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Obedience is better than sacrifice...and trumps romance, no matter how sweet.

Profound loneliness propels a childless widow west with the idea of choosing an orphan to share her life. On the way, a fellow traveler takes her by surprise. She never dreams, is unprepared, doesn't need another man, but can't get him out of her head...or heart. He's so perfect—every bit the one she'd searched for as a young woman—except his mistrust of God has erected a wall she cannot breach.

Marcus Ford blames God and struggles for peace after losing his wife and baby. Not once has he considered another woman could be the answer, but the widow is like none other he's ever met. He falls hard, but plans are taking him east. Hope dashed sends two hearts into the pit. If only Ford could forgive God or the widow ease up on her adamant resolve.

Will God's mercy shine a beacon in the fog of despair and prove sufficient to heal their souls?

## At Liberty to Love Details

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## From Reader Review At Liberty to Love for online ebook

### Sally Haddock says

#### Good read

This was a good read. It offered traditions of the era along with the culture of the times. A nice clean romance.

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### Kelley Marie says

#### Easy read

I liked this one. It had drama, love, and a happy ending. Nice easy read, but well written, too. I liked the excitement of this story as well as the happy ending. :)

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### Ingrid Rose says

#### Loved everything about this book

Great story and characters. To tell what i really loved would be a spoiler, but it was o unusual. I truly recommend it. It is so different than most historical romances.

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### Josephine says

#### Read in series, not stand-alone

I had trouble keeping up with names or catching n to some back stories. While the attraction between the two main characters was decisive and refreshing, other elements took away from the enjoyment. Why would she think 2 years a widow is too soon to remarry? The boys prophetic bent was too much, even to someone who believes in God directing people. And Francy was an awful character to do what she did with no remorse. Her eventual apology wasn't convincing and she didn't have the maturity to get engaged, and the boy didn't either. And what was he story with Marcus helping a family along the way?

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### Julia says

At Liberty To Love by Caryl McAdoo is the seventh book in the Texas Romance series. It is a Christian historical romance set in 1865-66.

There are many themes within the novel but a major one is being unequally yoked to an unbeliever. Rebecca trusts God and knows He will always have her best interests at heart. She puts God's Word above everything, even above her heart. "Stubborn woman, putting her religion above him." For the Christian, it is never about

religion, but always about relationship with God.

The novel concentrates on the command to take care of the widows and orphans. Newly widowed Rebecca longs to adopt two children. Her sisters run an orphanage, so Rebecca travels there, in the hope of realising her dream. She knows that being a lone woman will count against her, but trusting in God, she makes the journey.

At Liberty To Love shows how God can speak through dreams, visions and small children. As God spoke in biblical times, so He can still speak that way today.

There are some wonderful exchanges of dialogue with four year old Michael. He certainly brings out the mothering side of the reader.

Caryl McAdoo demonstrates within the novel the power of trust and faith in God. "Nothing was too hard for God." God shows that He loves to step in and make the seemingly impossible, possible.

Another great offering from Caryl McAdoo.

I received this book for free in exchange for a fair and honest review. No monetary compensation was received and all views expressed are my own.

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### **carol ann miller says**

#### **Thank you**

What a wonderful book. I have read a lot of the other books up to this one so had some history but didn't really need it. This is a stand alone book and very well written just like the others. A good Christian book.

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### **Bonnie E Case says**

#### **Another great story**

Every book from this series of the family from Texas that I read is wholesome and a pure delight to read. Thank you for letting me read another wonderful book of the Buckmeyer family and the many other families connected. To the Buckmeyers.

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### **Carmen V. Chambers says**

BOOK REVIEW: " AT LIBERTY TO LOVE" by Caryl McAdoo is a Christian historical novel set in 1865 -66 on the heels of the American Civil War. The major theme throughout the book is not to be 'unequally yoked' to an unbeliever of the Christian Faith. Rebecca Rusk, the main character, an ardent believer of 'The Word' is also widow of the late Major Wallace Rusk who, after seeing active service in The War was fatally wounded. Rebecca decided not to remarry but, to compensate for the loss of her husband, by adopting children from an orphanage in San Francisco. On the stage coach journey to San Francisco, a conversation developed between her and fellow passenger Major Marcus Ford who had served in The War with her husband. Rebecca and Marcus were immediately attracted to each other. The major difference between them both was that Marcus, after the death of his wife and only infant daughter by yellow fever on the same day became very angry and denounced the Christian Faith as he could have no faith in a God who had robbed him of his favourite persons. The 'love-at-first-sight bug' bit both of them and could result in marriage. This was not to be as Rebecca could and would not be unequally yoked in marriage to Marcus a heathen. So they

painfully parte company. But, following on the plot, what God has designed must be so. Later, in sharing with Jethro Resin, Rebecca's uncle Marcus hears, accepts and is converted to 'The Faith'. Will this bring Rebecca and Marcus together?? Read " At Liberty To Love" and get all the answers. The book will hold you spellbound to the last line and have you hankering for more if you love Christian fiction that is clean and decent romance.. All the characters are real and life-like and get the reader wrapped-up in them. Reading this book could help to deepen ones faith in God and also shows that He always comes through for those who trust Him.

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### **Linda Satterfield says**

#### **Sweet christian romance**

Loved the story. Marcus overcame the trials the devil put in his way. And true love was found. Rebecca after becoming a widow, wants nothing more than to adopt a child. On her journey, God leads her to love.

Marcus unfortunately has lost his faith in bitterness over the loss of his child and beloved wife. This beautiful story unfolds with mercy and Grace.

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### **Connie says**

This was way too soap-opera like to be enjoyable to me. There are so many characters, and the reader gets treated to the perspective of nearly each and every one of them. There was definitely some confusion here for me. This is the 7th book in a series about this extremely large family, and it's a little hard to follow each of the many characters and how they are related to each other. I haven't read any of the previous books in the series. The many grammar and punctuation errors added to the confusion.

The main storyline follows Rebecca and Marcus as they fall in love. It was fine until the hero's unbelievable conversion to Christianity. One minute he's cursing God and the next he's confessing Christ. Wait, what!?! The plotline with Francy made a bit more sense. But mostly I just didn't care about any of these characters. I felt no connection with any of them.

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### **Edith G Shearer says**

**This was a great story ,hard to put down. Highly recommend.**

Great story, well written, hard to put down.. Highly recommend this book to everybody. I think you will enjoy it as much as I did.

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### **Bree says**

This was the first book I have read by McAdoo and it won't be the last.

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I loved reading and experience the faith and love of the Lord with these characters. Rebecca comes from Texas, widowed and determined to adopt her family in California. Marcus is a spiritually wounded man, with a talent to create and bring joy. They meet and instantly fall in love.

The romance is instant, the faith is the best part however of this book. I loved reading what felt like true struggles with faith, and questions of the Lord, prayers and worship made this book a great read. I truly felt my faith becoming stronger reading through this book.

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## **Sue Ferryman says**

### **Fun reading!**

This is my first time reading Caryl McAdoo. She writes with warmth and humor and takes you where the characters are. Love how she naturally weaves scripture and the plan of salvation in her storyline. I heartily recommend her.

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## **Kathy Heare Watts says**

### **ALL GOOD THINGS COME FROM THE LORD**

I have read each of the books in this fantastic series and with each book, I find a blessing, a message, a moral, and fall in love with the people all over again. I admire the characters, their faith, and devotion to family and God. Rebecca Rusk has been widowed for two years and has resigned herself never to marry again, but the desires of her heart are to be a mother. She travels to see her sisters in California to visit, but she also plans to find a child or two to adopt. She is tenacious when she feels God is leading her and finding two children, siblings, her heart and soul knows they are the ones. She is determined, even if she must remain in California to adopt them, that is what she will do.

Meeting Major Marcus Ford on the stage to New Orleans and finding out he was a friend of her late husband Wallace and served under her father brings mixed emotions. He knows so much about her and her family from where Wallace, Levi and Henry had shared while serving during the Civil War. The most unsettling for her is an attraction to this man. Marcus has been widowed for twelve years, his wife and daughter dying from Yellow Fever and he has mourned their deaths ever since. Why is Rebecca Rusk so easy to talk to, is it because he has heard so much about her? What would make a man change his complete directions and plans after one day talking with a woman? God works in mysterious ways.

The plot of the story is full of emotions, loss, anger, confusion, regrets and blame, but also comes with attraction and falling in love. Another does not share the faith of one and as a Christian, she knows she cannot be with an unbeliever. He questions how anyone can accept and believe in a deity that would allow so much death and sickness. This story takes the reader on a spiritual and emotional roller coaster ride but sticks with the ride because God is working, and seeing how he works in people's lives and their faith and prayers is what makes this series a real joy and blessing. The cast of characters is well developed, with witty and heartwarming dialog and the pages turning as we continue on this journey. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understandings. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

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## **Karen Hadley says**

A great read!

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