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# More Perfect Than The Moon (Sarah, Plain And Tall)



## Synopsis

The fourth book in the series that began with the Newbery Medal-winning *Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan. I am a watcher. I am a listener, too. I am invisible. I can make myself so small and quiet and hidden that sometimes no one knows I am there to watch and listen. Cassie spends her days watching Grandfather and Caleb in the barn, looking out at Papa working the fields, spying on her mother, Sarah, feeding the goslings. She's an observer, a writer, a storyteller. Everything is as it should be. But change is inevitable, even on the prairie. Something new is expected, and Sarah says it will be the perfect gift. Cassie isn't so sure. But just as life changes, people change too. And Cassie learns that unexpected surprises can bring great joy.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 3-5 Another heartwarming installment in the saga of the Witting family, first made famous in *Sarah, Plain and Tall* (HarperCollins, 1985). In this fourth book, Anna is working with Dr. Sam in town and is engaged to Justin, and Caleb is busy on the farm, so it is the youngest member of the family's turn to keep a journal. Cassie, almost in third grade, is a watcher, a listener, and a

writer. While Caleb scoffs at her stories as not being true, Cassie defends her imaginative entries as "my truth." When Sarah announces that she is going to have a baby, Cassie is angry, and worried that her mother won't have enough love left over for her. She is determined not to like the "terrible baby." As her loving family helps her come to terms with the inevitable birth, the journal entries provide a way for Cassie to blend "her truth" with the facts. In true MacLachlan fashion, the spare, graceful writing sparkles with fresh images, and the first-person point of view rests firmly with the child. While the pace is restrained, the exciting climax provides enough dramatic tension to keep readers' attention. A worthy companion to the earlier books. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Gr. 3-5. This fourth title in the Sarah Plain and Tall (1985) series highlights Cassie, Sarah and Jacob's eight-year-old daughter. Caleb has transferred journal-writing duties to her, and she tries to record what she observes, despite a tendency to write what she wishes might happen. Sarah and Jacob are expecting another baby, and Cassie is perturbed at the prospect. She is quite certain her new sibling won't be the "gift" her mother has promised. Wisely, Sarah allows her daughter to work through these feelings (at one point Cassie announces that the baby will be born a sheep--named Beatrice), and, by the time her new brother arrives, Cassie is able to concede that this "terrible baby" might be even more perfect than the moon. As always, MacLachlan's lyrical prose conveys volumes in a few well-chosen words. Solid, believable characters face classic dilemmas, yet the ending feels neither pat nor predictable. A fine, literate choice for beginning chapter-book readers, especially those already familiar with this series. Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Very cute story that follows the Sarah Plain and Tall series. It claims to be a 3rd grade book, but the language and print is very easily meant for end of 2nd grade, beginning of 3rd grade average reader. As a 4th grade teacher, I used it for my below-grade level reading group and I thought it was too easy for them.

I'm a 3rd grade teacher and have taught for 13 years. I have read the "Sarah, Plain and Tall" series to my students for almost that long. They LOVE it and they HATE when it time for us to be done with all the books. I really enjoy giving them rich characters with a familial story of hardship, endurance, and perserverance. It's a great read for kids!

This is a book that offers good insight on a little girl's perspective of a new baby in the house. I bought it for a struggling reader in 5th grade and the student really enjoyed it. It gave her a lot of motivation to read.

Lovely book. Patricia MacLachlin has added another window into the lives of the Witting family using the eyes of Cassie. The interactions between Cassie - the youngest child - and her Mother Sarah are strong and sincere. Eight-year-old Cassie has trouble coping when she learns Sarah is having another baby. Sarah responds to the child's uncertainty and anger with so much love and understanding that Cassie realizes her mother is on her side too. The ending of the book is sheer poetry. Parents who have a new baby coming might consider using this book to help older children cope. A short but powerful book.

The author knows her characters well and presents them with honesty and humor.....rare combination.

Met the author and I was buying the books for an auction (we were doing the play of the authors book (Sarah Plain and Tall) and she told me there was one more in the series. The book store sold out. This finished the set and just adore Patricia what a wonderful lady.

"More Perfect Than The Moon" was a very entertaining and emotional book well written by Patricia MacLachlan. This was the 4th in her series Sarah, Plain and Tall. I enjoyed the movies on the Hallmark Channel and was so very surprised when I ordered all 5 books that they were Children's books. (I'm 77 years old). Patricia MacLachlan is an excellent writer and storyteller. The book and story-line is so life-like as it comes from happenings in her life. Thanks, Patricia!!

Great book in a great series! My 6 year old daughter and I are reading lots of historical fiction, and this series has been as enjoyable, if not more enjoyable, than all the rest.

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