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*Sarah felt something inside let go. No one had ever understood her before, but somehow this woman understood the desperate need that she had...something wound tight inside released a little, enough for her to feel that perhaps--just perhaps--there were people in the world you could trust, after all.*

Abandoned at a New York orphanage 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 to take care of. Until they reach Lincoln, Nebraska--and come face-to-face with Jesse King and Augusta Hathaway.

*Sarah's Patchwork* is the absorbing story of quiet, unassuming Sarah Biddle--and the hopes, dreams, tragedies, and romance that she stitches into an heirloom quilt. Each scrap of fabric tells of Sarah's transformation from a frightened orphan girl into a courageous woman of strength and resourcefulness as she stitches..."the tears of the past into a treasure for tomorrow."

Opportunity and disappointment, hardship and loss teach Sarah the reality of biblical truth--and the power of true love to heal the broken heart. *Sarah's Patchwork* is the first book in the Keepsake Legacies Series and tells the story of Sarah Biddle, first introduced in the bestselling Prairie Winds Series.

## Sarah's Patchwork Details

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## From Reader Review Sarah's Patchwork for online ebook

### **Kim Butler says**

When I first started reading this book, I wasn't quite sure it was what I wanted to read...however, once I got into it, I couldn't put it down. It wasn't at all what I was expecting, but it was a wonderful story. I was kind of sad when it ended. Luckily, there's a book 2 (even though it's not dependent on book 1).

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### **Kimberly Jean says**

Cute story

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### **Sandra Barnett says**

#### **Awesome**

This story was heart touching and helped to see the grace of God. It's a wonderful book, that teaches you to trust in God's plans for your life. Even though there are trials in life, and sometimes heart aches, but through it all God is still in control. He has a expected end for the lives of His children. Thanks for the reminder  
Stephanie Grace Stepson.

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### **Karen says**

The series is based on an auction find. one item leads to a homesteading family's history and other small keepsakes. IN their search for lost family members they ran into obstacles.

Some helpful genealogical resources were mentioned (especially in the last of the series. some interesting historical facts were also mentioned.

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### **Tammy says**

Setting: 1875 Nebraska

Characters: Sarah and her brother Tom

The story started out with Sarah and Tom on an orphan train. That is what attracted me to the book, but most of the story happens after that. I was about a third of the way into the book and thinking that nothing was happening in the story. Then things really picked up and a lot happened. The romance was never very good in my opinion. The story was still pretty good though. I would have liked to find out what happened to the baby sister Emma, but she was not mentioned again.

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## **Barbara says**

This was an enjoyable story, and I am glad I read it. It took me a while to get into the way the chapters told a story about an event tied to a quilt fabric, but that idea grew on me. Sarah was an admirable young lady who showed strength and faith through both the good and bad times in her life. Her courage and love for her brother were inspiring. Orphan trains were real, and are fascinating to read about.

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## **Wendy says**

### **BACK OF THE BOOK BLURB**

(taken from Amazon.com)

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".

### **MY REVIEW**

I love Stephanie's books, this one included! She has weaved a very touching tale about Sarah's life, so many twists and turns. Each twist makes her stronger for the next turn. This is an older book, from 2000, and I have just 'found' as it was recently re-released in paperback and e-book format. I can recommend this as a good read. Also, I like that it takes place in Nebraska.

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## **Lorraine says**

I have yet to read a Stephanie Grace Whitson book yet that I didn't thoroughly enjoy, and Sarah's Patchwork meets that standard again. What I love most about Whitson's writing is that there is always a strong faith thread throughout her storyline. But she also brings her characters to life and invites her reader right into the events taking place.

There were so many things I liked about this book:

- 1) The chapter headings that referred to a type of fabric that would be mentioned or a focus in that chapter.
- 2) Sarah's indomitable spirit and her caring concern for her brother and others.
- 3) All of the people who played such important roles in Sarah and Tom's orphaned lives especially Abigail and David Braddock.
- 4) Loula's part in leading Sarah to true salvation. This was probably the most poignant scene in the book.

This is the first book in the Keepsake Legacy series. I liked it so much that I have already begun reading

Book 2, Karyn's Memory Box. Recommended to readers who like historical fiction with just a light touch of romance and a very strong faith element.

FAVORITE QUOTES: "Nothing is a waste of time when it is done with love and gratitude."

"But this is how I remember it. There's three P's We're saved from the PENALTY of sin because Jesus died for each one of us. We're saved from the POWER of sin because we can choose to praise the Lord no matter what happens. And when we're in heaven we'll be saved from the PRESENCE of sin."

"You got to remember....God's got His plan--and He only gives the general outline in the Bible."

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### **Denise says**

I enjoyed this book. The only thing that is a little deceiving about this book is that it is the first book in the Keepsake Legacies series but the main character, Sarah was introduced in another book in another series. I find that a pain in the butt, now I need to go read the other series and I am a person that likes to read my series in order.

However this was a really good story. Several parts were real tear-jerkers. The end was wrapped up rather too quickly. I felt that there was enough for another book (book two of the Keepsake Legacies). Apparently not. It seems each book will be about different people. The last 2 pages take you through 20 or more years. Don't like books that end like that. That is why I only gave this a 4 stars.

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### **Joyce says**

Library copy.

Stephanie Grace Whitson is one of my favorite authors, and historical fiction is one of my favorite genres. It is not without difficulty that I give this book a 3-star rating. It is not one of my favorite books.

The fact that there is so much overlap with previous books (the Prairie Winds series) likely has something to do with why it is not one of my favorites. I did get bored with the parts I already knew .. I felt like they were put in verbatim from the other book, but I'm just guessing. Perhaps there is a problem with the flow of the story because of that, I don't know.

I love the use of the fabrics for each chapter, but failed to see how some of them ended up in Sarah's quilt. There seemed to be more loose ends in this book than usual in this author's writing.

All that aside, the characters and the story, and the strong line of faith do come to life well. In a book of remembrances like this one, it is difficult to keep the story flowing. New characters were introduced, old ones resurrected, new relationships, memories of old ones .. some of them worked together well, and others were left hanging.

I do recommend this book to readers of all ages, the main characters themselves spanning quite an age range. The writing, as always, is squeaky clean, and the main character evolves in her faith in the God of the Bible.

There is some period history written into the story, but not as much as some of her books.

This is the first in the Keepsake Legacies series, which I plan to finish reading!

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### **ImagineAnge says**

So touching and amazing. It really brought out the life of the main character and made it very interesting and relatable.

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### **Darleen says**

A quilting romance story. It was a fun quick read. The plot revolves around two children who are forced to take the orphan trains out west after being abandoned by their destitute father. Of course the main female character finds a wealthy man to love and the male becomes a doctor.

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### **C. says**

This book is really book#4 in the Prairie Winds series and is a 'MUST READ'! I have no idea why it isn't listed with that series, fortunately I saw where a reviewer at Amazon mentioned this book being more of Sarah and Tom's story. Don't miss it, it's wonderful!

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### **GJ S says**

#### **Good clean christian historical story**

This book was so good on so many levels. The characters were easy for me to connect with. The plan of salvation was clearly stated. I didn't realize how historic the story was till the end. The author is very knowledgeable and a very good story teller. The negative I have to say is the cost thru kindle is too high for people such as I who read a lot of books, this book was reasonably priced so I purchased it and met a new author to me and I am glad I did.

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### **Fluffy Kitty Susan Ryder says**

This book is wonderful, and I am debating on taking it with me when we move back to England from Nebraska!

