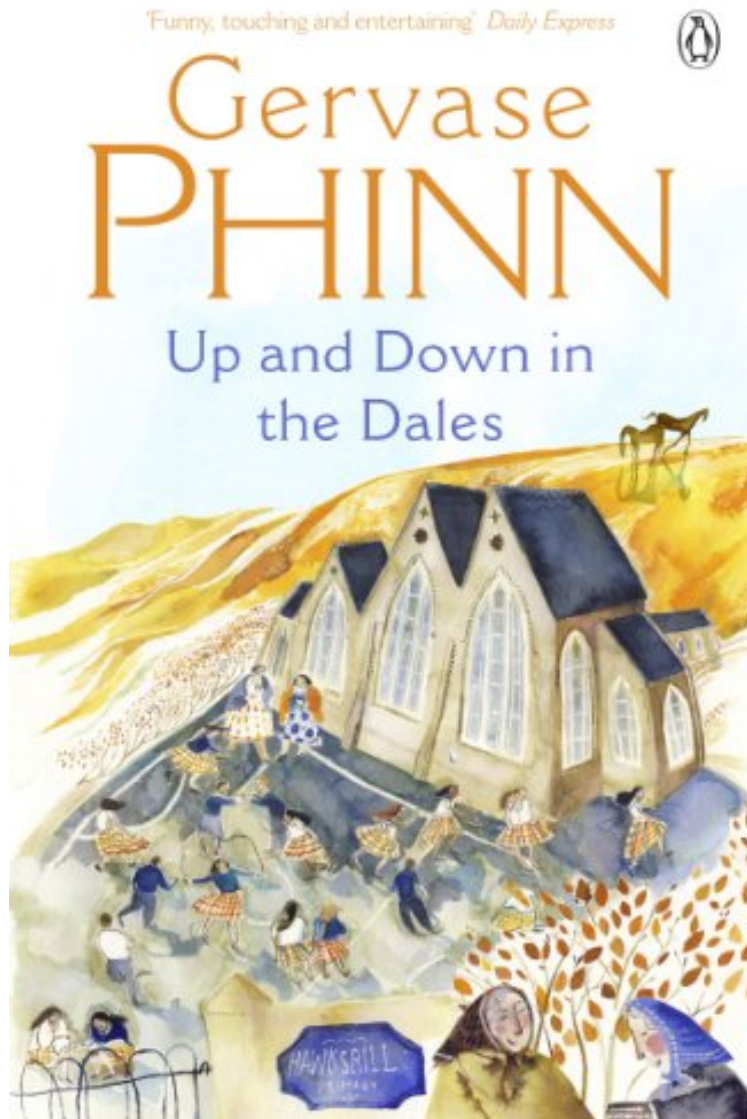


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is an extremely sympathetic character, and to read these books is almost like spending time with a companion who takes his work seriously but does not take himself too seriously; someone who is deeply interested in the kids' lives and who is dedicated to improving their education. The books can stand alone, but are better read in order. Highly recommended. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An amusing and enjoyable read. By Jane Curley
Lovely gently humorous book, easy to pick up and read in short bursts. Evokes the Yorkshire places I know personally, and brings back many pleasant memories. A pleasant and relaxing read for me and evokes a slightly slower and gentler time of the 70's and 80's. - rather than the mad rush and greed of today. I do get the impression at times however that Gervase Phinn is kind in the way he describes certain people, but holds back out of kindness! Very enjoyable read! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars
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Very funny - some great recollections

Up and Down in the Dales is the fourth volume in Gervase Phinn's bestselling Dales Series
What's your name? I asked the child. 'Tequila,' she replied. 'I'm named after a drink.' 'Tequila Sunrise,' I murmured. 'No,' pouted the child. 'Tequila Braithwaite.'
Now in his fourth year as an Inspector for English in the Yorkshire Dales, Gervase Phinn still relishes visiting the schools - whether an inner-city comprehensive fraught with difficulties or a small Dales Primary school where the main danger is one of closure. With endless good humour, he copes with the little surprises that occur round every corner. Some things never change: Mrs Savage roars, Connie rants, and Gervase's colleague in the office play verbal ping-pong. But all this can be put behind him each day when he returns home to his lovely wife, Christine, who is expecting their first baby.
Up and Down in the Dales is a charming montage of Gervase Phinn's experiences will keep you amused and will win a place in your heart.

About the Author
Gervase Phinn is a teacher, freelance lecturer, author, poet, school inspector, educational consultant and visiting professor of education - but none of these is more important than his family. For fourteen years he taught in a range of schools, then acted as General Advisor for Language Development in Rotherham before moving on to North Yorkshire, where he spent ten years as a school inspector - time that has provided so much source material for his books. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and an Honorary Fello of St John's College, York. Gervase lives with his family in Doncaster.