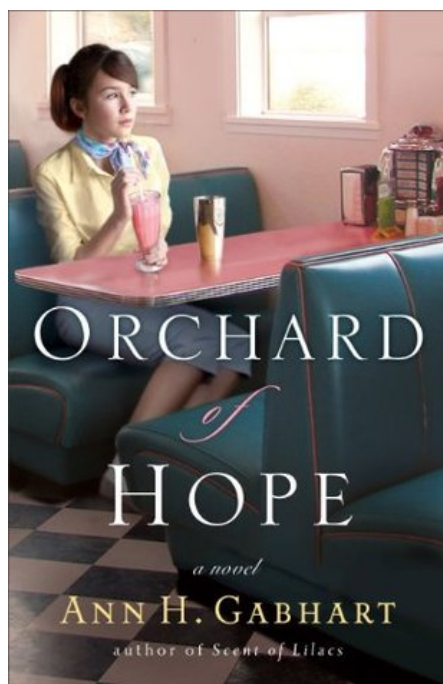




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It is 1964, and 14-year-old Jocie Brooke is about to have an unforgettable summer. Her father has found a new love, her hippie sister is about to have a baby, and her aunt is finally pleasurable to live with. But, when a black family from Chicago moves into the quiet hamlet of Holly County, Kentucky, Jocie finds herself befriendng a boy that some townspeople shun. Due to the unspoken racial lines in this southern town, the presence of these newcomers sparks a smoldering fire of unrest that will change Holly County--and Jocie--forever.

Orchard of Hope, the riveting sequel to *The Scent of Lilacs*, takes readers along to experience unexpected love, fear, forgiveness, new life, and a deeper understanding of the value of each individual's story.

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Linda says

The Hollyhill Series is another Ann Gabhart series that I love. Like 14 year old Jocie, I was about the same age in 1964. These stories brought back memories.

I appreciated the ongoing spiritual insights, the life lessons, and the suspense in this series. What I really found fascinating was reading a modern-day revival in a small country church during one of its services. The Spirit moved over the congregation and moved people towards God. There's only one word that describes it. It was awesome!

Janie R. says

Well, if I thought book 1 of this series was good, book 2-Orchard of Hope is super-good! I enjoyed all the characters in this book,esp.Wes, Jocie, Miss Sally and Mr.Harvey stand out. The town of Hollyhill went thru a lot during the early Sixties,and the message throughout the book was about hope and forgiveness-I guess you can't have one without the other when it comes to people and the way they are.Also, hope and forgiveness esp.need a big dose of love, such as Miss Sally had,and she had plenty to inspire others, and give them hope, and others followed her example. I love the talk she gave to the people,after her brother, Mr.Harvey passed away.Have those tissues ready!

Shari Larsen says

This is the 2nd book in The Heart of Hollyhill series. It picks ups shortly after the first book, The Scent of Lilacs, left off.

It is the summer of 1964, and it's going to be an unforgettable one for Jocie, who will be turning 14 soon. Her father, a pastor and the owner of the towns weekly newspaper, has found a new love, her unmarried hippie sister is about to have her baby, and Aunt Love has softened and is easier to live with.

When a black family moves into the quiet hamlet of Holly County, Kentucky, tensions begin to arise among many of the people. Jocie and her family found themselves caught in the middle when her father hires the new boy in town to work at the newspaper, and Jocie befriends him. Jocie is also just starting high school when the Hollyhill schools are desegregating, and she finds herself shunned by her old friends when she tries to make friends with the new students. It will be a life changing summer not only for Jocie, but for the entire community.

I really enjoyed this engaging story. I recommend though, reading first book before this one, to have a deeper understanding of the main characters and the changes that they go through over the summer.

Ann Gabhart says

I kept Jocie's story going in this book. All three of my Hollyhill books are stand-alone stories, but if you want to read them all, I'd suggest reading them in order. I brought in some new characters in this one and let Jocie see what the Civil Rights movement in the sixties was all about. I loved one of my viewpoint characters, Cassidy, in this book.

Sharon says

I really enjoyed this book about racial unrest/bigotry in the South during the time of the Freedom Train. Several plots immerge: unwed mom's pregnancy, relationships between a teen and several of her elders, influence of the Klu Klux Klan, running a weekly newspaper, how the church responds to the race issue, and a romance for a couple single adults. The main character, Jocie, is a very industrious teen who helps at the newspaper, interacts with several of her elders in close-knit relationships, welcomes a black family to town, loves her father unconditionally, takes newspaper photographs, and usually supports the underdog. I loved reading this book. I felt encouraged that the age-old problem of race relations in a small town was being tackled by believers in Jesus.

Judy says

Interesting Read!

Orchard of Hope follows Scent of Lilacs with the continuing story of Jocie Brooke. I found this book a little hard to get into also. As the book gets deeper into the story line it really starts to pick up.

Jocie is finding out what life is all about. There are good and bad situations as well as good and evil people.

This story took me through some of the emotions I didn't want to go through. I was angry at the unfairness and the tragic incident that took place toward the end. I will admit there were also tears. Tears of sadness as well as tears of happiness.

The joy of seeing God at work in several characters lives will bring the reader much peace and happiness knowing what forgiveness can do for situations that we face in life if we only trust and obey God.

I am looking forward to reading Summer of Joy to find out what is in store for Jocie and her family.

Christine Lowe says

A Good Read

Hollyhill is the kind of town I would have liked to grow up in. I think about a small southern town and think how great it was for Jocie to know every body in town and to be known by all. She had a momma who was tired of being held down by a man she didn't love and children she didn't want. The only thing she did want

was to be gone. She left in the middle of the night. Her husband, David, often wondered why she left. In Orchard of Hope we find out what it was like for Tabitha when she left her father and younger sister and why she returned.

There is a new family introduced to the story that brings changes for all the characters and the town. The time is 1964 and desegregation is a hot topic across America. It's a difficult topic that is handled with thought-provoking honesty. We see how discrimination effects both sides of the issue.

I gave this book the highest rating possible rating because Ann Gabhart held my interest throughout the book. I was invested in the relationships and understood each character's feelings. Those who enjoy the writings of Angela Hunt or Maeve Binchy will like this book.

Debbie says

"Orchard Of Hope" by Ann H. Gabhart gets 5 stars from me. I wanted to read this book because it is the second book in the Hollyhill Series and I was given the first book "The Scent Of Lilacs" for a review and when I start a series I need to read the whole series, it is like an obsession with me. I looked for this book till I finally found a library i could borrow it from and have to say it was worth the looking.

Orchard Of Hope starts right where "The Scent Of Lilacs" leaves off. This book has more sadness for Jocie and the citizens of Hollyhill but it has greater joys. This book touches on racism and the KKK. I found myself rejoicing with Jocie and I also felt the town's pain when a beloved member of the town dies. When a family's orchard of hope is destroyed just because of the color of their skin I wanted to shout at the guilty party "You are so wrong".

The ending scene in the book to me is the best of the whole book. I will not tell much about it but to say if that scene happened in towns all over the world, we will live in a much better world.

Now I need to read "Summer of Joy" the third book in the series and I know I will love it just as much as the other two. I have it in my kindle library wanting on me.

Marianne says

The second book in the Heart of Hollyhill is just as though provoking as the first one, The Scent of Lilacs. Ann has created a lovely community with all the elements that exist in any close knit community of my acquaintance. From the tolerant people to the narrow minded and every one inbetween this is what makes the world go 'round. How we accept them and their views, how we react is our own responsibility. I fell in love with Jocie, the girl in Scent of Lilacs whose prayers God answered. Although I believe that this book could stand alone, you will want to read the first book as well, as Anne writes a fantastic novel where she is never afraid to deal with the hard subjects in life. Unexpected friendships? Check. Forgiveness, yes. Promises of new beginnings? Yes again, against the back drop of recent segregation. It is a story that will never grow old, and that will become a classic. We need to remember and renew our memories of a time when hatred grew out of fear and love over came it all. Well written, with characters of dimension from Jupiterian Wes to Pastor David who is unconventional.

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Lisa Johnson says

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I was born in the spring of 1961. The following fall of the same year our nation was devastated by the assassination of President Kennedy. As I read Orchard of Hope, which is set in the south during the sixties in a small town called Hollyhill; historical events mentioned in story reminded me of other life events. Here in this small town the schools are being desegregated. The population of the area is small enough where most people have known each other for decades.

One colorful character, Miss Sally, though in the twilight years of her life, has never married and is witnessing how the Lord gave her the greatest desire of her heart. Then there is Brother David whose firstborn daughter is about to give birth and that makes David feel old even though he isn't. I liked Leigh who is in her mid-thirties, never married, but has eyes for the one man in the whole town who makes her face turn the color of a rose when she sees him.

Outside the town limits an orchard of apple trees has been planted, but as the drought continues the concern for its output does as well. Perhaps on the night when a gang of bullies come to destroy the orchard and other places on the homestead, it is then that the whole town realizes evil is lurking right there to steal the joy. The first novel in the series is The Scent of Lilacs, which introduces to us the foundation of characters, plot and themes of the books. I have to commend Ann H. Gabhart for this particular story.

Being familiar with an author's many writings never seems to dull the appreciation of hard work done with prayer, wrapped in love. The themes of prejudice and how the Body of Christ should be different, but looks and sometimes acts just like anybody else highlights the need for a change of heart for God's people. The change of heart is what changes people and from there it flows out to the community and beyond. No way have I revealed everything in the book or shared all my thoughts about the story. All I can say is read the series, step back in time and be reminded of others who let God change them. They then go forth to point the way to be changed by the love of God.

My rating is 5 stars!

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C. says

The author pens a good story that takes place in 1964. This was a time when discrimination was especially difficult for people of color in the south.

Jocie was a very likeable character who faced some tough situations for such a young girl. Considering the trails that she thrown her way, she handled them quite well.

I'm not sure why I had a tough time with this novel. I absolutely loved, *The Scent of Lilacs*, the first book in this series. But, sadly this story fell flat and seemed to move too slowly for me.

Kathie says

As an editor I rarely give reviews. If you are looking for something from my 'day job' then be aware there are a few small issues, though nothing to prevent you from enjoying this series.

In just about a year's time Jocie Brooke grows emotionally from a child to a delightful young woman. One who manages to stay true not only to her faith in God, but to herself along the way. Each story of this series brought me smiles, and happiness. I enjoyed the commentary of each character as they went through trials. Not just the trials of being a young person, but those the rest of the country did as well. Civil unrest, and coming war are but two of the issues dealt with in this series. I highly recommend this series to all ages. Sit back, and read Jocie's adventures during a time when life was a bit slower, and a whole lot sweeter.

Joyce says

Public library copy. I read a paperback edition with this cover. This is the second in the Hollyhill series. I read the first, *Scent of Lilacs*, last year. I plan to read the third, *Summer of Joy*, immediately after *Orchard of Hope*.

I just love the author's style of writing in this series. I love the character of Jocie, who is central to the series, along with her father, David, the preacher. There are plenty of other characters to keep the story moving along, and enough action to keep the reader from nodding off. This second book is long, not a quick read, but compelling reading.

If you are looking for a book where faith is demonstrated in daily living, this is it. There are characters who believe strongly in the sovereignty of God, characters who do not, and characters who struggle to accept it. It is wonderful to read such in-depth insight into the hearts of these characters.

Ann H. Gabhart's writing consistently puts the reader right on the page, in Hollyhill, by her descriptive writing. Historically this book is set in Kentucky during the Civil Rights movement. While Civil Rights is not central to the story, it does play a strong part, and parallels the theme of forgiveness. There are many relationships in the book with which the reader may identify. I was particularly drawn to Miss Sally and Leigh.

I highly recommend this book and the Hollyhill series without reservation. Excellent writing, clean, and glorifying to God.

Christian Fiction Addiction says

I greatly enjoyed the first book in the Heart of Hollyhill Series, "*The Scent of Lilacs*", and so it was with great anticipation that I picked up the next book, "*Orchard of Hope*". I was certainly not disappointed! As I've said in other reviews, I'm a sucker for books where the main character is a child or teen and their

innocence is tested against the heartbreak that they find as they emerge into adulthood. Jocie is a wonderful character who breathes with life and a sense of justice that is refreshing to read about, and her journey is a beautifully written one. There is a whole cast of characters that I love in this second novel, including the ones from the black community who push Jocie out of her comfort zone and cause her to take a good look at the inequalities in society. I found the writing to be solid, though I will say that some of the chapters in the middle had a tad too much introspection for my liking, such that not all the chapters moved the story forward for me as much as others. However, overall I simply couldn't get enough of this story as I waited for the tragedy that you just know is just hovering over the horizon. And then it hits, and I was held spell-bound by the resulting heroism and deep acts of faith played out on the pages. I soon forgot I was just reading a fiction story, and I'll admit that I basically had tears dripping down my face for the final couple of chapters. The story is a powerful portrayal of evil running up against grace and the light of God's eternal love.

Gabhart has written a story that will deeply engage your emotions, and hold you captive as you live through the characters she so richly portrays on the pages of "Orchard of Hope". Pick up a copy of this book. You will be glad you did. 4.5 out of 5 stars.

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Janet Friesner says

Wonderful series. Don't want to put it down. Highly recommended.
