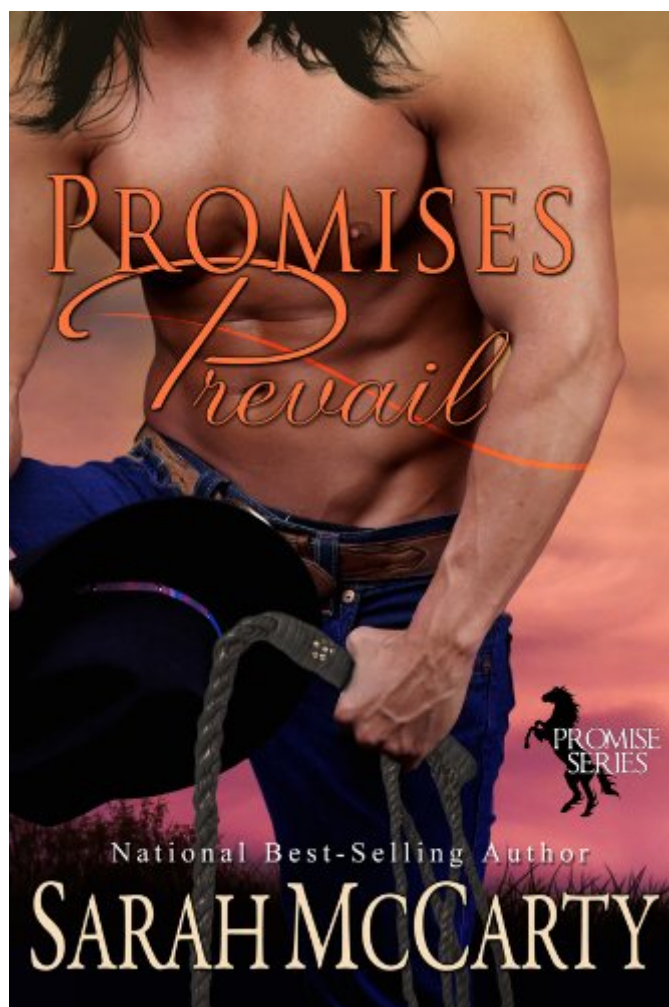


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Synopsis

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

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.

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!

This is the 3rd book in the Promises series. I have to admit it, I'm a sucker for a hot alpha male in a cowboy hat. I liked Clint from his appearances in the first two books, and I loved him in this one. Just like the other two, there's some pretty hot, toe-curling sex scenes in this book, but not as many and not as rough. Clint and Jenna like it just a bit more gentle than the previous couples. Jenna brought more baggage with her than the heroines in the first two books, and she needed a gentler hand because of it. One of my favorite parts of this book was the way Jenna and Clint built their family - by choice rather than by blood. They both have a soft spot for the hurting (although Clint's is a lot harder to see than Jenna's), and the idea of family and community was much stronger in this book than in the other two. I was not pleased with the way Jenna put herself in danger toward the end of the book. It didn't seem to gel with her character, and therefore sort of threw off the flow of the story for me. However, it was still a really good book. (Just like the other two in this series, there is some anal play involved.)

Jenna has had a very sad and painful existence, the bright spot someone left a bundle. Clint McKinnley has only loved one woman, stepping up and doing the right thing was what was on his mind. Scorn, resentment and fury ensues but one thing remains love between a man and a woman. Can these two people overcome the odds.

A woman after my own heart in saving the defenseless & a man who stands by her side, that's Jenna & Clint. Thank u a Cougar (book 1-4) for giving her the extra confidence to fight for herself & her friend, Mara, Cougar's wife. McCarty spins another heartwarming book.

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