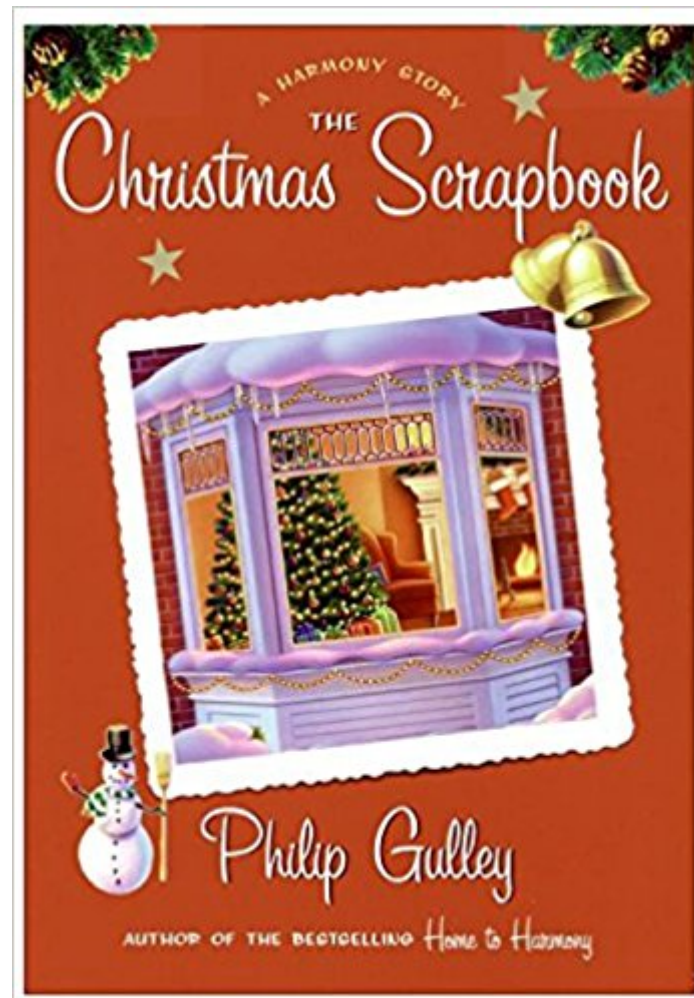




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The Christmas Scrapbook: A Harmony Story



Synopsis

It's autumn in Harmony, and Pastor Sam Gardner has vowed to be ready for Christmas. Determined to redeem a dreadful history of gift giving, Sam enrolls in a scrapbooking class to make a Christmas gift his wife will never forget. However, Sam's absence from their home every Wednesday night, coupled with his fishy alibi of attending a men's group, raises her suspicions. Meanwhile, Sam struggles in the class and must attempt to complete his project with only the help of his faithful secretary, Frank. As Christmas fast approaches and rumors of Sam's Wednesday night absences swirl along with the snow, a series of mishaps leads to a Christmas no one will soon forget.

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Philip Gulley is a Quaker minister, writer, husband, and father. He is the bestselling author of *Front Porch Tales*, the acclaimed *Harmony* series, and is coauthor of *If Grace Is True* and *If God Is Love*. Gulley lives with his wife and two sons in Indiana, and is a frequent speaker at churches, colleges, and retreat centers across the country.

I am a big fan of the Harmony books, and I love Gulley's writing. he has a way of writing about church and small town life that is inclusive to people of every or no denomination. I love his cast of characters and the feeling that I get from reading the Harmony books. And, don't get me wrong, I enjoyed this little 89-page book. I felt great while reading it and enjoyed thinking about Christmas a little early this year. But, the plot in this one was a bit formulaic and lacked complexity. The events that happened seemed a bit over the top to me and Gulley didn't really flesh the story out enough to make up for those over the top bits. So, I'd say that if you are a big Harmony fan and want to read something light to get you in the holiday season, then get this book! It is a gentle and feel-good read. But if you are new to the series, read the full-length books first before getting to this one. This one doesn't need to be read in order since nothing happens that furthers the overall plot of the series, and I think this is the weakest of the series. However, the weakest of Gulley's books is still a very enjoyable read that Harmony fans will delight in.

Philip Gulley's books are well worth reading. So much fun to laugh knowing you share many of the day to day happenings. Mr. Gulley's books are easy reading with so much humor. I have recommended his books to many of my friends who are enjoying them as much as I have.

One of my favorite of the series. Funny and just as crazy as ever.

A sweet Christmas story.

A hilariously funny and heartwarming story about jumping to conclusions and how gossip and not keeping a secret can contribute to that! By the grace of God it all worked out in the end!

The author shares such a honest and realistic perspective of not only Sam, the main character, but of all the other characters as well. He has hit on a connecting thread in any church....we are all flawed, we are all searching for God's truth, but most of all trying to find a way to love all of His children.

I really like all of the books written by the Author, The Christmas one was not as interest and funny as some of the others and was very short.

This little bit of a book is a quick read, and is laugh-out-loud funny! Philip Gulley, master storyteller, spins yet another great yarn as his world, content on being chaotic, unravels yet again. How fun it must be for Mr. Gulley to write these books. Even more fun, is the opportunity to read them. In this installment of the town of Harmony, Sam Gardner tries to make his wife a scrapbook for Christmas, a seemingly innocent undertaking. However, veteran Gulley fans have now come to realize that nothing in the town of Harmony is ever innocent. This would be a great stocking stuffer book for Gulley fans, or a fun Christmas present that is sure to hook readers on the entire series of books.

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