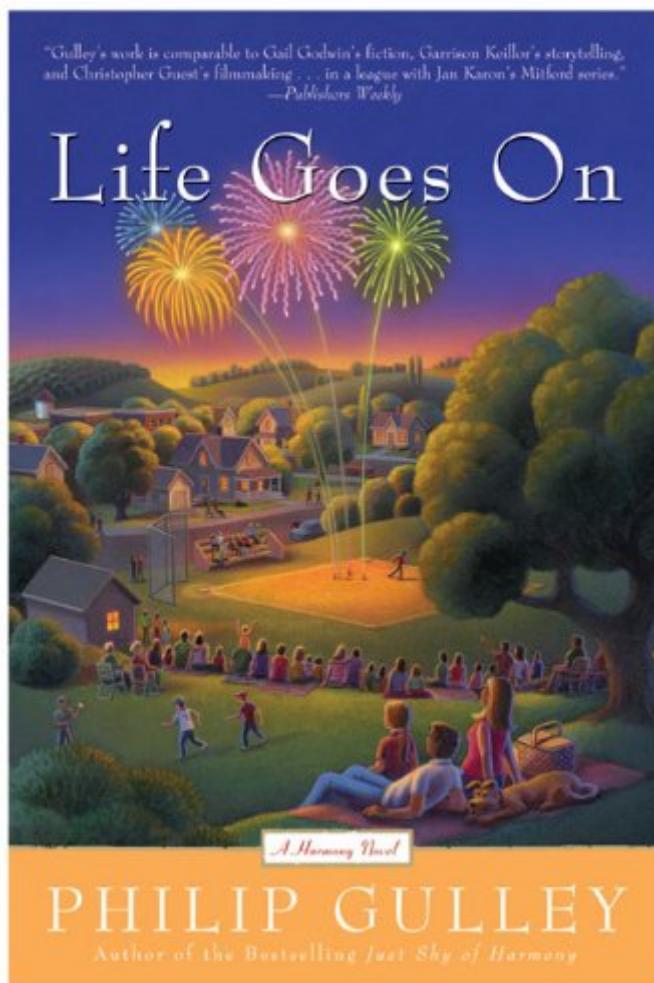


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# Life Goes On: A Harmony Novel



## **Synopsis**

Squarely in the crosshairs of the Church's heresy hunters, can Pastor Sam survive? It's a madcap year in Harmony, Indiana, as Sam Gardner struggles through his fourth year as pastor of the Harmony Friends Meeting. Join the thousands of readers who have fallen in love with the charming small town that hosts what BookPage calls "the biggest collection of crusty, lovable characters since James Herriot settled in Yorkshire."

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## **Customer Reviews**

The story of a well meaning minister's own flaws and those of his congregation. Watching him grappling with his place and authority in the church and small town was quite entertaining and heartfelt. Getting to know the characters was amusing but I, as a reader, was most satisfied and entertained when the minister looked around and found God's strength. In the beginning pleasing people soon took a back seat to honoring God. This surprised a few folks. Finding his place took a while (years) because these people were "in his head" along with his own doubt. And they and it

were a noisy lot. It's always satisfying when someone "finds their legs in life".

This the fifth title of the much loved Harmony series is another delightful collection of small town anecdotes which transport the reader into a land of yesteryear. A town where larger than life characters (sometimes caricatures) populate the quaintest of locations and generally live what most of us would call a idilic ilife But scratch just below the surface and the dear folks of Harmony have just as many issues and hangups as the rest of us. Quaker Minister Sam has more than most sitting in his congregations every Sunday morning. Dale Henshaw is a particular case in point.

HeÃ¢Â™ll preach against anything that moves and finds fault in all. But when his world caves in and his wife leaves him (albeit temporarily) itÃ¢Â™s Sam who steps in and despite plenty of run ins with Dale, is there to literally get him out of bed in the morning, dressed and hopefully in his right mind. The rest of the townsfolk have their own humorous moments sprinkled through out the book and itÃ¢Â™s fun after previously reading about these folks to catch up on their current situations. My only criticism is the the last portion of the book does take some fairly pointed swipes at the fundamentalist and Bible believing church that I found a little jading. These, unlike previous books, where we could collectively laugh at our quirks and foibles, this was more cutting and person. I see other readers have also highlighted this so it wasnÃ¢Â™t just sensitive me. That being said will it stop me from reading the rest of the series? IÃ¢Â™m not sure. It did leave a unusual taste in my mouth and has given me pause. But IÃ¢Â™m just curious enough to want to see what the rest of life has in store for the good folks of Harmony and if this book was just an isolated case. I can only hope so. Otherwise visiting Harmony is a wonderful thing to do on a rainy afternoon.

Always fun to read Philip Gullet 's novels and try to picture the characters in my mind. Takes me back to folk I've met in different churches throughout the years.

I like that this book in the series had conflict and showed a more human response to the issues the characters are facing. Not always a sunny side of the street. Cant wait to continue.

This book is another excellent addition to the series. I loved that Golley is making Sam more human, and fleshing out his character by showing the things he struggles with inside. The usual vignettes about small town life and pastoring are here, and religion is dealt with so lightly that I think people of any religion would enjoy the book. Golley has a light touch when talking about God and religious

beliefs, and his beliefs are inclusive and inspiring to even non-believers in ways that Jan Karon and other churchy small town writers can't always pull off.

Harmony stories are always an enjoyable read.

As usual, Philip Gulley makes his characters come to life. The usual trouble makers ( Dale and Fern and anyone else they can bamboozle) are trying to oust the pastor from the Church. Mr. Gulley is a very good writer and, even though you know everything will turn out alright in the end, it keeps you reading just in case the Troublemakers finally win.

My mom loved this

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