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The seeds for the ground-breaking "Simple Abundance," Sarah Ban Breathnach's hugely successful bestseller, were first planted in "Mrs. Sharp's Traditions." In this revised, redesigned edition of her charmingly illustrated Victorian style- and sourcebook, Sarah introduces to her legions of new readers the old-fashioned pleasures of family, customs, and home.

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Relaynie says

Simple Abundance,Sarah Ban Breathnach

Janet says

A favorite.. a keeper.. a rereader.. yep I love this book.. Beautiful, inspiring, informative..

Krista says

Really fun! A great "listory" of holidays and special ways and occasions to celebrate. Good for reference and fun with kiddos! Would make a great coffee table book, too.

Holly says

This is such a fun book! I go back to it regularly when I need help with a celebration, or an excuse to plan a party for my family. Everyone should have this book.

Kris Irvin says

This book will make you want to live in the Victorian era! It is wonderfully written with fascinating details about life in the early 19th century. Ban Breathnach's ideas for borrowing Victorian traditions are almost inspiring. I think this book would be better suited for larger families, or at least families with more than one child. Many of the traditions sound great but would certainly be fun with siblings to share the experience with. Also if you have only boys, they may not appreciate some of the more flower-themed traditions! Overall this book is a great read, whether you want to incorporate Mrs. Sharp's traditions or not. Sadly, I don't believe Ban Breathnach has written any other Mrs. Sharp books. I would love to read more like this one.

Leah Beecher says

A reference book about family based on Victorian ideals and customs on how a family should be run, and enjoyed. Its told in a quirky way as the Author is "the voice" of the fictitious Victorian housewife and mother, Mrs. Sharp. Its full of history and really good practical tips and sweet projects for you and your children to do together as a family, all year long. This is what helped launch me into the role of an official

"crafty mom" with a higher purpose. A modern but non Christian book that stressed the importance of family, marriage and simply living.

Kristen says

I found this book in the store and picked it up on a whim. Many of the traditions I had already "read" as someone had plagiarized a number of them and posted them on her blog, but I didn't know it at the time. I loved the ideas when I read them on the blog, in fact copied a few to incorporate in my own house.

Once I found the author of the book and the originator of many of the ideas was Sarah Ban Breathnach, I was thrilled. I love this book and it comes off the shelf when I want to create fun activities and traditions for my family. While I missed St. Patty's day... I plan on pulling it off the shelf for Easter ideas.

Oh and the criss cross day is BRILLIANT!

Tessa says

My step mother gave me this book when I got married and as someone who has always felt the power of positive traditions I fell immediately in love with it. It's beautiful, for one thing; it's practical for another. She has lots of ideas so that you can test out which ones work for your family. She includes the history of the traditions and holidays, which adds dimension and meaning to celebrating them. This book is pro family togetherness, joy, meaningful time together and love. I highly recommend it!

Amy Law says

If you have any interest in Victorian or day gone by traditions this book is for you. It's filled with recipes, ideas and traditions that were common in Victorian society. It's a great resource for anyone wanting to add some romantic traditions and beauty into your modern life.

Lisa says

Such a fun book! It was great to read about traditions that were common during Victorian times and also how holidays were celebrated then. I learned a lot about the history of holidays we still celebrate today and about holidays that aren't commonly practiced anymore (my favorites being Candlemas and New Year Open Houses). Overall, the book was a great reminder of the importance of families and creating traditions.

Missy says

I love reading about Victorian traditions and the origins of our holidays. It has given me ideas of how to

create special days for my kids--from birthdays to forgotten holidays such as Candlemas. A charming book.

Chanelle says

I LOVE this book. It is full of old family traditions and how to bring joy back through them. It is an easy read that goes by month. I recommend it for everyone that wants to create happy family memories.

Emily says

This is one of my favorite books. I am not naturally creative in the parenting department and this has given me lots of unique, entertaining ideas for things to do with my family. Even before I had kids, my husband and I used this book's idea for dying Easter Eggs with natural dyes (berries, turmeric, spinach, etc.) which turned out lovely. It's a big reason for why I do afternoon tea parties with my kids regularly. It's basically a parenting book for Christian parents who like Victorian (both European and American) traditions, holidays, and all things old fashioned. I got my hot cross buns recipe from this book and I've used many other ideas for good, clean, old-fashioned fun out of here. Highly recommended to moms who like period films ;)

Meg says

I just re-read this book for the 5th or 6th time, and it was just as inspiring as the first! I feel rejuvenated to continue to make the effort to create a warm, inviting home life for my family, filled with fun traditions! There are so many good ideas in this book without feeling preachy. I love all things old fashioned, and so I really relate to the style of the writing as well. I LOVE this book and keep it displayed on my hope chest in my bedroom.

Melissa says

Absolutely loved this book. It's meant as a reference as ideas to do from month to month. Old fashioned, Victorian, simple holiday, festive, and day to day ideas to do each month to make bring the family closer together and have a more loving, united family environment. I'm going to buy it to have as a reference all year long.
