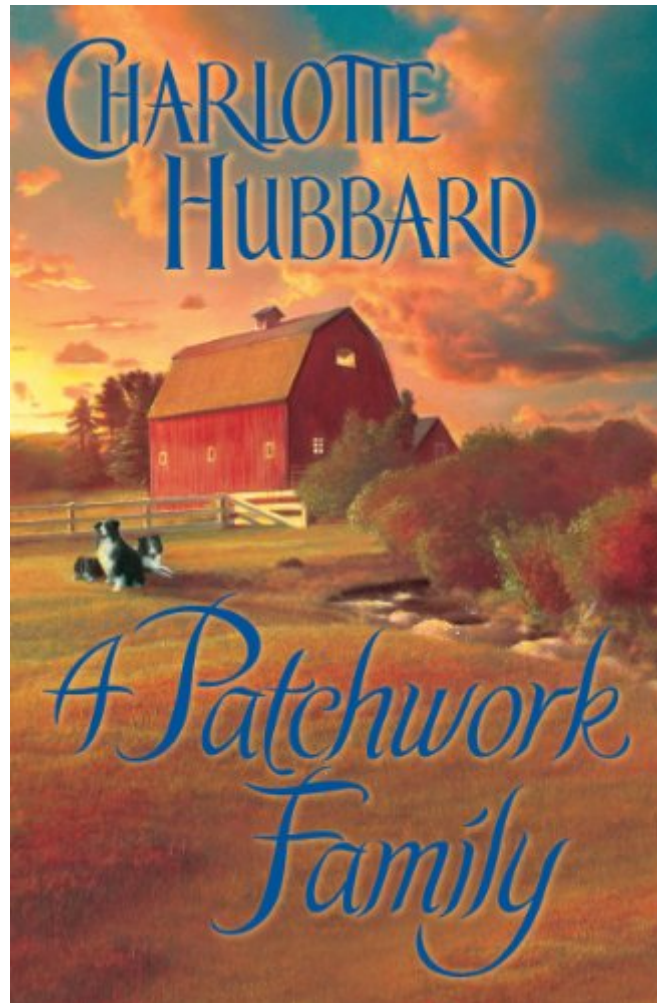


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Synopsis

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

In 1866 Kansas, Meredith "Mercy" Monroe and her spouse Jake own one of the Holloday Stagecoach line rest stops. The couple works hard to insure the travelers receive the best possible attention whether it is her renowned cooking or his handling of horses and the coaches. Though the

work is hard, both Monroes feel they live a good fulfilled life much more than the affluence they left behind in Philadelphia. Perhaps their only regret is a lack of offspring. That changes when driver Michael Malloy brings two abandoned children to the ranch stop. He asks the Monroes to take the kids in as he knows they have with their help Nathaniel and Asa. Though they have doubts, the pair follows the Lord's way and they make a home for Billy and Christine Bristol. Though facing many hardships and tragedy, Mercy through her inner strength and her faith remains the center of her extended family. A PATCHWORK FAMILY is an inspirational Reconstruction Era novel. The story line enables the audience to obtain a deep look at life on the Great Plains in the late 1860s through a strong fully developed ensemble with Mercy as the hub. Mindful of Little House on the Prairie, Charlotte Hubbard writes a delightfully deep and rich mid nineteenth century inspirational Americana tale. Harriet Klausner

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.

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.

First of all, her name was Mercedes and her husband's name was Judd. ;) I bought this book to get me through a weekend of camping and I could not put it down until I finished it. The characters were so well written and the interactions between them were so true to life, in my opinion. I am looking forward to more from this author and can't wait to get into another of her books soon!

After two children, Christine and Billy, are orphaned and left in their care, the Malloys do their best to make them part of the family, despite Christine's continued snobbery and rebellion. No one who meets Mercy Malloy comes away unaffected by her gentle faith and kindness. Through hard winters, trials and sorrows, the young woman endures. Even after her dear husband is killed, leaving her pregnant with their first birth child, she is undaunted. Is there room in her heart, then, for a new love?*** In Camelot, Arthur claimed that the phrase "blood is thicker than water was coined by undeserving relations". Books like this prove that is true. It's not blood that ties a family together, it's love. The Christian message is clear, but not beaten over the readers' heads. ***Reviewed by Amanda Killgore, Freelance Reviewer.

I loved this book. It was a wonderful reminder of all the things we tend to take for granted in our busy lives. When all it boils down to is how should we live our life? To do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our Lord. The second in the series "Journey to Love" is even better and a true example of unconditional love!

Mercy Monroe is a Kansas pioneer woman who, with her husband, runs a way station for the stagecoach line, feeding the travelers and changing the horses. Her dream is to have children of her own with her husband. But when two children are abandoned by their mother and sent on a stagecoach west, her husband convinces her she needs to take the children in, at least until their mother shows up. Things never go as expected, but she perseveres, making the best life she can. I was born in Kansas; my grandmothers, great and great, great grandmothers were Kansas pioneers. I wish I knew more about their everyday lives and always enjoy reading stories about Kansas pioneers. This was an excellent book, with many surprises and great characters. I recommend it to anyone who enjoys reading about pioneer life in the late 1800's.

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.

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