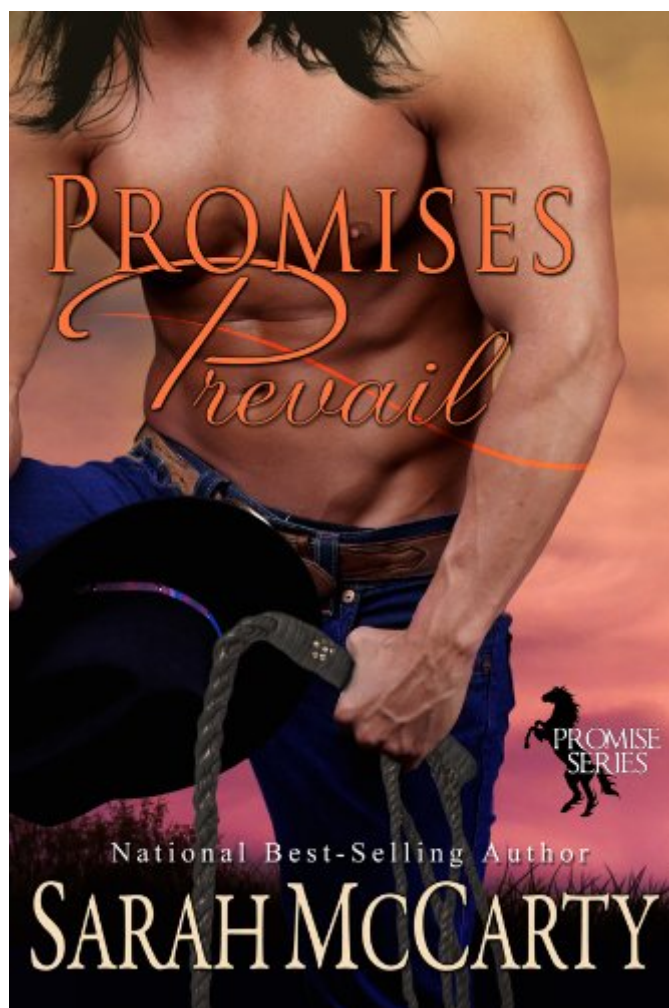


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Synopsis

Promises Prevail Book 3 in the Promises series by Sarah McCarty. 1870 Wyoming Territory. Widowed and barren, Jenna sees the newborn left on her doorstep as a priceless gift worthy of any sacrifice. She knows she'll need a husband to keep the baby, but nothing prepares her for the one who steps up. Big and dark, simmering with deadly intensity, Clint McKinnely could put fear into the devil. He certainly strikes fear into her, but Jenna soon discovers the man behind the reputation is the one man she longs to trust. A hard man burned out by the choices he's made, Clint is looking for a reason to go on. He finds one in Jenna Hennessy. Lushly plump, sweet and shy, she calls to him on every level. When it looks as though Jenna might lose the daughter she loves for lack of a husband, Clint steps forward. Having Jenna in his home brings Clint a peace he's never known, but even as he ferrets out the secrets that haunt Jenna's nightmares, Clint keeps his own close to his chest, knowing this marriage is temporary because there are some sins a man can't expect his wife to forgive. "Those familiar with this author know she's the queen of writing fresh, sensual westerns with characters that will remain with you long after the last page is turned." A Romance Review

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Customer Reviews

This book was a very exciting read for me. I did not read the first two books in the series and that did leave me a little lost at times, but not enough to where I couldn't follow the plot of this book. It also left an air of mystery or maybe anticipation? regarding uncovering back story about Clint and Jenna that may have been discussed or addressed in the previous books. The core of the story is everything that I love about American West romances. You have an extremely alpha male who is possessive, but still manages to have a very tender and romantic way about him and he was never afraid to show it to Jenna or anyone in their presence. I loved the tenderness he showed toward baby Brianna and his willingness to open his heart and home to his sudden blended family. I also loved that his need to heal and care for Jenna competed with his urge to dominate, so at times he was very passionate in his "activities" with Jenna in spite of his best efforts to control the wildness within him. Although I had a hard time believing that the type of sexually explicit language and the "toys" that were used were common place in 1870 Wyoming, but whatever....I'm not complaining LOL. One thing that I have to agree with the other reviewers is that Clint's backstory is virtually non-existent. Perhaps it was mentioned in the previous books, however for a person coming into this book having never read the previous ones, it would have been nice to know why he felt unworthy and what did he do in his past that made him feel he was such a horrible person, incapable of being loved or returning love? I ended up just assuming that it was the fact that he had murdered so many criminals as Marshal, but it's the Wild West. That was how things were handled back then and I don't think it made him a bad person...just exacting Wild West justice. Jenna was a heroine that you could root for. She came from an extremely strict Christian household that left her very repressed and obedient. She then marries a man similar in nature to her father, but extremely abusive in every way possible. There are other horrible details that he allows to happen to Jenna but I won't specify so as not to spoil any plot for other people. In my opinion Jenna's struggle throughout the book is rewiring her brain and her instincts to not constantly obey men and bend to their will and their wishes at the expense of her own. She needs to find her own voice and seriously rebuild her shattered self-confidence. What I also loved about Jenna was that in spite of all that she suffered through she was a strong character in her own right (SHE just had to learn what the other characters and the reader already knew). It's heart warming to witness her determination to overcome her demons and her past life (although there were instances where her naivety or impulsiveness put her and other people in danger, which is a plot device that I really hate in books).

Beyond that I respected the fact that Jenna's growth as a character didn't happen overnight! The author didn't swiftly and miraculously have Clint heal her with just the power of his penis. Some gripes that I have about the book are that there are a few plot holes or missing back story that would have connected the book better. Also surprisingly irritating are the number of sex scenes between Jenna and Clint. Don't get me wrong they were awesome! They were hot, they were steamy, they were explicit and every other adjective you can think of...and you will certainly enjoy them. However sometimes it felt like some sex scenes took place at inopportune times and were soooo long. For instance instead of using that space to furthering the plot or build on a particularly heavy incident that may have JUST happened, the author would throw in sex and kind of gloss over what just occurred. Sometimes the long sex scenes took away space for secondary characters like Red. What happened to his mother and father? How did they die? I'd have like to see more scenes of him integrating into his new family and working through his anger issues. You'd go long stretches where he wasn't even mentioned. I'd have also likes to have had a better grasp on the passage of time. Did everything happen in a week, month, MONTHS? Overall this was a good book in my opinion. It was a page-turner for me and it checked off most of my romance needs. I look forward to continuing the series.

This book blew me away in all the best possible ways. I stumbled on it after searching for historical romance recommendations and this was featured in a list of books with shy heroines. The price point was a little high for me for a new author, \$5.99. But, offered a free sample. I loved the sample and quickly downloaded the entire book (note to authors: you should really use this feature. While I haven't bought every book I've sampled, I've bought more than I otherwise would have). It was magnificent. It was sexy, it was real, it was tender, funny and sweet. It's set in Wyoming in the late 1,800s and the premise is the male lead, Clint, has always lusted after the heroine, Jenna, but she was married, now she's widowed and wants to keep a baby left on her doorstep. The town won't let a single widowed woman keep a baby without a husband, so Clint jumps at the chance to marry her. The biggest obstacles they face deal with Jenna's self-confidence. She describes herself as "fat" and was married to an abusive man who abused her both physically and sexually so they have to get over that. This is a new to me author, but she's been publishing for years and I'm looking forward to working my way through her back list.

I have read this story so many times over the yrs I wore out my paperback copy! (There were no ebooks when I first bought this one.) :) I love this whole series, but this is by far my favorite! I love

how this story develops. It starts out as a story of a woman fighting to just survive each day, after being severely abused by her father and then her ex-husband. Then when the H and h come together, they are both just trying to put together a life and family. He wants to protect and spoil her and "their" daughter, and show her how great and strong he thinks she is; she's just trying to figure him out and not get beaten in the process. Then it becomes a wonderful story of a woman claiming her strength, her family and her dreams, as well as teaching her husband that he is just as deserving of love and family as he believes her to be. This book also has plenty of HOT scenes with different dynamics, i.e. some tender, some raw, some fun. It's a VERY sexy, but sweet, story with some laughs thrown in as the cherry on top. You can't go wrong!

Well this one was hard for me... And it's harder to write the review because I'm not sure how I feel?? So I'm going to list what I liked & disliked. My dislikes: 1. There was definitely too much sex. 2. It felt like the story was unfinished or maybe wrapped up too quickly?? I just needed more in the ending. 3. For the length of the book it felt like there wasn't enough story. 4. The first 50% of the story was too slow for me. Likes: 1. There was a lot of potential here for a great story. 2. I loved the Hero Clint, he was a sexy, loving, demanding Alpha! 3. I loved the Heroine Jenna, although she lived through a nightmare she was sweet, loving, kind and still had some fight in her. 4. The second half of this book picked up and the story became more intriguing. 5. I loved seeing the characters from books 1 & 2 in this series. I do plan on reading book 4 because I really liked book 1 & 2 in this series. Overall although I loved the characters in this book and their story had great potential, I have to say the book didn't grab my attention and hold it.

The story of two people who were meant to be together through thick and thin. The main characters are warm and compassionate with their own complexities. This is a very warm and emotional story about love conquering all.

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