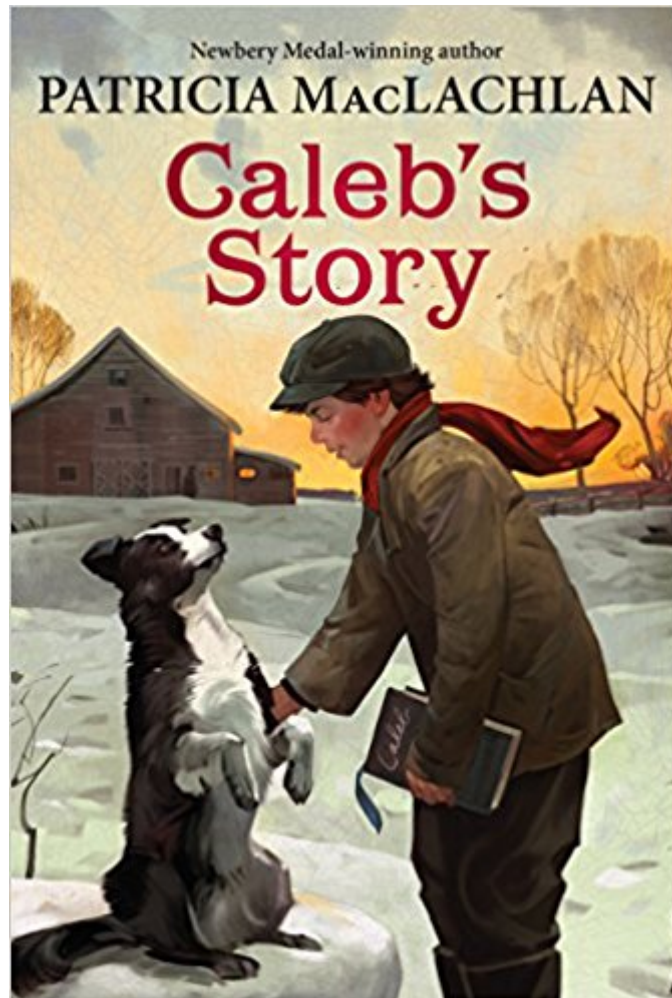




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# Caleb's Story (Sarah, Plain And Tall)



## Synopsis

The third book in the series that began with the Newbery Medal-winning *Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan. Anna has done something terrible. She has given me a journal to fill. "It's your job now," Anna says as she hands Caleb her journals, asking him to continue writing the family story. But Sarah, Jacob, Anna, Caleb, and their new little sister, Cassie, have already formed a family, and Caleb fears there will be nothing left to write about. That is, before Cassie discovers a mysterious old man in the barn, and everything changes. Everyone is excited about the arrival of a new family member—except for Jacob, who holds a bitter grudge. Only the special love of Caleb, and the gift he offers, can help to mend the pain of the past.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

Taking over the reins from his sister Anna, who narrated *Sarah, Plain and Tall* and *Skylark*, Caleb describes the event in this heartwarming third installment, in which Jacob is reunited with his father. As the novel opens, readers meet Cassie, the baby whom Sarah carries in *Skylark*; the country is at war in Europe; and Anna leaves home to work for a doctor in town and gives Caleb the responsibility of recording the family events. While Jacob drives his older daughter to town, Cassie

spots a man on the property. Thinking it's one of Cassie's imaginary friends, Caleb ignores her until he sees the man for himself. When Jacob returns, the mystery of the man's identity is revealed, and wounds from the past begin to slowly heal. In an uplifting subplot, Caleb discovers why Jacob's father did not correspond with his son all the years he was away and begins to set things right. The narrative cribs liberally from Anna's entries in *Skylark*, but fans of the first two books will enjoy learning more about this resourceful and loving family. Ages 8-10. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gr 4-6-In this third book in the series begun in *Sarah, Plain and Tall* (HarperCollins, 1985), Caleb is given the responsibility of writing down everything that happens on the farm now that his older sister Anna has gone to live in town to finish school. At first, he thinks there will be nothing to write about, but when an old man appears in the middle of winter, the family's quiet life is suddenly disrupted. The stranger turns out to be Caleb's grandfather, who left when the boy's father, Jacob, was young. While Jacob allows him to stay, he refuses to forgive or even speak to the man. Caleb slowly realizes that his grandfather is illiterate, and he teaches him how to read and write. It takes his efforts and a near-tragedy to reconcile the differences between the men. Readers who are new to the Witting family will quickly become acquainted with the events of the past through the excerpts of Anna's journals that Caleb shares with his grandfather. Despite some heavy elements, MacLachlan manages to provide some lighter moments and humor through Cassie, the baby who was about to be born at the end of *Skylark* (HarperCollins, 1994), and who is now a lively and inquisitive child. This is an excellent work of historical fiction, a satisfying sequel, and an inspiring tale about love and forgiveness. Ashley Larsen, Woodside Library, CA Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I liked this story because it gave my male students a chance to connect with the male character in the series.

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.

It was a really good and nice Series I hope there is more to it because their should be more added to it like what will hamper in the next book or at the begging about what is happening to there life so fare in there life. Or at the end like the story that Caleb was weighting through the whole story.

Series starts with "Sarah, Plain, and Tall", then "Skylark", "Caleb's Story", "More Perfect Than the Moon", and "Grandfather's Dance". Such a delightful series! A bit like the "Little House" books. Written by a descendant of the family in the books. People list them as beginning at 8 years old; I would say an early reader would like them at 7. Tragedy is dealt with in a sensitive and moderated way. My only objection is that in the ones I have nowhere inside or on the cover do they indicate the chronological order of the stories.

My daughter is in third grade and started with Sarah Plain and Tall and then wanted to move on to Caleb's Story. It's a cute book and age appropriate for an 8 year old.

I loved reading about the struggles of the family. Also i loved the return of the grandfather, and how it affected the entire family. Over time, relationships can mend and families can have peace and tranquility.

I ordered this book for the students in my third grade class. They had read and enjoyed Sarah. Plain and Tall so I wanted to continue the story with them. They enjoyed this book even more. It has a more in depth plot with more action. I believe my students had a deeper connection to the characters in this story. Will read it again next year!

Caleb story is a great story it teaches us to appreciate life and family and forgive the unforgiving heart.

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