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Left behind by everyone she loves...

Rebecca Garvey had the promise of a California future dreams are made of, until the wagon train her family was traveling with left her behind. Now she's slowly dying in the wilderness, abandoned and stripped of her self-worth. Once the shock of her desertion turns to embittered despair, she doesn't want to be found. Then a handsome stranger challenges her convictions and changes her mind.

Headed for Texas, chased by the demons of his past...

Seth Emerson knows exactly what he wants. Working to save for a cattle ranch of his own keeps him busy and keeps his pain buried. Rescuing a stubborn woman from the hills of New Mexico Territory isn't part of his plan—but she's exactly what he needs.

Making greater sacrifices than either of them could foresee...

Seth and Rebecca set off on a risky journey and a quest for truth, each healing the other's love-starved soul along the way. Will they give in to their growing attraction? Or will they honor their commitments when Seth returns Rebecca to civilization... and her betrothed?

*Note about content: Although the moral context of the story is old fashioned, *Come Back*, contains violence, adult themes, and descriptions of physical intimacy. It is intended for mature readers.

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Shirl says

This was a great story. The female character was left by a wagon train in the middle of nowhere and she survived! Her determination and willpower were wonderful to read about. Then a stranger came into her area. Would he save her or harm her? The story is full of twist and surprises and does have a small amount of explicit sex, but the story is life and romance and survival. Well written. Highly recommend this book to all.

Karen says

A story of great courage, resourcefulness, compassion & forgiveness.

Rebecca is a remarkable character so resilient but so much fear of rejection & abandonment. The details of what she endured, how she set herself up, the knowledge she gleaned & how she used things from her scavenging intriguing.

Seth's character was coloured by his false belief of failure to protect so but so strong, capable & honoured woman. True hero.

Caught up emotionally I felt her loneliness, anxiety, fear, joy & love. I finished at peace with Rebecca & Seth finally putting ghosts to rest & planning their HEA.

Miriam Rivera says

Survival and love!

I was thrilled when I found this book again after letting go the first time I read the blurb. If this is the authors first book I can't wait for what else she has in stored for us. Every time I thought Seth and Beccas journey was getting easier for them something else happened that made me want to speed read it just to see what happened next. We find courage, desperation, love, drama, and healing with this two characters, this book was well written and just amazing.

Kristy McCaffrey says

Rebecca Garvey is on a wagon train bound for California when she is inadvertently left behind in the wilderness of New Mexico Territory. She mistakenly believes that no one searched for her and, as days turn into months, she remains in the wilderness and fends for herself rather than attempting to make her way to a town. When she comes across an injured man, she's compelled to help him, but in doing so she can no longer hide from the pain of her presumed abandonment.

Seth Emerson is battling demons of his own, but he becomes determined to reunite Rebecca with her family, along with the man to whom she's betrothed. During the journey, affection turns to love between Seth and Rebecca, and they must both grapple with doing the right thing.

This is a quiet book with a slow-building romance; both Seth and Rebecca are stubborn in their misguided decisions regarding the course of their lives, and Ms. Maygrove beautifully handles their blossoming maturity. Grab a cup of tea and a blanket and settle in for a romance filled with grit, sweetness, and passion. You won't be disappointed.

Robin Braun says

Great book

This was an excellent book. The story of Seth & Rebecca kept my interest the whole time. It gives a glimpse of the struggles people moving west went through with a different twist to it. Highly recommended

laaddis says

This was a good book but not exceptional. The book was well thought out and executed but it did go a bit slow at times. Not sure why the author had a 'mature audience' disclaimer on it. It was actually very tame compared to some books.

Mina Lobo says

4.5 Stars!

Come Back is a wonderful old West romance which spins a yarn of loss, grief, gritted-teeth, and pushing through it all to survive. Heroine Becca is smart, kind, and honorable, and her hero Seth is the same ~ they're two folks I'd go anywhere with on a wagon train! Their romance developed at a perfect pace, and I just loved how they loved each other (for me, they're just the right mix of sweet and sassy, as well as spicy!). Reading this took me back to those good old days when I was a kid watching Little House on the Prairie on TV. (Though this book is certainly sexier than Little House!) Come Back is a warm, uncomplicated pleasure in which good triumphs over adversity and evil. A lovely, satisfying read, and I look forward to more from this author.

Jeanette Pierce says

I give Melissa Maygrove's debut novel, Come Back, five stars. Her skilfully-crafted, error-free sentences carry the reader through the story at a rapid pace- no structural speed bumps.

She has created realistic characters whose flaws cause them to behave in such a manner as to keep the reader engaged. Becca begins her journey west as the typical, naive, young lady of her time; but after being left behind, she quickly learns some amazing survival skills. When Seth arrives on the scene, he exhibits some behavior that creates uncertainty within the reader as well as within Becca. Her healthy skepticism makes her keep Seth at arm's length for quite a while, but in time they develop trust and love as they work together to survive their long, dangerous trip on the Gila Trail.

Within the context of Becca and Seth's relationship, Melissa has included a few steamy scenes, but they grow naturally from the relationship and are handled with sensitivity.

I enjoyed both the historical period and the story. Historical Romance is one of my favorite genres. Being a less than stellar student of history, I find that novels provide a painless lesson in history. I wholly suggest giving it a chance.

Loni says

Come Back tugs on the heart strings. Ms. Maygrove captured me with Becca and Seth. Characters make or break a story for me. I like strong females, and I like chivalrous guys. Good news, the book fit! Even though it adheres to the historical time frame where women were considered the weaker sex, Becca's determination and survival brought out that strength I look for in characters.

And I actually started crying at one point because it was such a heartbreakingly touching scene. Yep, Ms. Maygrove hooked into my feelings.

The book is a romance, so there were a few scenes that made me blush. It wasn't explicit, but it was hot. Ooh-la-la and suggestive waggling eyebrows.

But what I loved best was the surprise. It dropped my jaw and left me with that holy-cow feeling. Very well done.

Overall, if you're looking for a romantic read, I'd definitely recommend.

Rose Maria says

Only few books I give 5 stars and this is one
I rushed through some parts, yesbut I like the books where H and h are separated from world....
And I liked the way their romance grew

Susan P says

Could have skipped the graphic sex.

Kathy Heare Watts says

This story had so many emotions and heartache that was experience by Rebecca Garvey when she was abandoned by her parents, betrothed and the entire wagon train heading to California. The deceit of her so-called-friend Charlotte that set this event into motion. Living and surviving on her own, barely making it through her first winter, dodging Indians and wild animals, foraging for food and firewood, but most of all the feeling that no one wanted you. Then comes along Seth, dealing with his demons and pain for the past five

years. Being thrown from his horse and rescued and tended to by Becca. It took so much for her to trust him and he feels compelled to take her to California, back to her parents and Nathan. The story covers so many struggles and even near death experiences as they make their long journey across the wildness. Will Becca find Nathan? Why did her parents and Nathan leave her behind? Can Seth make peace with his demons? Can they heal the pain of the past and find forgiveness and love?

Debbie DiFiore says

So amazing

I loved this book. I could not put it down. The heroine is left behind when the wagon train she is on with her parents leaves without her. That scene was so heartbreaking. The moment she realized what had happened, she was panicked and afraid and desperate. I could feel it so much. Then that young woman then pulled up her boot strings and saved herself. She was alone for a whole year in the wilderness and made herself shelter, found her own food and all with a knife and canteen. The place though is a dumping ground for excess items that people have to leave behind because they are too heavy and the animals are not strong enough to carry at this point in the trail. She takes these things and makes a life for herself while waiting to be rescued. Or at least that's what you think. She believes she was left behind because she wasn't wanted and she just wanted to be left alone. But then a stranger is hurt and she finds him and he tries to rescue her. But she won't go. He comes back for her and saves her and then showcases him again. Finally she leaves with him to face the past. It's a wonderful journey. I don't want to spoil it either because I loved all the twists and turns it took. Seth was an amazing hero and Becca is now one of my favorite heroines. It's not passion filled scenes of anything like that. Just a romantic angst story of a strong heroine who has been treated wrongly. The villain might not surprise you but the road getting there is worth the read. Safe.

Carrie says

In *Come Back*, Maygrove demonstrates mastery rarely seen in a debut novel. The book becomes an experience for readers—almost as if we're there, struggling on the Gila Trail alongside the characters. It's obvious the author spent time studying this period, adding details here and there to enrich the text.

On that note, her steamier scenes are handled with great care—blending romance with realism. Becca and Seth grew to care for each other as friends before lovers, and that adds a great deal of depth to their interactions. They learn to face danger and hardship as a team.

All in all, I truly enjoyed this novel, and I am *not* a historical reader. I recommend giving it a chance. :)

Gloria Albritton says

Misguided family tribulations!!!

Melissa Maygrove is an exceptional story teller, to say the least!! I have read many books over the past but I have to say, this is one of the best I have had the privilege of reading. She tells of what it takes to work between husband and wife to keep a marriage together through all the trials and tribulations. Of also what it takes to keep the melding of struggles between the extended family's co-existence to meld with each other

with togetherness. She also brought to the meaning of talking out differences and misunderstood happenstances, not keeping mum after friction begins.
