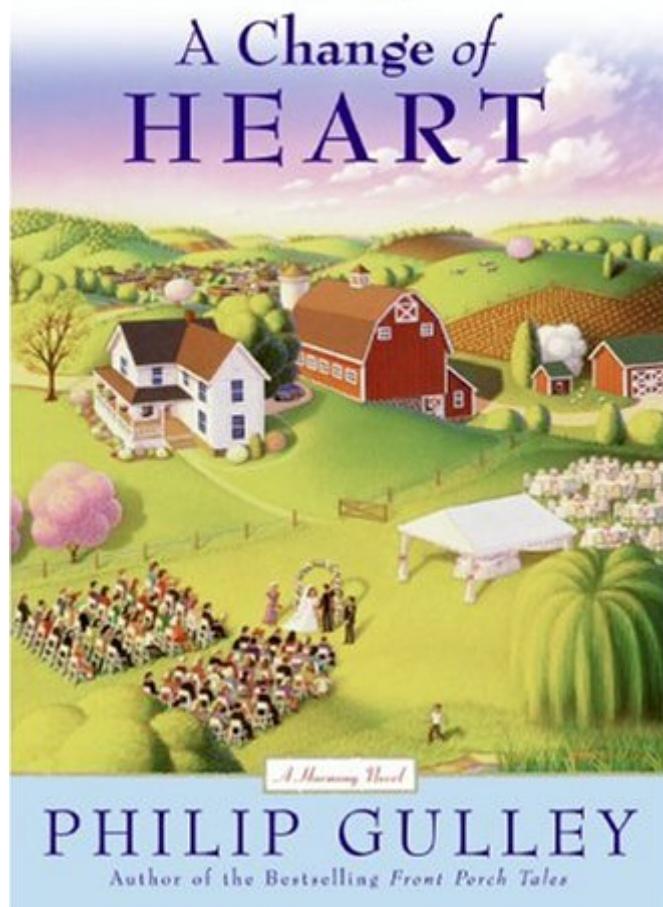


The book was found

A Change Of Heart: A Harmony Novel

"Gulley's work is comparable to Gail Godwin's fiction, Garrison Keillor's storytelling, and Christopher Guest's filmmaking . . . in a league with Jan Karon's *Matilda* series."
—Publishers Weekly



Synopsis

Sam Gardner never dreamed he would be thanking God for Harmony's self-appointed general of the religious Right, Dale Hinshaw. God does indeed work in mysterious ways. Amanda Hodge, who has been living with her Uncle Ellis and Aunt Miriam since her parents abandoned her years ago, now faces their return and their desire to be a part of her life again. Dale Hinshaw hovers on the brink of death, in dire need of a heart transplant. The whole town is abuzz as the beautiful Deena Morrison marries the town's most eligible bachelor, Dr. Pierce. And in the midst of these triumphs and tragedies, Pastor Sam Gardner helps the people of Harmony negotiate the sometimes rocky road of family life, faith, and forgiveness. Although Harmony's characters develop and grow with each novel, one thing remains constant -- Philip Gulley's ability to capture both the flavor of small-town America and the paradoxical beauty of our own humanity.

Book Information

File Size: 439 KB

Print Length: 256 pages

Publisher: HarperOne; Reprint edition (October 13, 2009)

Publication Date: October 13, 2009

Sold by: Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B0012OYBLW

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #132,648 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #9 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Religion & Spirituality > Christian Books & Bibles > Christian Denominations & Sects > Protestantism > Quaker #19 in Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Christian Denominations & Sects > Protestantism > Quaker #304 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Literature & Fiction > Contemporary Fiction > Religious

Customer Reviews

Get ready for a readable joy-ride in this installment of the Harmony series, A CHANGE OF HEART. Author Philip Gulley sets the drive on cruise control for his fifth offering --- humorous, low-key

storytelling full of the characters you've come to love throughout the previous four full-length novels. If you haven't picked up other books in the series, put it in "park," stop reading this review now, and go back and begin with **HOME TO HARMONY**. You'll acquire the needed context for the characters and an appreciation for just how much has changed in the little town of Harmony --- and how much remains the same. Already up to speed? For those of you fans who have followed the series, this one opens with Pastor Sam Gardner celebrating five years at Harmony Friends Meeting, which is "about four years and eleven months longer than he'd predicted when he became their pastor." Sam prefers funerals to weddings --- "the guest of honor lay quietly, without a word of protest or advice, not worrying for one moment whether he'd forget the vows or she'd trip on her bridal gown." As always, he has his hands full with his quirky congregation. If you're a small-town churchgoer, you'll quickly recognize the personalities in the Harmony Friends meeting --- only the names will be different. There are some small-town sorts of changes in the air. Dale Hinshaw, the curmudgeonly church member and thorn in the flesh for Sam, is threatening to leave the Quakers for the Baptists. Deena Morrison is getting ready to walk down the aisle with a handsome doctor, and Harmony has its first traffic light. But the more things change in a small town, the more other things stay the same.

Philip Gulley is my favorite author, hands down. His Harmony novels are funny at all the right times and full to overflowing with Christian wisdom and gracious inspiration. "A Change of Heart" is no exception. When I read "A Change of Heart", I devoured each chapter with a sense of eager anticipation as to where Gulley would go with the several stories contained within this one. Later I went back to the book and savored the brilliant writing more slowly. Both times, as with all of Philip Gulley's fine books, I was captured by the consistency of the characters and the truth of the stories therein. Now about "A Change of Heart", I must admit, my dark side cursed dear Sam Gardner when he revived that strangely familiar character, Dale Hinshaw. And then I cursed Dale himself when he left his waitress a creative evangelical "tip" which fit his nature perfectly. I wonder why so many, like Dale, feel they have to be so sneaky about their gospel witnessing? Anyway...the resurrection of Dale in "A Change of Heart" is a tale full of grace and of Sam's honest struggles in dealing with legalism in his midst. This story is a familiar one to me, as I too struggle to love those whom I hold dear...those well-intended souls who, like Dale, are blinded by the all-consuming flame of religious fundamentalism. Another plot that runs through "A Change of Heart" that was even more thought-provoking, was the story of Amanda Hodge. I found myself obsessing as to whether or not her no-good parents were really going to steal her back. I labored, just like the rest of Harmony, to

really believe that her folks had changed. I remember Sam's musing, "I wonder what's harder...to change or to make people believe that you've changed." Good stuff.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

A Change of Heart: A Harmony Novel (Harmony Novels) A Change of Heart: A Harmony Novel Christmas in Harmony (A Harmony Novel) Home to Harmony (A Harmony Novel Book 1) Just Shy of Harmony (A Harmony Novel Book 2) The Christmas Scrapbook: A Harmony Story (A Harmony Novel) Be the Change! Change the World. Change Yourself. The Heart of Change: Real-Life Stories of How People Change Their Organizations The Heart of Change Field Guide: Tools And Tactics for Leading Change in Your Organization The Heart of Vocal Harmony: Emotional Expression in Group Singing (Music Pro Guides) Life Goes On: A Harmony Novel Signs and Wonders: A Harmony Novel Almost Friends: A Harmony Novel Change Your Brain, Change Your Life (Revised and Expanded): The Breakthrough Program for Conquering Anxiety, Depression, Obsessiveness, Lack of Focus, Anger, and Memory Problems Ordinary People Change the World Gift Set (Ordinary People Change World) Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change the Way You Think About Colleges The Change Before the Change: Everything You Need to Know to Stay Healthy in the Decade Before Menopause Change Your Thoughts, Change Your Life: Living the Wisdom of the Tao Change Your Thoughts - Change Your Life, 8-CD set: Living the Wisdom of the Tao Change the Story, Change the Future: A Living Economy for a Living Earth

[Dmca](#)