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Skylark (Sequel To "Sarah, Plain And Tall") Harper Trophy



Synopsis

My mother, Sarah, doesn't love the prairie. She tries, but she can't help remembering what she knew first. Sarah came to the prairie from Maine to marry Papa. But that summer, a drought turned the land dry and brown. Fires swept across the fields and coyotes came to the well in search of water. So Sarah took Anna and Caleb back east, where they would be safe. Papa stayed behind. He would not leave his land. Maine was beautiful, but Anna missed home, and Papa. And as the weeks went by, she began to wonder what would happen if the rains never came. Would she and Caleb and Sarah and Papa ever be a family again?

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Customer Reviews

This short book (only 87 pages) is the perfect sequel to *Sarah, Plain and Tall*. Sarah, once a mail-order bride from Maine, now is almost integrated into family life on the harsh prairie. But prolonged drought and other natural conditions deteriorate to the extent that she takes her instant children, Anna and Caleb, on a nostalgic (for her at least) trip back East, to share her roots with them. This story is narrated in the first person by Anna, daughter of farmer Jacob. But how to blend love of the ocean with love for the prairie--two opposing causes for nostalgia and homesickness? Sarah needs to learn to stop being a lark who merely hovers above the land, She must let her

husband's love for her help her to grow into the kind of person who can write her name on the land as well. A thoughtful read for more mature readers. Companion volumes to complete the mail-order marriage. Read as a pair!

This book is one of my favourite books. Even the first chapter was interesting. Some parts really touch my heart. They make me feel that I am over there feeling their pain and sorrow. This story is the sequel to "Sarah, Plain and Tall". The drought had wiped out every drop of water on the prairie. Sarah had married Caleb's father, Jacob. Their neighbours were slowly leaving the prairie. Caleb didn't want to leave Sarah and the prairie. He wanted rain to fall. When I read this part, I was so worried that I wished that I could read it the whole day. When Caleb's papa said that they have their names written in the prairie, Caleb didn't want Sarah to leave so he really wrote "SARA" in the land. But in the end, they still had to leave the prairie and went to stay with Sarah's aunts in Maine for a while until it rained in the prairie. In Maine, it was totally different. There were the sea and flowers blooming. Do you think the children will ever see the prairie and their father again? Read this moving story and find out.

The 'Sarah Plain and Tall' series is among our family favorites. Skylark just gets a 4 out of 5 because while we'd like to give it a 4.5, that isn't permitted. The tender tale of Sarah, Jacob, Anna and Caleb continues. You can feel the arid conditions of the Kansas drought, the fear that grips the community as wells go dry, the loneliness and fear of families being separated so that at least some of them can travel to where water is not a constant need. A book that gives a picture to youngsters of Dust Bowl conditions; it will keep the attention of older readers as well. A happy ending completes part 2 of the Sarah stories (as we call them). [Our lack of a '5' star rating was largely because of a brief, unnecessary encounter with a skinny dipping old maiden aunt.]

I have loved this story since it was on tv. Traveling was so final then. Now we just fly and drive everywhere. We need a greater appreciation for our mobility. I love historical novels. Thank you for making these stories available today.

We read an excerpt from this story in class and the students wanted to know if they ever returned to the farm. I got the book and read it to my class in 2 days - they loved it and wanted to read more about the family. I'm glad other stories are available.

This is my second read of this little book. It seems I read it in 2007. (See Bookcrossing.com BCID 701-5283303) But since it was sitting here where I am house sitting, I thought I'd read it again. I have to admit to relating to this book more now than I did back then. With my life about to change like Sarah's, moving to a new area, um, that is feeling the results of this draught. But the sky is the main calling as it was for Sarah and her family. It's a quiet, sweet, poetic book that might make a good read at bedtime for adults and children to share.

If you are into books about droughts, fires, and other things like that, then this is the right book for YOU. This book is the sequel to "Sarah, Plain and Tall" when a young woman named Sarah traveled from Maine to the Prairie to marry a widowed man named Jacob and his two children, Anna and Caleb. In the book "Skylark" there is a drought and during the drought there was a huge fire that burned down their barn. So Jacob told Sarah to take Anna and Caleb to Maine while he rebuilds the barn. Will they ever be together again? To find out read the book "Skylark."

CAUTION THIS MAY CONTAIN SPOILERS!! first a drought then the barn is on fire then the idea of going to Maine for a month or two papa refused to leave his land will the drought ever end?? I think it was still missing some action other than that it was great! :}

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