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Hawthorn Close

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In short

A heartfelt saga set in a quiet English village from the best-selling author.

Synopsis

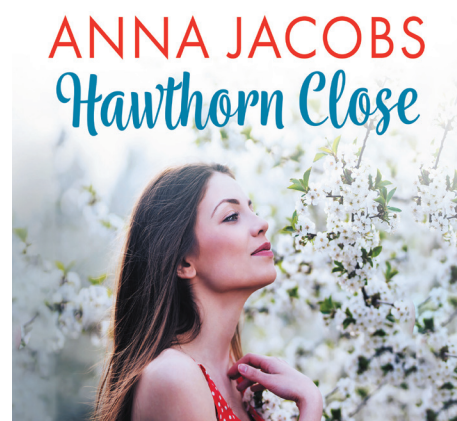
Recently moved to the village of Essington St Mary, Rob Carswell discovers the plight of his new neighbour Ilsa who is battling illness as well as the bullying tactics of a local builder.

It is proving to be a more dramatic corner of Wiltshire than the tranquil atmosphere would suggest. Nearby, Amy Hatherall is feeling adrift following the death of her mother, but a final handwritten letter leads her in an unexpected direction to a great-aunt she never knew she had.

As the line of old hawthorn trees begin to blossom, they keep watch as romance and new beginnings bloom for the residents of the close.

Discussion points for *Hawthorn Close*

1. Did any of themes within *Hawthorn Close* resonate with you?
2. At the centre of *Hawthorn Close* is the different relationships between the residents. Which relationship did you find the most compelling?
3. How does the setting of Essington St Mary contribute to the overall mood of the novel? Can you imagine living in such a place?
4. After the events of *Hawthorn Close*, what do you imagine will happen next for the characters?



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