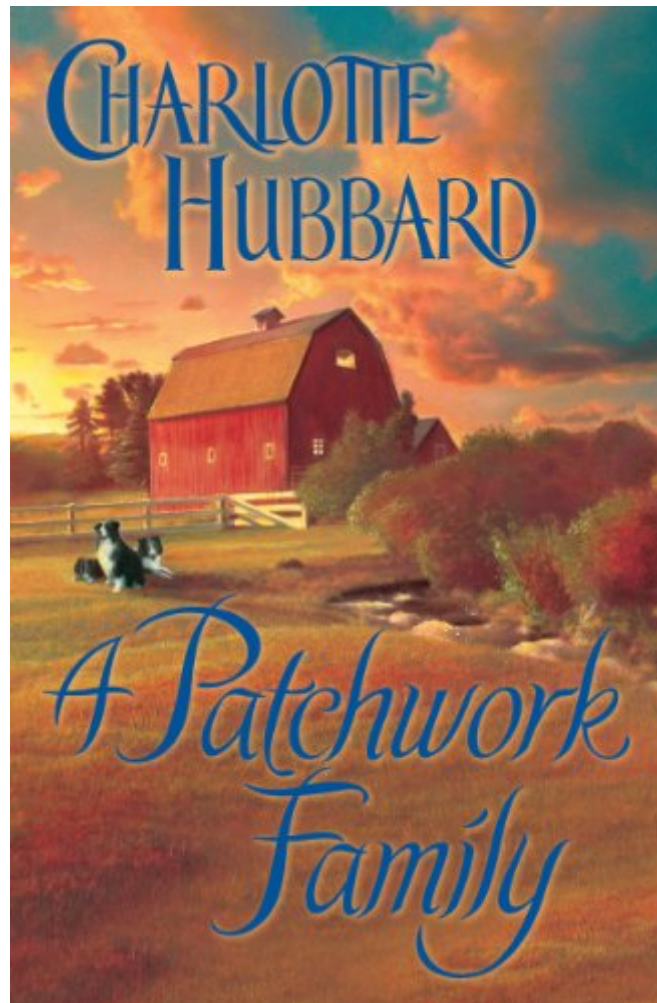




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Synopsis

A good wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. Meet Mercy Malloy. Whether she's cooking up the best grub to be had all along the Holladay stagecoach line, working her husband's horse farm or helping her neighbors, God's love fills her life. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. So when two orphaned children appear on her doorstep, she hesitates only a moment before opening her heart and her home to them. Perhaps this is the Lord's way of sending her and Judd the babies they've prayed for. Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her. Out on the Kansas plains the years bring hardship and heartache. Indian attacks, a runaway daughter, an abandoned baby in a basket but also precious new life and the unlooked for joy of a surprise love. Through it all, Mercy's faith holds her family together, creating a patchwork of strength and beauty.

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Customer Reviews

Loved this book !!! The first page had my interest and I couldn't put it down. The story was

something different. Running a stage coach stop...feeding dozens of people every day was very interesting. I especially loved the way everyone worked together and there was no prejudice between races. The goodness of everyone....their open hearts....the way they prayed openly. I ordered the rest of the series before I even finished this first book.

I just finished this wonderful book by Charlotte Hubbard, and I am completely in awe and filled with emotions. Everyday life was so full of uncertainty for the pioneers, and God's promises were their hope for another day and season. This is a story of God's love and triumph for pioneers as they moved and settled the West and is absolutely inspiring. The historical details are brought to life, and I felt as if I was there experiencing the joy and sadness right along with Judd and Mercy, as well as with Michael, Billy, Christine and Miss Vanderbilt. If you love History and want to be inspired by a wonderful writer, this is a book for you. I would recommend this book to anyone who feels as if life is rough today. Prepare to feel inspired as well as feeling anger, joy, sadness, disappointment, despair and, finally, triumphant!!!! Enjoy.....

I really enjoyed the first three-quarters of the book. The characters are "real" and interesting and details of the era are well documented. I felt that it would have been better if it had finished before the introduction of Lily, Lucinda and Joel. To me, they did not add anything to the story but just caused it to drag from there on. Also, there were many issues left unaddressed, mainly concerning the letters from Mr. Trudeau to Christine. I would, however, recommend the book and will certainly read more by the author.

I thought that "The Patchwork Family" by Charlotte Hubbard was a wonderful story. A faith-filled couple, Judd and Mercedes Monroe, is running a stage coach stop near Abilene, Texas. They have taken in two "colored" men to help with the farm and duties for the Holladay Stage Line. In return, they are treated like family and given room and board. One day the stage stops, and the driver, Michael Malloy, asks the couple to take in two abandoned children. Their mother just left them with tickets to Denver and drove off with a dandy. The children are naturally upset and scared. Judd and Mercedes pray about it and decide that they must do what they can for these poor children. The little boy is a joy to have around, but his older sister is not so nice. She has a mouth on her that would curl hair and needs to learn how to behave. It is a challenge for all. Judd and Mercedes have their share of troubles|no money, hard work, Indians, no near neighbors. But the two of them have their love for each other

and the faith to sustain them. The story goes on and the reader becomes more involved the more pages are read. I loved this book and will definitely read the following novels, featuring characters from this first book. I purchased a free Kindle copy from .com. No review positive or otherwise was required. All opinions are my own.

Charlotte has done a wonderful job of telling about the Pioneer stock who came out West to make new starts of their lives, the struggles they endured and the joys they experienced. The dangers they faced on a daily basis, would be faced without thinking twice about it, they just did what was needed. I would give any young person this story to read, as a piece of their history. My great-great aunt was one of these, she raced to the fort, trying to stay ahead of the Indians, when she raced into the fort, she turned in a circle and the mules dropped dead!

I have become disgusted with literature that contains immoral scenes, ideas and concepts, but I have feared that clean literature might be dull or childish. I purchased this book for my Kindle, and began reading with not much hope that I would like it. However, imagine my surprise and delight when I was immediately entranced with the story, the characters, the setting and the plot. I don't know anything about Charlotte Hubbard, but it is obvious that she shares my dislike of cheap, and often unnecessary, immoral plot additions. If she publishes again, I will be very interested to read the new book, and it wouldn't surprise me, if it were a sequel to this one. I hated to let these characters go, when I turned the last page.

This book had some inconsistencies. A family that was so poor they couldn't afford to buy flour and sugar for their family and business could afford to send an adopted girl to a private boarding school. When the 2 children arrived at the homestead, the girl spoke correct grammar and pronunciation but her brother was just the opposite even though they came from the same home. Was this supposed to make the boy more endearing? That wasn't necessary as he was a very likable child. Although most of this book did not contain explicit sexual content, toward the end Michael admitted a little boy could be his son since he and a couple of his buddies showed little respect for Miss Green that day referring to the day he and his buddies had sex with her. This sounded like gang rape! Mercy's only comment was that Michael was playing the hand fate had dealt him as best he could. How could the author dismiss gang rape as inconsequential?

I don't write many reviews but I enjoyed this book so much that I had to write! This is my first book

by Charlotte Hubbard but it won't be my last. Wonderful story of life in the west when it was so hard from getting crops to grow, dealing with the harsh weather as well as Indians. Good clean romance also. Never a dull moment.

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