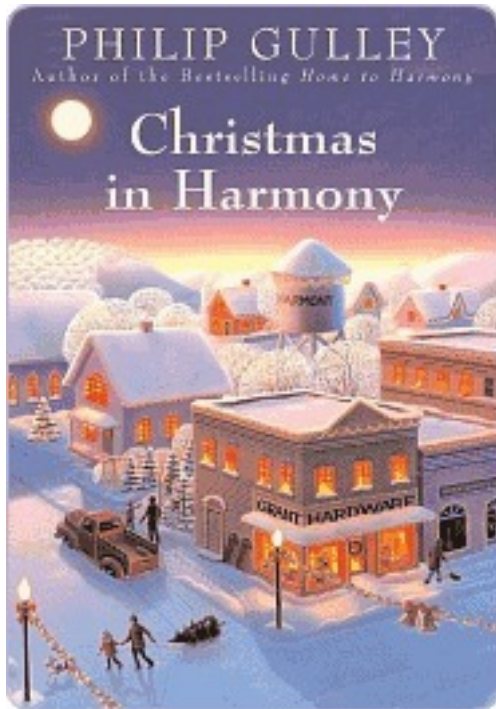


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### Christmas in Harmony: A Harmony Story (Harmony #4)



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## Description

Philip Gulley takes us to Harmony, Indiana, at Christmastime as inspiration strikes the inimitable Dale Hinshaw. Always looking for a way to increase the church's profit margins, Hinshaw brainstorms a progressive nativity scene that will involve the whole town, complete with a map like those for the Hollywood stars. Neither Pastor Sam Gardner nor the other members of the Harmony Friends meeting express any enthusiasm for this idea, but Dale is unstoppable. Meanwhile, Pastor Sam has his own concerns: he's having his annual argument with his wife, and he's worried that the four-slotted toaster he bought for her may be too lavish a gift.

Amidst the bustle of the season, the citizens of Harmony experience the simple joys and sometime loneliness that often go unseen. Sam comes to the realization that Dale, in his own misguided way, is only trying to draw meaning from the eternal story of Christmas. "In this unsettled world, it is good to have this steadiness -- the Christmas Eve service, the peal of the bell. . . . There is a holiness to memory, a sense of God's presence in these mangers of the mind. Which might explain why it is that the occasions that change the least are often the very occasions that change us the most."

## Insightful reviews

Melissa: Gulley's sense of humor in capturing the characters of small town America is a fun read. The fictitious town of Harmony, Indiana comes alive with all kinds of hilarious situations with the young pastor scrambling to keep the peace during the Christmas season.

Dan Smith: Short book about Christmas in this fictional town.. How different people try to change traditions... lighthearted and funny.

Aleisha: "My wife, modest and traditional, argues for reserve, while I, having witnessed the pain of unspoken love, elect to splurge. It is, I believe, in keeping with the season. God could have sent a lawyer who would scrupulously define the limits of love. Instead, he went for broke, and sent a child with whom He was well pleased. And had the good sense to tell him so. Christmas, I tell my wife, is not the time to hold back. It is the bold stroke, the song in the silence, the red hat in a gray-suit world."

Charming, delightful, very short, very sweet, laugh-out-loud funny, quirky, tender, and as warm as a Christmas cup of cocoa. Curl up by your tree with this one! You won't be sorry!

Kristin: each year at Christmas, I learn books i might mostly now not read. I do that simply because Christmas books in my library are typically of the style of publication that doesn't thrill me for the remainder of the yr (that is to say, overly spiritual and sickeningly sweet). This was once one in every of those. it's a tale of a small-town Quaker minister and his city of quirky characters. Right, that approximately covers it.

AngelaGay Kinhead: while this publication arrived within the mail, it seemed to be a short learn

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in 7 chapters so I threw it within the automobile whilst i began my force to Kansas. began analyzing it aloud to my mom and brother, as soon as an afternoon following both lunch or supper, looking on my brother's time table -- finishing this evening, Christmas Eve. One bankruptcy an afternoon -- our small relations together, a typical experience, smiles, the occasional tear, and reviews approximately "knowing" these characters and occasions from an entire life of church-family memories.

Michelle: okay Christmas read. a few zany neighborhood characters maintain it a bit interesting. sturdy instance of ways Christmas can get uncontrolled and the message lost. It does not the guts and enlightenment of a Christmas Box.

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