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This well honed narrative tells the story of Anna and Caleb and their father's search for a wife. When plain tall Sarah arrives on their small farm she brings tales of the sea, a collection of shells and homesickness for Maine. Her strong capable presence completes the household, though there are moments of tension when the children wonder if she will return home or stay on the farm. However, this is not a discordant book and a wedding is arranged amongst intimations of contentment. The simplicity of this story should not be confused with dullness or predictability: its characters are carefully delineated and settings imaginatively realised. The plot is delicately written, too, with a real feeling for light and shade and the subtle interplay of family feelings.

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