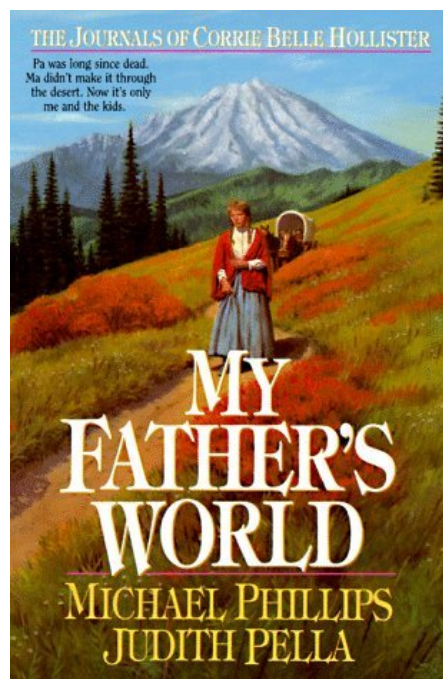




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As the wagon train made its descent from the mountains, the warm colors of autumn tried in vain to cheer the weary young travelers. Their mother had perished in the desert, and they had heard that their father was dead some years before. With the help of the wagon master, fifteen-year-old Corrie Belle Hollister is the only one left to bring her two brothers and two sisters into a raucous mining camp during the California Gold Rush to find their Uncle Nick.

Her mother's dying words to Corrie: "A woman's got to be strong. She's got to be able to make her way alone if she has to." When the little troop arrives in Miracle Springs and discovers that Uncle Nick has skipped town and the sheriff is after him, the "land of promise" turns into one of fear and unknown danger. Shouts of "gold" and "new strike" fade away as Corrie stands in the middle of a strange town with everyone turning them away.

Could they make it on their own? She'd have to try!

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Lyndalou says

A reprint of the story of a young girl and siblings who lose their mother on the trail from the East USA to the very new West. Already without a father, the oldest daughter, Corrie, struggles to take the place of a mother when still somewhat of a child herself. Her mother taught her some important things, however, to be strong and use her skills at writing and keep a journal/diary. Fortunately she finds some special people that want to help her find her Uncle that she is looking for and a place for them to live to be safe. What they discover is not easy, but turns out to be the best they could hope for. Corrie's attitude makes the difference in every way as they discover danger, crime and injustice. Her writing will eventually help her find her own personal dream as she discovers herself. Her belief in God keeps her steady and influences the others in her life. A great read and I look forward to the next book in "The Journals of Corrie Belle Hollister". This was Book One

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Anne says

I am a fan of Michael Philips so to me this was another great book. I didn't know when I got this book that this was printed first in 1990 and the copy I read was reprinted in 2011. I have the whole series and I am looking forward to reading them all! As you can tell by the cover this book is set back in the 1800's so if you are a fan of that time era and if you enjoy a good Christian book then this book will be for you :)

Karis says

My Father's World was a book that quite frankly charmed and intrigued me. I was not anticipating a story with such a practical depth to it or one with such relatable characters. I love the history and setting of the book, and, having just covered that time in history class, it was just that more meaningful to see it lived through the eyes and heart of a girl, slightly younger than me but one burdened with the responsibility of an adult.

Corrie is just a kid really herself along with 13-year old Zach and their younger siblings. The question of how they are to survive on in the rugged West with their parents died and only family missing is what the

book is centered around. But it's also centered around a greater theme of learning to forgive, healing, and seeing that this world really is "our Father's world."

I'm looking forward to reading more in this series and would recommend it easily.

Rebecca Martin says

This was a nice book about the love and forgiveness between family members and the need to reach out to those in need, even if they are strangers. I really liked it because it was set in Northern California close to where I live.

Amanda says

This was a fast, easy read. It is not heavy and would be suitable for upper elementary children to read, both in content and reading level (other than some dialogue that spells characters' accents phonetically, which might confuse some kids at first). It is not a bad book, but neither is it one that blows you away reading it. The story is interesting enough, and the characters likeable enough, that I will continue reading the rest of the series (there are 5 in all).

Ruth says

Gut wrenching story of a family divided & separated in the early 1800's. An inspirational read w/ several books in the series. Good for entire families to read together or male, or female of age 10 to adult. A must read for lovers of the old west who like positive characters & heroes & heroines alike.

Lydia Hulin says

I loved it! It's fun to read but does not feed your spirit.

Ratforce says

This is the first in the Journals of Corrie Belle Hollister series. It is narrated by a teenage girl whose parents die during their journey west, and she must care for her siblings. The style, composed entirely of journal entries, makes this book both vivid and readable, and the authors often appeal to fans of Al & JoAnna Lacy.

Rachel says

This book series is really good! I found the first book good, but it is a little bit boring.. Don't give up though

because the rest are REALLY REALLY good!!!!

Emily says

everything a good book needs :) I can't wait to read the rest of the series

Kirsty Pearce says

One of the first real Western novels I can remember reading outside of Janette Oke, this first book in the Corrie Belle Hollister series brings with it a great sense of nostalgia, as well as brilliant characters and a well-written narrative. Corrie's struggle to keep her family together and passion for writing relatable circumstances, this first introduction to well-known and beloved characters is wonderful. The villains appropriately evil, and the thread of romance sweet and mature, My Father's World holds some of the best of my reading memories.

Katie says

Loved this book!! The ending was great. Can't wait for #2!!!!

Lydia Carson says

I enjoyed reading this book about a young girl who traveled in a wagon train from New York to California back in the days of the gold rush. Her mother passed away on the journey leaving Corrie to fend for her younger siblings while trying to find her Uncle.

Faith says

I love this book it's one of my favorites

Amanda says

This is a historical fiction book about a girl (who is the oldest of five kids) that goes west with her mother to find her uncle. Her mother dies on the trail west and the book comes from her perspective. The cover says that it is The Journals of Corrie Belle Hollister but to me the book isn't told from a 14-15 year old girl.

Paula White says

Easy, enjoyable, feels a bit like "Little House on the Prairie"

Laura says

If anyone has a chance to read this series, please do. Corrie takes you through the struggles of a journey west through the aftermath of the Civil. The authors write from Corrie's perspective giving the book a journalistic feel.

Massanutten Regional Library says

Sue, North River patron, June 2016, 5 stars:

Series I read Book 1 and 2 this week, The Journals of Corrie Belle Holister. Book 1, *My Fathers' World*. Corrie is traveling with a wagon train to CA with Mother and 4 siblings to start new life with her uncle Nick. Her Father and Uncle Nick left the family years before, they thought the father dead. Mother dies before arriving in CA, wagon master looks after kids, Corrie the oldest at 15 has a big surprise while looking for Uncle Nick. Just discovered author Michael Phillips recently and love his writing. Book 2, *Daughter of Grace*, tells about Corrie's surprise, the Gold Rush in Ca., living in a little 2 room cabin. Getting a Preacher, a church building, a school for the first time. Corrie dreams of writing for a news paper. Gets to meet Ulysses Grant, write article with picture of Grant she has drawn. Finds her father is still alive. Book is about history, family and finding out about God's love.

Alicia Veldman says

Easy to figure out the outcome of this story from the very beginning. Parts of the book dragged along. I decided to not invest time in reading the books that followed in this series. One of the few Phillips books I would not recommend.
