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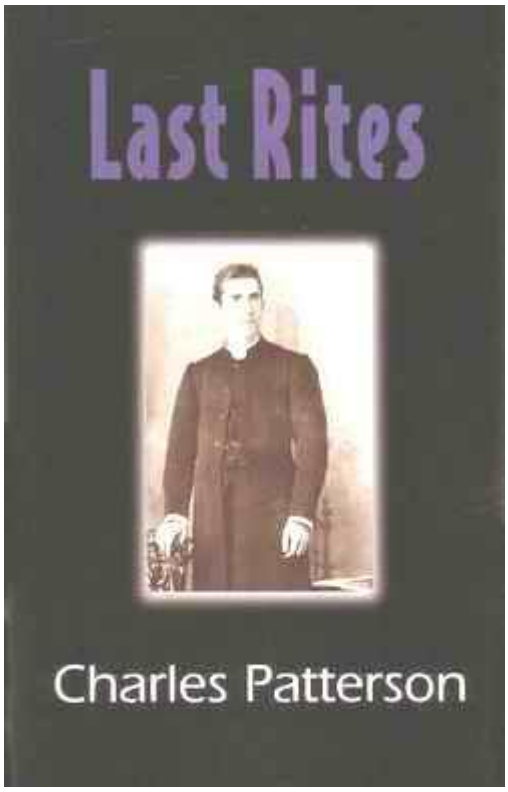
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"Last Rites" is the story of Tom Reed III. Born into a Church Family, he followed the footsteps of his father into the ministry. However right from the day he joined as a minister he felt suffocated and chained into the shackles imposed by the management. One cannot take any decision even if it ultimately is for the good of the society. Although he felt increasingly isolated and unhappy he put off taking any precipitate step least it may upset his ailing father. The growing discontent and frustration led Tom to realize his mistake and ultimately decided to leave the church for good Although he left the church, his past still haunted him through the occasional mails he kept on receiving from time to time addressing him as "The Rev. Tom Reed III" or "Reverend Reed" to put an end to which he had to do the LAST RITES " by declaring himself (The Reverend) dead.

The qualities such as tolerance and endurance, compromise and staying away and aloof from all controversies, and avoiding confrontation which his father had shown were not his forte. He loved and respected his father very deeply while at the same time he could not reconcile to his mother distancing herself slowly and gradually from his ailing father, and her ultimate marriage with the Bishop to realize her long cherished dream.. He also hated the idea of having any discussions with his step-father unless forced into by circumstances or taking any help from him He idolized his father so much so that it was impossible for him to accept any one else in his place..

The book depicts the life and problems one faces at different points in the Churches The various characters such as Father Edwards, an inspiring and supportive teacher , Beatrice, Tracy, Ken Talbot, Sam Waller have been portrayed with aplomb - they look so very real.

The book also shows how sex education can be imparted in a very subtle way to an adolescent son - it has been dealt with wonderfully.

Charles Patterson deserves our praise and accolades for penning this fascinating book. I am sure that it will have a very wide readership.

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