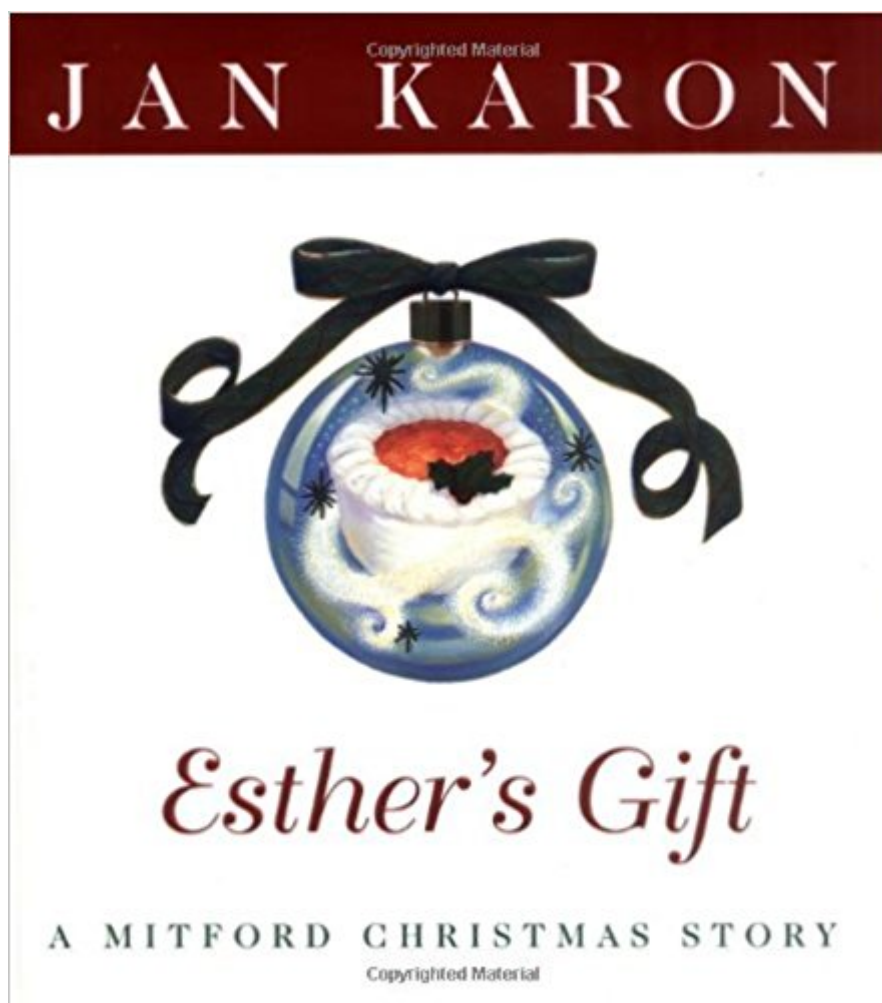




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Readers flocked home to Mitford last Christmas, making *The Mitford Snowmen* a New York Times bestseller. In *Esther's Gift*, Esther Bolick is filled with the holiday spirit as she prepares to bake the annual batch of her famous-and utterly scrumptious-orange marmalade cakes. Right after Christmas Eve service at Lord's Chapel, she and Gene will deliver a two-layer marmalade to each of seven friends and neighbors, all of them favorite Mitford characters. Then Gene calculates what it costs to bake this legendary cake, and Esther is stunned. Is it worth it to spend so much money on people who haven't always measured up to her expectations? The answer is clear. She'll cut her list back-way back. This decision makes perfect sense until the lyrics of a Christmas carol steal into her heart, and help remind her what a gift really means.

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Esther isn't so sure that she should spend so much time and money making her famous two-layer marmalade cake for holiday gifts but then she remembers the meaning of Christmas. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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Everything Jan Karon does is wonderful. I bought this little volume particularly for the cake recipe which may be found elsewhere but in slightly altered form. The story that delivery it is truly touching also.

She was very happy with the gift, and loved the story.

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