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Sarah's Patchwork (Keepsake Legacies Book 1)



Synopsis

When Aunt Sarah begins to tell Lorna stories based on the fabric in a treasured crazy quilt, Lorna has no idea she is hearing true stories—the story of Aunt Sarah’s life. Abandoned by their destitute father, Sarah Biddle and her younger brother, Tom, are sent west on an orphan train. But no one wants to adopt a girl with a crippled brother in tow. Facing the unthinkable—being returned to a New York orphanage—Sarah and Tom run away when the eastbound train pauses in Lincoln, Nebraska. Not until the two come face to face with Jesse King and Augusta Hathaway (introduced to readers in the *Prairie Winds Series*), do Sarah and Tom begin to hope for better things. When Sarah learns the power of true love to heal the broken heart, she is transformed. Each scrap of fabric in Sarah’s patchwork quilt bears silent witness to the rich life experienced by a strong, resourceful woman who stitched the tears of the past into a treasure for tomorrow.

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Customer Reviews

I confess, I’m a big Stephanie Whitson fan, so I love every book she’s ever done. But, truly, truly this is my favorite. An antique quilt is used as the story device in this one and the story is warm and

realistic and the characters are vivid and live with you long after you've finished the book.

If you read *Walks the Fire*, *Soaring Eagle* and *Red Bird*, you probably wondered what ever happened to Sarah Biddle. *Sarah's Patchwork* is Sarah Biddle's story. *Prairie Winds* readers will notice some overlap between the first part of this book and the other three books, seeing things -- for the first time -- from Sarah's point of view. Sarah, her little brother Tom, and their baby sister Emma were left parentless when their mother died and their father, either unwilling or unable to care for them, dropped them off at an orphanage. After promising that all of the children would be kept together, the orphanage administrator allowed baby Emma to be adopted by a wealthy family. When Sarah was told, she decided that she would never trust anyone again -- and she held on tightly to her crippled brother Tom, lest he be taken away from her as well. On a trip out west to find parents willing to adopt the children, Sarah and Tom escape and find themselves in Lincoln, Nebraska, at the Hathaway House Hotel. Over a period of time, and with the help of Joseph Freeman and Jesse King, Sarah learns that some people can be trusted. But she still doesn't trust God. After falling in love and losing in love over and over again, she wonders if she can ever trust God to bless her with someone to love -- someone who will STAY. How can she trust God when everyone she loves always seems to be taken away from her? Through it all, Sarah realizes that when God's answer is NO, it's always because he is preparing something better for us. Through a lot of sadness and loss, Sarah's story does have a happy (although unexpected) ending.

I am also a huge Stephanie Whitson fan - have read all her books!! Each chapter of her books reads as a devotional - each opens with scripture and the thought remains throughout the chapter. Reading the history of what the Orphan Train children had to endure is heartbreaking and very inspirational. I look forward to finding more of her books at !!!

I have read this book several times - so glad they came out with an ebook version so I can read it whenever I want! Even though this book is listed as Book #1 of the *Keepsake Legacy* series, it could be considered Book #4 of the *Prairie Winds* series by Stephanie Grace Whitson since it follows some of the same characters. If you haven't read them, you're missing out on a wonderful story. I've read most of Whitson's novels, and these 4 books, *Walks the Fire*, *Soaring Eagle*, *Red Bird* and *Sarah's Patchwork*, are my all-time favorites. You won't want to miss them. They will all tug at your heart as you read about characters who learn to rely on God and keep their faith during life's difficult moments.

Stephanie Grace Whitson wrote a series of three books, beginning with "Walks the Fire" that told the story of Jessie King and her children. In the first book, Sarah Biddle and her little brother Tom were introduced. This book tells the story of the Biddles, especially Sarah, more extensively and goes on past the ending of the series. You can enjoy the book without having read the other three, however, and it is an enjoyable book. Unlike the other three, this book centers mostly on activities in Lincoln, Nebraska, and on the lives of the Biddles and their friends and co-workers. A very enjoyable read.

Extremely talented writer. One of the best books I've read in a long time. Better clear your calendar before you start reading. Your friends will love you for recommending this one to them.

I read this book recently and neglected to give it a review because I was already reading the second book in this series. What a wonderful story. The story was well written and the author did an excellent job of weaving the lives of her characters throughout the book. There were questions to ask that were answered in time. This book is deserving of a 10 STAR RATING because this author has become one of my favorites over night. Now I must continue to read book no. 3. Review by J Matthews May 27, 2016

A fantastic read. I got lost in this book and could hardly put it down. The story developed beautifully. Sarah's thoughts and feelings were well portrayed, as well as the hardships of her life, but she is resourceful and a great future awaits her. Slowly her story evolves and I was caught up in it. I ordered the other books in this series: "Nora's Ribbon of Memories" and "Karyn's Memory Box".

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