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Family At Last

Nate Lyster and Mia Verbeek are in perfect agreement—letting someone new into your life is much too risky. Mom to four kids, Mia can't let just anyone get close, while wandering cowboy Nate learned young that trusting another means chancing heartbreak. But when a fire turns Mia's life upside down, Nate is the only one who can get through to her traumatized son. Nate fits into Mia's family perfectly, and they soon realize that a loving family is what they both want. Can they put the hurts of their pasts behind them...for a chance at a perfect love?

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Peggy Clayton says

This book is a Love Inspired book and this was overall a very good book. It was a fast read and kept my attention the entire time. I look forward to reading more by this author.

Sam Reid says

I won this as part of a goodreads first read,

Loved the story line, lost cowboy-single mother of 4, and what each of them faces while trying to recover from something in their lives.

pamela kroese says

Not just a love story but lesson in letting go

As someone who likes control and often lets past mistakes affect the present, this was eye-opening. This book really brings out how we need to give God the control, our past, and our future!

Jennifer says

Mia is a single mother of four small children, who runs a flower shop. Nate is a single cowboy stopping by town to see his brother. Nate was not expecting to fall for Mia but her kids capture his heart. Beautifully written romance mixed with faith.

Harlequin Books says

Miniseries: Hearts of Hartley Creek

Ruth says

I have heard about "Selective Mutism" but had never read anything about it until reading A Father in the Making by Carolyn Aarsen!! A most awesome story so well written and beautifully told. It is definitely another of those "ya just can't lay it down" book. Such a beautiful and inspiring story of love for God and family. I recommend it highly to everyone that needs uplifting or just loves a great love story. I love the

"Hearts of Hartley Creek" series, Carolyne, and thank you for sharing your wonderful God given talent. Blessings...

Janice Sisemore says

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Mia has four kids and afraid to let anyone close to her because of her husband leaving her. Nate becomes friends with her and the children. There is a fire in her shop and home , she stays with a friend, the same place Nate is staying. One of her sons is traumatized from the fire and Nate is able to help him.

Heidi says

This was actually a very good book. This tells a story of an adopted man and a loner for that matter. Falling in love with a woman that has 4 kids. Not all man are Man enough to accept this kind of relationship. An instant family.

Karen says

Nate Lyster, Denny's foster brother, and Mia Verbeek are draw to one another, but will their pasts be too much to handle? Nate rescues Mia's son Nico from a fire. Four kids is a lot for Mia to raise, but who will help her? Not her ex-husband Al, who left her pregnant with twins.

Mark says

awesome read, loved it...a pull at your heart strings story

Leona Sue Clemmons says

I love this book

I have been in Nates shoes. I can understand his pain. I have also been in Mia's shoes. Both places are hard to be and it is so hard to open your heart again to more hurt. It is wonderful to know God will always be faithful and be with us to carry us though.

Bonnie says

A Father In The Making is one of The Hearts Of Hartley Creek Series. A very good book. Mia runs a flower shop and lives above it. He had a six year old boy and a four year old boy. Also twin six month old girls. While Mia is at the book store with the twins picking up books she ordered, her place of business and where she lives is on fire. Her boys and the babysitter are still in the apartment. A fire fighter arrives and a friend of someone she knows also shows up. Both guys go into the burning building. Nate is from out of town. Only there for a few weeks. The four year old is hiding in the closet. Nate carries him out. After that trauma the boy doesn't talk. Mia and Toby both have bad history in their past. They are drawn to each other. Don't want to be hurt again. Mia and Toby both work at getting the four year old to talk. The boy goes to Toby very easy. When the boy thinks Toby is going to leave he runs after him and talks. Tells Toby not to leave. Very touching story. Need to read it to know all that goes on. Very good.

Leigh Bale says

Delightful story about learning to trust and mending broken hearts. Well done!

Adrienne says

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The story contains several storylines and emotion without drama. Overall, I liked it more than most I read in the genre.

[As a side note to the author: humans do not squawk (not sure why female characters from this genre are suddenly squawking). As regards narration: across this series, the characters often "center" themselves. While the characters may complete this action, they are all too different to use the same wording to describe it. Many who are "centering" themselves in the stories would not have such vocabulary. Catching their breaths? Taking a moment? Counting to ten? Mentally checking out for a second? The correct term would depend upon context, but the cowboy and the shop owner do not both call it "centering" themselves unless they had recently been to yoga together or something similar.]
