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Eight years after losing her closest friend, Tucker struggles to keep her rebellious, self-destructive granddaughter under control. When April accidentally kills her boyfriend while defending herself from his attack, Judge Jack helps Tucker ferry her granddaughter away to Spirit Lake, a remote treatment facility in the mountains of eastern Tennessee. There, April creates a false identity, painting herself as a young socialite, and blocks Tucker's attempts at communication.

Tucker's grandson March, missing for eight years, is discovered half-dead, having lost both his sight and his memories. As he recovers, March's blindness persists but fragments of his life reemerge. When he finds himself at Spirit Lake, he runs headlong into his past.

Will Tucker be able to reunite her family after their paths have splintered?

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Jim Zawada says

Excelent

The Tucker series is one of the most uplifting and moving books i have ever read. I'm 72 years old and have been reading books of all kinds all my life.

Beca Silva says

My least fav so far...

I felt like this book was written by two different people. There were areas that sound like the original author and areas that sound like a high school writer. Also, the reference to God is becoming a little over the top. The series didn't start off that way.

Judy Collins says

A special thank you to Lake Union Publishing and NetGalley for an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

APRIL'S RAIN, the third installment in *The Tucker Series*, by master storyteller, *David Johnson* --is an explosive, inspiring and emotional reunion of Tucker and her beloved family. After many years of tears, fears and pain, they all come together, different people having faced many tragedies and heartaches, for a heartfelt reunion with tears of joy!

Come inside and sit a while, enjoy some homemade pie, coffee, music, laughter, and some sweet southern stories which will warm your heart. You cannot read just one book, you will find yourself hardly stopping to write a review, before moving on to the next. (*I am into Book 4 MARCH ON tonight*). *I will be so sad when this series ends; however, just heard today, another one coming- Yeah!*

Having fallen in love with Tucker in Book 1, raising her three grandchildren, in Book 2, the unexpected gift of friendship and gift from Ella, and now in Book 3, when I did not think it could get any better.

APRIL'S RAIN brought more tears than the others. *As a reader you are invested in the lives of these lovable and flawed characters— you root for and pray for their well- being, for triumph over tragedy.*

Poor Tucker cannot catch a break, with her troubled two younger grandchildren— March has been missing for eight years, and we find in Book 3 where he has been all this time, and it is not pretty. He is lucky to have survived and is now blind. He also has been sent some angels to rescue him, and now fate steps in to reunite him with his long lost sister. Readers will also get to hear from August as Smiley has taken him under his wing as a great dad.

April, now a teen has not been an easy child. She is angry and bitter, and she too has had a rough life. When

her life takes yet another downward turn, Tucker once again steps in, this time she plays tough love and sends her to Spirit Lake. At first you will wonder what kind of place is this? However, keep reading, as through the tough times, April will be able to forgive herself and find peace with God and her family. (*glad to see Jack stepping in to help*).

APRIL'S RAIN crosses many genres, as a strong coming-of-age, ideal for teens and parents, alike, as well as, all the southern, social issues, family drama, suspense, fiction, humor, contemporary, and Christian readers; a book for young and older adults.

What a journey! The last part of the book, kept me glued to my e-reader. Johnson did a bang up job with the animal/human connection, and the setting to pull all the pieces of this powerful story, for a suspenseful yet satisfying ending.

As you can see by my previous reviews, I am so in love with this riveting series. David Johnson's writing reminds me a little of *Charles Martin* (*my favorite author*), with some of his earlier books. He writes Christian fiction, with powerful messages, concentrating on the poor, flawed characters, racial, and human dynamics, set in the southern South Georgia area, similar to the Tennessee area.

Fans of *Charles Martin* and *Ace Collins*, will enjoy **The Tucker Series** with the deep love and connections of their history, friends, roots, southern food, humor, music, hospitality, family, and God's power to heal and forgive, for some wisdom, self-discovery and old fashioned life lessons.

Will not mention Madea again, as I am aware I have mentioned it in the two previous reviews; however, every time I read Tucker's funny dialogue, cannot help but think of her; would love to see these two together.

Once again, David Johnson, a winner!

I would love to give Tucker and Smiley, a big hug as can see them sitting around the table in her mobile home laughing and crying, enjoying the reuniting of lost souls!

Judith D. Collins Must Read Books

Char says

Let's Use Coincidence instead of a Plot.

This book has so many plot gaps it is almost silly. Reads more like Family counseling 101 than a continuation of the Tucker series. I love the sensual reality of the Tucker books as a southwestern transplant to KY and TN. But this book was "in sore need of a smack" from an editor. Be sure you read the first two books where the characters are developed or this one will make no sense.

Donna Harber says

Great story about family, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

The story that has evolved in the Tucker Series has me spellbound! I love these characters, and I love

learning more about them. In really looking forward to reading book 4! This story is a great read for anyone. It is a lesson in human nature, forgiveness, reconciliation, and God's grace .

Marsha says

Awesome

This is one of the best set of books I have read in a long time

I have laughed and cried and everything in between!!!

I highly recommend these

Even though they lived through hard times the lord has truly blessed them , I am aware this is a work of fiction, but the author has really made it all come to life.

Mary says

Growth

The author incorporated much of his real life experiences that he encountered as a family therapist. April grew into a person of substance along with her brother, March but with the help of different people in their lives. It was interesting to watch how they matured in their life along with Tucker.

Jenn 9 says

I so love reading the Tucker series. I am looking forward to book 5. (hope it comes out soon) I love in this book how they all come together once again.

Connie S. Jones says

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David Johnson has written a great series. I'm ready to start book 4. He has great characters, and at times I feel like I'm right there with them. Sometimes life is hard no matter what age you are there are always consequences for every choice we make. For me this was a great read!

Roxana Garcia says

I have loved the Tucker series and getting to know each character. Each character has it's own hardships to overcome and this book gives you a glimpse of what happened to Match throughout the 8 years he's been

gone. Seeing the family finally reunited after 8 long years had me in tears at the end of this book.

Carmen Blankenship says

David Johnson has created a family and cast of characters that I find myself thinking about as if they are part of my own life. Not since Lonesome Dove have been so entranced and invested in the welfare of fictional characters.

After I read Unexpected Frost I had to take a minute to start this book. The pull of emotions I felt for all of the characters when Ella passed was unexpected. I mean c'mon! I read A LOT and I love a lot of characters but am rarely as affected as I have been in this series... Now mind you, I am as tall as Tucker and can be as fierce so don't you dare call me a sissy!

April's way brings us 8 years after the passing of the classy and sweet Ella. Our beautiful April has certainly grown and like both of us, is now having to face the demons of her passed. From the very beginning of this series we have known that April suffered some sort of abuse at the hands of her brothers. In April's way we also see just what losing Ella has done to her. April, like most of Tucker's family takes the hard road.

I will not fill this with spoilers. I WILL say, that as long as David Johnson is an author, I will be reading his work. This series goes in my top 5 favorite books (counting it as one). I have told every person I know to read this series. Now quit reading my review and buy this book already!
Thank you Negalley for the copy in exchange for an honest review.

Cindy says

Love this series! Real life situations and relationship issues that when the truths are revealed, the healing can begin.

Judie Dooley says

I won this book on good reads. Thank you for picking me. I loved everything about it except the ending. It was like--"WHAT" I wanted more.. I had questions that were left unanswered. but I guess there will be another book in the series and I'll have to wait and read that. This book was great. The characters were superb and easy to relate to. The dialect of Tucker was easy to follow. The story was about April who comes from a dysfunctional farm family. She was always different (being poor) and was picked on by her classmates. She is being raised by her grandmother, Tucker. AS she becomes a teen-ager she becomes more and more troublesome until Tucker has to send her away to a place that she hopes will help her. I'd recommend this book to anyone who wants to read a good story that will leave you crying.

Rhonda says

Another great book in the Tucker series.

Gail A. says

I am in love with Tucker - her character strengths and uniqueness fill me with joy and hope. This story continues the struggles hopes, fears and forgiveness of this mis-fit family - their love never ends, their hope never dies. April is finally free of her secrets and together they for a new and stronger bond. Family at its best.
