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Family Law (Family Law Series Book 1)



Synopsis

People love easily. Look at most of your relatives or coworkers. How lovable are they? Really? Yet most have mates and children. The vast majority are still invited to family gatherings and their relatives will speak to them. Many have pets to which they are devoted. Some even call them their fur-babies. Is your dog or cat or parakeet property or family? Not in law but in your heart? Can a pet really love you back? Or is it a different affection? Are you not kind to those who feed and shelter you? But what if your dog could talk back? Would your cat speak to you kindly? How much more complicated might it be if we meet really intelligent species not human? How would we treat these 'people' in feathers or fur? Perhaps a more difficult question is: How would they treat us? Are we that lovable? When society and the law decide these sort of questions must be answered it is usually because someone disapproves of your choices. Today it may be a cat named in a will or a contest for custody of a dog. People are usually happy living the way they want until conflict is forced upon them. What if the furry fellow in question has his own law? And is quite articulate in explaining his choices. Can a Human adopt such an alien? Can such an intelligent alien adopt a human? Should they? Of course if the furry alien in question is smart enough to fly spaceships, and happens to be similar in size and disposition to a mature Grizzly bear, wisdom calls for a certain delicacy in telling him no...

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Customer Reviews

I first heard of Mackey Chandler's Family Law on a shared facebook page, when someone mentioned they planned on writing a review. The description the person gave intrigued me. I read the first chapters on , then bought the Kindle edition. I was hooked.I did not describe the mood the book conveys. It's about family - and I challenge anyone to tell me their family life isn't at times Hopeful, Dark, Nostalgic, Light-hearted, Suspenseful and Thoughtful.Enough of the prefatory junk. If you are looking for a good read - one that will keep you flipping pages. And at 500+ pages it is a decent length. The characters are unique and disparate, their interactions are exactly what you'd expect in a loving and caring family, with humor, teasing, thoughtful instruction (in both directions) and always an abiding affection. Especially sine the main characters are of entirely different species!So, if having a 750+ six-limbed carnivore with scimitars for claws adopting a 13 year old human girl abuses your sensibilities, prepare to have your assumptions demolished.It's a very good read, I fully recommend it regardless of age (some slight language, but it fits the scene) and I am getting ready to purchase the next in the series.

This is a great first book by Mackey Chandler to start another series in the relatively near future human race. The story takes place when we have interstellar travel and a multi-species "family" like group works exploring for new livable or exploitable worlds with resources for the human race. (It is kinda' like a 60-year update on The Rolling Stones, but interstellar, not just in the solar system, and the family is both smaller and more diverse.)The need for the adolescent to grow up is set in the opening scenes when disaster falls on the small family wile documenting the plentiful good things on a newly discovered world. She and her extra-terrestrial step-father return to earth to submit their claim as discoverers of the world, and do reap the financial windfall. But prejudice and inertia on earth creates the need for her to grow up even faster and struggle to reconnect with her new family, while they show they won't be pushed around by earthling governments. Good Climax, good room for the ext installment. Great Read.

I looked at this book and kept it on my "Wish List" for a l-o-n-g time before I bought and read it. Preconcieved, I thought it was going to involve lawyers in some respect and I wanted to avoid that

like the plague. YUK. HOWEVER, this turned out to be a very enjoyable read and so is the second issue. Matthew of fact it's excellent and I am anxiously awaiting the next (3rd issue) of the tale. It's NOT about lawyers!!!!!! But does make some nice points about what maybe law SHOULD be?

My review applies to all three books in this series: Family Law, The Long Voyage of Little Fleet, and Secrets in the Stars. I enjoyed all 3 books and would read more in the series if they became available. One reviewer compared the main character Lee to Heinlein's Podkayne and I think that's a fair comparison, except that instead of being sweetly naive like Podkayne, Lee is socially inexperienced, but I wouldn't call her sweet or naive. Like Heinlein, there is a political blunt instrument that you may feel hammered with by the end of the 3rd book. Also like Heinlein, the author displays some of the same certainty that all right-thinking beings will have a particular attitude. Both of these get in the way of the story and I think contribute to making Lee seem less like a developed/developing character. Some of the plot devices are derivative as well, but I think that will make the books more appealing to someone who has read widely in early science fiction.

I bought this book some time ago but just got around to reading it yesterday. It is not a short book (and there's two more in the series at this time). But I went ahead and got the other two and read them, plus the first of the April series by this author. Note that the April series predates the Family Law series... and the Family Law series is NOT about the law except as how law drives behavior. Having started the first April book, I decided to go ahead and buy the other six, plus the other books written by Mackey Chandler. As you'd expect from the above, I thoroughly enjoy Chandler's books. They are good, old-fashioned space opera. If you're looking for enjoyable and sometimes thought-provoking SF, I think they're worth your time.

I purchased all this author's books some time ago, but for some reason hadn't gotten around to reading Family Law. Big Mistake, it's one of Mackey Chandler's better stories. The main character, Lee was raised on her parents' space ship by her parents and their business partner. When her parents die accidentally, Lee is adopted by her parents' partner. As this individual is not human the question "should this be permitted" is answered by two different cultures in very different ways. This issue of Family Law begins an adventure for Lee, a war over her rights and a better future for the USA. If you think our country is moving in the wrong direction, you'll understand the USA in Family Law.

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