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Volume three in the Barrington Family Saga by renowned LDS author Anita Stansfield.

Eleanore, my dear friend, . . . It is with a heavy heart that I pen this letter, not certain when or how I will mail it. We are among the last to be leaving Nauvoo. . . . We've had our provisions ready, but our youngest has not been well and we've hesitated . . . We should have left with the early companies. Tears that I have fought bravely are now refusing to hold back as I share my deepest sorrows with you. . . . The peace of Nauvoo is completely gone. . . . The worst has happened . . . we were forced to surrender our city and our temple.

As Eleanore and James Barrington fear for the well-being and even the lives of dear friends, they struggle with the frustrating yet undeniable truth that for reasons known only to the Lord, He does not yet want them to join the Saints on their westward trek. However, they will soon face their own frightening challenges in Iowa that will not only test their faith, but will threaten to tear the very fabric of their lives apart. In this breathtaking new volume of the Barrington Family Saga, renowned LDS author Anita Stansfield once again takes her readers on a grippingly emotional and spiritual journey. *At Heaven's Door* is a compelling and richly satisfying read—a feast for the heart and soul.

## **At Heaven's Door Details**

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### **Sarah says**

Ugh, the most boring Anita Stansfield book ever. There wasn't a main story/event and it would totally jump around like it would cover a couple years in one chapter. I think the whole book spans about 10 years. You can totally skip it in the series (I do like the other books in this series) just know that Iris has 2 bad relationships and it's made her skeptical of guys.

I don't know why she would write such a boring helter skelter book, all I can figure is that she was trying to stay chronologically in sync and needed to get the Barringtons through 10 more years before she could get them out West

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### **Lydia says**

Usually I LOVE her books and can't put them down. This one moved slow. The last 1/3 of the book was great...I just struggled through the middle part. Still worth reading if you enjoy this saga. Certain things that happen to make you think about how you would respond in such a situation. But overall not one of my favorites of hers.

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### **Nicole says**

I really liked this one! I liked the lessons in prayer, Atonement and redemption. Great reminders! Great story!

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### **Sherrie says**

As with the other books in this series, I am listening to it via Audiobook while I drive for work. I have fallen in love with the series. Anita Stansfield always brings life to her characters. I have enjoyed the fictional life story of the Barrington Family coupled with historical facts regarding the Saints and their being driven from Nauvoo, out west to Salt Lake City. I can't wait to get into the car next so I can keep listening. Recommend to all.

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### **Charisse Medico says**

I think I have read too many of her books. They are all way too samey, and predictable. I usually like them until all the characters convert, and then they get really unrealistic. Nobody has a perfect marriage and life after they are converted to the gospel. I really think it gets lame. I'll have to give her a rest, or try one of her new books, not in a series yet!

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## **Christi says**

This book was slower than the first two. That's how a lot of Stansfield's sets go. She's slows down a lot. And then I usually get bored. This book went slow and fast, back and forth. That's why it was hard to get finished. Then I tried to hurry up and finish it and got caught back into the story in the last chapter. Now I want to read the 4th one. I hope the 4th one moves a bit smoother because I'm ready to see what happens next.

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## **Linda says**

Also glad when I can enjoy a good LDS historical fiction. It makes church history come alive.

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## **Megan says**

Okay I actually didn't finish it because I was going insane...

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## **Lorena says**

I like that these books show people living close to Gospel principles and using these principles to guide their lives. However, people seem a little too perfect for me, and their trials seem invented and added in to give them something to work through. Mostly things seem pretty perfect about them, although everything going on around them is not perfect. However, everything they can influence turns out perfectly.

However, I have been drawn in enough to read the first three books of the series within 5 or 6 days and I'm ready to see how things work out for them in book 4.

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## **Teri says**

In this third volume of the Barrington Family Saga, we find Eleanore and James increasing thir household with more children. They have more trials and hardships and they send more friends on their way to Salt Lake to join the main body of Saints. With even their earnest prayers, they come to realize the time to depart for Salt Lake is not at hand. When James and Frederick feel the need to travel to Winter Quarters to bring needed supplies to the Saints and their friends is when James learns a difficult, but needed lesson. Bringing a stranger into their home is a blessing. It seems like James and Eleanore are in Iowa City to bring people the Gospel and one evening, while overhearing a conversation, James does something that could hinder his eternal progression. When two strangers from Salt Lake appear at their door, James finally comes to understand why The Lord wanted them to stay in their Iowa City home for a longer time. This is such a rich saga, one I would recommend highly.

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## **Mina says**

Okay. Maybe I just don't connect with this author. I liked the first book in this installment, only because of the romance aspect. But her style just can't sustain me through life lessons and "deep" introspections that can be had weekly in your average gospel doctrine class. In fact, maybe that's one way to put my feelings about this. I bet I'd love to listen to Stansfield teach a RS lesson. But 3 books of it is too much. I only finished it because it;s hard for me to NOT read the conclusion to a series. Luckily, it's an easy read.

I guess I just don't find her writing to be interesting and creative. I find it predictable and trite, and hard to really care deeply about because of that. Honestly, it's probably what would happen if I tried to write a book. Which is why I prefer to leave it to other authors.

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## **Wendy says**

a good read, since I started the series I have to finish it up, but I am kind of tired of how similar all her books feel and how deeply introspective everyone seems to be. There is some part of it all that just rubs me wrong and doesn't feel normal. I promised my friend who loves her stuff that I would try a few and I have, but I think I am done for awhile.

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## **Lisa says**

I do like The Barrington Family Saga series, but this book was just too slow and my least favorite so far.

This book would skip months and years of the Barrington's lives in one sentence and then all of a sudden, stop and discuss one event and/or doctrine for an entire chapter. This happened repeatedly throughout the entire book. I would have liked to hear more about their daily lives, and not just the "huge" events.

Anita Stansfield brought up the same things over and over in the book. I got a little tired of hearing "I love you James Barrington", "Let's pray to see if we can move to be with the Saints", "I am so blessed" and "I have a wonderful husband" about a hundred times! A few times is sweet, but after than it was just irritating.

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## **Haley says**

I actually didn't like this one as much. The two main characters for this one had issues with each other throughout most of the book and I just couldn't understand the girls problem. She had issues that she had to deal with but compared to what everyone else was going through, her problems didn't seem too bad but it affected her really badly. I guess I just felt like telling her to suck it up and get on with things. But it was a good ending. It was also a good change to read a series about pioneers but not the usual trials of the pioneer saints or the handcart companies.

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## **Amber says**

Another Great book about the Barrington Family. I've really fallen in love with this family and their story. The 4th book of this series was actually my favorite but I didn't add it to my list because I was unable to find it listed on "good reads" - anyway, the 4th is the love story of Iris and I thought it was as good as the first book. I loved it and liked reading about the man in Iris' life - he was my favorite character and sure hope there is another book on it's way! The 4th I would give 4 stars!

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