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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Short on plot but long on emotion, Trollope's latest (after *The Other Family*) is a straightforward take on the ways we shape and reshape our idea of family. Though her three sons are grown and married, Rachel is unwilling to let go of her role at the center of their lives, much to the dismay of her daughters-in-law. Responsible Edward, the eldest, feels the burden of being the good son, but his consuming roles as son and brother are jeopardizing his relationship with his own wife, Sigrid, who sacrificed her relationship with her family in Sweden to build a life with him. Rachel and her husband coddled their middle son, Ralph, even matchmaking him with fragile Petra, whose marriage is made uneasy by the large role Ralph's family has in their life. And willful Charlotte quickly finds herself at odds with Rachel after her marriage to youngest son Luke, when Charlotte challenges Rachel's hold on the family's habits. Though genuinely caring, the characters slight each other as they tumble toward individual crises. There's nothing groundbreaking, but it's a decent fix for family drama addicts. (Apr.)

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Review

"Trollope is a quietly brilliant, mesmerizing storyteller. Her readers are fully engaged from the first paragraph of each book to its last sentence, captured by the finely rendered details of the characters' lives and caught up in their struggles." --*Washington Post**

"[Trollope] aims for the heart... and she hits it."

– *The New Yorker*

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Joanna Trollope creates an impeccably observed world, exploring the vagaries of love and family ties with honest grace."

--Connie May Fowler, author of *How Clarissa Burden Learned to Fly*

"[A] thoroughly engaging, intelligent, literate novel." –Jonathan Yardley, *The Washington Post*

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Praise for Joanna Trollope:

"We grow attached to her characters whose weaknesses -- and triumphs -- are our own."

-- The Gazette

""Simply reach for any novel by Joanna Trollope: To do so is to put your finger on the very pulse of Western Civilization -- its passions, its concerns, its trends."

""-- "The Globe and Mail

""A writer at the height of her powers."

""-- "Women's Journal"

"From the Hardcover edition."

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Daniel Love:

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