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Writing in the tradition of Jan Karon and Maeve Binchy, *New York Times* bestselling author Darcie Chan returns readers to Mill River, the charming town whose residents experience surprises and sorrows, witness acts of goodwill and kindness, embrace family love and friendship—and uncover age-old secrets and heartaches.

These days, Mill River, Vermont, is a hive of activity. Karen Cooper bids farewell to her husband, Nick, as he leaves for Saudi Arabia to work as a contractor. But when he goes missing, Karen turns to beloved nonagenarian Father O'Brien for counsel. Kyle Hansen and Claudia Simon blissfully prepare for their wedding—until a new acquaintance threatens their romance. Emily DiSanti, haunted by a tragedy that tore her world apart a decade ago, is renovating the old McAllister mansion, eager to restore its former beauty and to find peace in the intense workload. All these lives—and the lives of others in this small town—move forward, bump up against one another, and intertwine. And when a cache of letters is discovered, a powerful and unexpected secret comes to light—one rooted deeply in the childhood of the longtime priest who has touched the lives of everyone in Mill River.

Praise for *The Promise of Home*

“Chan has once again told a mesmerizing tale about how difficult yet beautiful navigating the river of life can be. This author is, quite simply, an amazing storyteller.”—**Fredericksburg *Free Lance-Star***

“Difficult to put down . . . [a] celebration of the healing power of community.”—***Booklist***

“Who better to satisfy [summer] reader cravings than Darcie Chan. . . . Read on—and keep turning those pages [until you] find yourself looking forward to Darcie Chan’s next novel. Whew.”—***Hudson Valley News***

“This serene backdrop is the perfect juxtaposition to the internal turmoil of Karen Cooper. Together the townsfolk make a well-rounded novel full of desperation, hope and redemption. This is a beautiful addition to the Mill River series, yet also reads well as a stand-alone novel.”—***RT Book Reviews***

“[A] layered and heartwarming novel that intertwines a number of engaging contemporary storylines and intersperses them with . . . fascinating insights and historical details along the way. A light-handed affirmation of the power of love, faith, and community.”—***Kirkus Reviews***

Praise for Darcie Chan’s *The Mill River Redemption*

“An enchanting storyteller, Chan is one of those rare authors who makes you feel more fully alive.”—**Elizabeth Letts, author of *The Eighty-Dollar Champion***

“An engrossing page-turner [with] sympathetic and relatable characters.”—***Library Journal***

Praise for *The Mill River Recluse*

“A heartwarming story.”—***Examiner.com***

“Chan’s sweet novel displays her talent. . . . A comforting book about the random acts of kindness that hold communities together.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

“A real page-turner.”—*IndieReader*

“Chan does an amazing job with pacing while maintaining continuity and weaving universal themes such as friendship, love, new beginnings and overcoming adversities into small town life.”—*RT Book Reviews*

“This debut novel is a genre-breaking thriller with romantic overtones that should appeal to both men and women.”—*Huntington News*

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