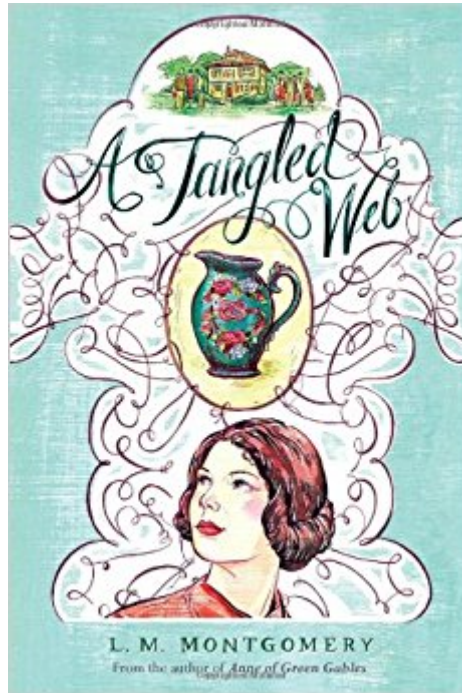




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Synopsis

It's the Dark family vs. the Penhallows in this daring and witty, sarcastic and sentimental novel by the author of *Anne of Green Gables*. *What Will Two Feuding Families Do To Win?* It all begins with Great Aunt Becky and her infamous prized possession: a legendary heirloom jug. After her death, everyone wants it. But the new owner won't be named for one year... *Anything It Takes* Mayhem reigns and tables are turned in a year when everything feels topsy-turvy. One woman will lose her fiancé. Two enemies since childhood will inexplicably come together. And a couple mysteriously separated on their wedding night ten years before will find a second chance at love. Then comes the night when Aunt Becky's wishes will be revealed...and the family is in for the biggest surprise of all. What Readers are Saying: "Next to *Anne of Green Gables*, [it's] one of the books I've re-read the most times. I've always loved this and considered it the best of Montgomery's standalone books." "Superb. Absolutely superb. The characters live and step right off the page, leaving me thinking about them after I've closed the book." "Classic L.M. Montgomery. Lots of fun characters doing crazy things and then gossiping about it to anyone who will listen. Loved it!"

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Customer Reviews

"Montgomery writes beautifully and brings tears of both sorrow and joy on the turning of every page." *—The Guardian* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Two family clans, the Darks and the Penhallows, fight for possession of a big, brown jug--a family heirloom. The book spans a year in the life of various family members. --This text refers to an out of

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An old jug left in secret legacy by a mischievous and temperamental old aunt: who knew that the inheritance of such a trivial (and undeniably ugly) object could lead to such drastic repercussions! Shattered friendships, broken hearts, rekindled romance...the Dark and Penhallow families experience them all and more when the clan matriarch, Aunt Becky, dies after her final "levee" during which she blistered each and every one of them with her tongue and started the kettle of emotions boiling with her unusual will and bequests. Following the funeral, Big Sam and Little Sam, friends for ages, suddenly find that they cannot stand each other's company...but can they learn to live apart? Beautiful Gay Penhallow, whose young heart is in raptures over her recent engagement, learns the painful lesson of the meaning of true love, as does Joscelyn Dark, who has spurned her husband for ten long years in order to remain true to her heart's desire. Brian Dark and Margaret Penhallow, each longing desperately for love and home, finally find solace for their aching hearts just as do Peter Penhallow and Donna Dark, longtime enemies who suddenly find in each other the lover they've been unconsciously searching for. In the year that follows Aunt Becky's death, until the day her secret is finally revealed, these and many other lives will be drastically changed. Just how much damage will the old jug do to this family and will its members survive the change? This is a charming book set in Lucy Maud Montgomery's beloved Prince Edward Island. Its colorful characters, descriptive scenery and interesting plot that employs a mixture of humor, pathos and sweet sentiment make for a comfortable read that leaves behind a pleasant sense of satisfaction at its close. Though I would certainly recommend that readers new to L.M. Montgomery's books read her more popular Avonlea books first, this was an enjoyable book and well worth the time spent.

this book is very different from her other works but, of course there are the same principles in it. it actually consists of a lot of stories that are woven together by the fact that almost everyone belongs to the same family. the stories are very interesting and quite suspenseful, as they only resolve towards the end of the book. and there is a secret throughout the whole story that i found myself bursting with curiosity to learn. in fact, there are a lot of secrets in this book. and of course, as it always happens with Montgomery's books, finally love and justice and goodness shine through every trouble the characters may have had to face.

A delightful story. Lots of humor. Some pathos. Great heart. If you're part of a large extended family, or part of the family of all mankind, you will love and appreciate this book.

Chock full of interesting characters, this book will grip you from the beginning - how I wish there were more books by this wonderful author! I have every single book by LMM both paperback and Kindle versions!

A very tangled web! If you're going to read this one, have a pen and paper handy to keep track of each person and their relationship to each of the others!

Love it!

disappointed. Not nearly good as her Emily series

Definitely an enjoyable more adult writing from LM Montgomery. Characters are fun.

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