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Description :

Prsentation de l'diteurThe third novel in the bestselling Fairacre series.On a blustery March day in the village of Fairacre, Miss Clare sees two strangers, 'pacing slowly, side by side, along the edge of Hundred Acre Field which lay on the other side of Miss Clare's garden hedge...'So begins a story which brings all the villagers of Fairacre together, as they face the prospect of developers, who hope to build new houses on the fields adjoining old Mr Miller's farm. Everyone has an opinion - but not everyone is in agreement about the development.Under the watchful gaze of Miss Read, the schoolteacher, we meet old characters and new, from retired teacher Miss Clare and the surly Mrs Pringle, to the new assistant teacher, Miss Jackson - who brings with her problems of her own...From AudioFileResidents of the English village of Fairacre are

twittering with rumors of a large housing development which may be built on their rolling downs. Anne Rosenfeld presents the back-chat and gossip among the village characters with a precise English soprano that should add verbal dimension to Miss Read's cozy prose. Though the timbre of Rosenfeld's voice captures the atmosphere of the story, her uniformly high pitch is difficult to follow. The vocal changes of characters are so subtle as to cause confusion about who is talking. Some fans of Miss Read's light touch may be disappointed by the unrelieved shrillness of this presentation. B.V. (c)AudioFile, Portland, MaineFrom 500

Great Books by Women; review by Jesse LarsenStorm in the Village is the third in a series of novels detailing the adventures of the Fairacre village school teacher, Miss Read (the pen name for retired English schoolteacher, Dora Jessie Saint). The storm in the title is the Government's proposal to buy Mr. Miller's Hundred Acre Field, just on the edge of Fairacre, to build a "worker's estate." As is natural in both major storms and small villages, minor squalls abound. Miss Jackson, Miss Read's assistant, is currently boarding with Miss Claire, who is getting on in years, but there are problems with this arrangement because Miss Jackson - whom "no one would call tidy" - seems determined to fall in love with the local scoundrel. When Joseph Coggs, Miss Read's twelve-year-old student, runs away from his drunken and abusive father and is discovered hiding in the school, the village is quick to respond. The storm swells as Mr. Miller vows he will die before he is forced to sell his land, while the vicar can't help but think how more people would increase the church's membership and prestige. Sometimes behind but more often in the midst of all this furor are Mrs. Pringle, the ever prickly cleaning woman, and Miss Read, the happily single school teacher who observes, with witty generosity and "a spinster's straight aim," everything that goes on in Fairacre. -- For great reviews of books for girls, check out Let's Hear It for the Girls: 375 Great Books for Readers 2-14.