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^Ebook ? The Hand-Me-Down Family ? PDF eBook or Kindle ePUB free

Loved it Loved the book, setting, story, characters, and time setting, location etc good book to read Rounding up from 3.5 stars. This was a cute, easy read There s not a lot to say

about it because it wasn't particularly stand out or unique, but I enjoyed it all the same. What can I say, I'm a sucker for heroine with a disfigurement finding love. I will say that I liked the way the Christian theme was handled in the book. It felt like a natural part of the story and the characters, rather than preachy and sermonizing, even though there is a touch of it in the story since the hero has lost a bit of his faith and has to rediscover it. It's not one I think I would ever pick up again, but it was engaging, and I ended up reading it all in almost one sitting. This is such a touching story about a woman with a birthmark who takes her friend's place to be a mail order bride. Winnie Griggs makes compelling characters that you root for from the very beginning. The groom at first is very displeased with the switch but as the story goes on, the way he sticks up for the heroine touches your heart. It was one of those stories where I had to take a few breaks to get a hold of my emotions as I got so involved with the characters. Love this story. I recommend this book. An emotion-packed blended family story to pull each of your heartstrings. I love books that include children; the children draw me in, make the story told realistic. Well done, Winnie Griggs. I chose to review this book; it is a wonderful story. My mother will read this book soon. I am going to read of Winnie's books for future. A great book, I could not put it down, it was a very touching story of a family brought together. By faith and love of God, I recommend this book as a must-read. I promise you will not want to put it down. This book just made me feel good. I loved the characters and how they became a family. Would definitely read of her books.

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This is one of those books that sneaks up on you unexpectedly I absolutely loved it. Callie Gray has traveled to Texas to be with her new husband and children She married him by proxy She is excited to be starting a new life away from her well meaning but smothering family back in Ohio, even though she knows this is not a love match but one of convenience her best friend has died and the husband needs someone to help him raise their children You see, Callie has a small but noticeable port wine birthmark on her face As such, she is on the shelf and when this chance comes to have a family and a life outside of being pitied, she is praising God for her fortune However upon arriving in Texas, she finds out her husband has died in a fire A widow before she is a wife. Remorseful that she never got to meet her intended, she instead focuses on the children, who luckily were spared Unfortunately she doesn't count on her husband's estranged brother trying to push her out of the picture and take the children himself. Jack Tyler has been estranged from his brother for 11 years As the younger brother he always got the hand me down and castoffs and came to resent it The final blow was when he proposed marriage to a lovely young woman only to find out she was in love with his brother Coincidentally she was Callie's best friend Jack is now back in town to take responsibility for his nieces and nephews He is also dealing with a lot of guilt over his relationship with his brother and not being able to resolve it before he died As such, he is also turned away from God, instead choosing to believe the incorrect adage of God helps those who help themselves When he finds out about Callie he is naturally resistant to what he sees as the competition for the children With the help of the local schoolmistress, Jack and Callie come to the decision that they will employ their own marriage of convenience for the sake of the children Jack can't take care of the kids on his own and Callie can't work the farm on her own so they compromise and each hope that their own sacrifice will be for the benefit of the children when all is said and done. Callie is a character I loved from page one She is as accepting of her birthmark as any woman could be, especially of the time period, although she does hide herself behind big and ugly bonnets when not at home Maybe not as accepting as she thinks she is She genuinely loves the children at first sight and does her best to be a stepmother to them without trying to replace her best friend in their hearts Even when she overhears one of the children make a horrifically ugly remark about her birthmark to a friend, she hides her discomfort and pretends she didn't hear it Later on she takes a walk in the woods, away from the family, and bears her anguish to God I found myself sobbing right along with her Jack, noticing her missing, goes in search of her and finds her crying Not knowing why or what she is crying about, he simply kneels beside her and holds her while she cries I fell in love with Jack at that moment Jack is the hero who grows on you Initially he is dead set against Callie being in the kids lives but after some soul searching he realizes he really can't do this on his own I love the way he never took out his anger over the circumstances on Callie, which he could easily have done He also never looked twice at her birthmark What a man Knowing that there is to a person than looks or a birthmark, he treats Callie with respect and honor On

their wedding day he overhears two catty old women disparaging Callie and defends her in a subtle but very I mean business kind of way Jack goes out of his way to try and make Callie comfortable around the kids and encourages her to leave her ugly bonnets off at every opportunity Of course there s some angst on Jack s part along the way this is not the life he had envisioned for himself and he struggles with the turmoil of that Although I thought the HEA was slightly rushed, it definitely was a very touching one and well done.I would recommend this to anyone who s looking for a meaty, introspective romance. ^Ebook ? The Hand-Me-Down Family ? Callie Gray Always Assumed She Would Never Marry, Until She Took A Leap And Became A Mail Order Bride But When She Arrives In Sweetgum, Texas, She Gets The Shock Of Her Life Her Husband Is Dead, And His Brother Proposes She Marry Him, For The Sake Of His Orphaned Nephew And Nieces Jack Tyler Warns Her Not To Hope For A Love Match Theirs Is Strictly A Convenient Marriage But Callie Yearns For A True Partnership With The Man Who Has Unexpectedly Captured Her Heart Now She Must Convince Him What He Truly Needs Is A Lifetime Of Love, Faith And Family With Callie By His Side

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