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***New York Times* bestselling author Sarah McCarty returns to her Promise series with this next western historical romance.**

As Jackson Montgomery heads across the last mountain range toward home after collecting on a particularly difficult bounty, he isn't looking forward to anything but a good meal, a stiff drink and maybe some female companionship. But as he passes the Bentley place, he can't resist taking a gander at who'd been fool enough to buy the disaster Bentley had created. He expects to see a tenderfoot for sure, because only a tenderfoot would buy a place as poorly placed and poorly built as Bentley's Folly.

He's not far off.

Mimi Banfield thought she was done for when she fell into the well filled with rattlers. Her rescuer has all the survival skills she's missing, and he's exactly the man needed to fix up her new place. As the newly minted guardian for three orphaned children, she could certainly use a hand. Jackson is equally intrigued by Mimi as he is by Mimi's offer of a job. He agrees to stay on, not knowing that she has a deadly secret. By the time she confesses, it may just be too late for salvation.

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Lucy Dosch says

It was a surprise to find this historical western series. It has been awhile since I read an old western. This was a great choice.

I like my cowboys old school, not Tweeting on the back of a horse, so I was very interested in an offered copy of Sarah McCarty's upcoming release. This is the fifth book in the series, but a simple reading of the premise of the other four books left me ready for all the other characters that I met.

In Promises Decide, Jackson Montgomery is a bounty hunter on his way home after turning over his most recent bounty. As he passes the Bentley place, he sees smoke rising from the chimney. The old Bentley place is a disaster of a house with crooked floors, land too rocky to grow anything, a dry well and it was built in the middle of a flash flood plain. There is no way Bentley is living there anymore so he must have found some greenhorn to sell it to.

Since he is curious by nature, and everyone likes interesting news to share in town, Jackson decides to swing by and meet the suckers who purchased the house. What he finds is a couple of kids surrounding the (probably) dry well. It looks like their Ma fell in, which is bad enough, by a dry well also attracts rattlesnakes. Jackson is not only curious, but he is chivelrous and there is no way he will leave this greenhorn woman and her kids to their fate.

But Jackson is hurt going down that well to rescue the pretty young woman, a woman too young to have mothered the three kids standing outside the well, all of whom look nothing alike. Jackson ends up staying with them awhile to recover. He knows they need some protection, even if it just from their own foolishness, and he also stays because that curious nature of his is demanding he find out just what is going on.

Jackson isn't a fool and he can tell that Mimi and the children are city people and are on the run from something or someone. Jackson can't help falling for Mimi and her three young charges, and even though they haven't yet come to trust him, he will protect them all with his life.

While the love seems to come a bit quickly, Jackson was thinking as he was riding home that it is about time he starts thinking about settling down and returning to the family ranch permanently. It might have something to do with the fact that four of his friends have found love and are settled down. Then he meets Mimi and likes what he sees. Not only is she pretty, but she has spirit and just needs someone to teach her and the children about survival in the old west.

In a world where it takes three hours to ride into the closest town, talk about a rough commute, I lost a little respect for Mimi that in the year she has been on the run with the children she didn't even pick up a book on farming or quiz people they met as they traveled out west or offer to work on a homestead to learn. She was trying to avoid being caught by staying away from towns, but spent all of their money buying a property that would have killed them and even if it didn't, they had no understanding of farming or hunting or anything else to survive in the wilderness. She didn't run away a week ago. They have been running for a year. What was she doing all that time?

This was a quick read and I was suprised to find out it was 320 pages. This wasn't a convaluted story. Just a simply romance set in a simpler time.

I liked the family of characters that we met from the prior stories and really want to take some time to read

them. Unfortunately, there are no audiobooks for this series which I like to use for playing catch up. I do want to know more about Jenna and Cougar and the Rev. and I am simply going to have to find some time to squeeze them in.

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Yvonne says

Jackson Montgomery is a rancher who likes to be a bounty hunter. He is coming home from one of those bounties and finds that his neighbor has sold his rickety run down house to some unsuspecting person. He snoops on the property to find 3 kids awfully close to a well and find out that there is another person (Mimi Banfield) in the well that happens to be filled with Rattle snakes.

There are several adventures in this book. The first one being getting Mimi out of the well and a few dealing with the past and present of Mimi and the children. Good quick read.

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Beth says

I received this from the publisher and voluntarily reviewed

I enjoyed this one. I have not read the other books in the series but it is a standalone. I was looking for a historical romance and I have not read a western in a while. Jackson is wonderful in this story. Mimi has arrived in town with some children and Jackson goes to see the new people. He ends up having to rescue Mimi from danger right from the beginning. This book had suspense, adventure, and romance. Mimi and the children are running from something and she is afraid Jackson will get caught in the middle of it. Jackson is trying to find out the truth of why they are in the town.

I loved this line "When Jackson came down into that well, and lit that match, I thought for a second that God had sent me one of his archangels to my rescue. But then Jackson opened his mouth."

Shanda says

I read the other books in the Promises series ages ago. I was a bit worried that I would forget the other couples. I am glad to say most of it came back to me. It was fun to catch up with the other couples as we got Jackson and Mimi's story.

Jackson comes upon Mimi and the children she cares for as he is riding home. Mimi is trapped in a well with a bunch of rattlers. He saves her but is bit by a snake on his way out. They nurse him back to health. Despite Mimi's protest Jackson feels protective and wants to help them.

I loved, loved the kids in the story. Especially little Melinda Sue. The story was a bit too fast paced for me. They fell in in love fast and the bad guy was taken out. It just felt wrapped up too quick. I would have loved

a big epilogue to give us more. Overall, I really liked the book and I hope we get more. I hope that the author can get to writing some more stories quicker. I really want to have stories for the kids, especially Gray.

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Michelle says

Sarah McCarty is one of my favorite authors and this book is exactly why. Even though it was not as steamy as some of her other historicals, Promises Decide gives the reader everything they could want: a scrappy, sensible heroine, a hot alpha hero and plenty of cameos by beloved characters of the previous books in this series.

Normally I shy away from romances with children in them because they tend to detract from the actual romance. I didn't have that problem with this book. Toby, Kevin and Melinda Sue were integral parts of Mimi's history and they were not an overpowering part of the story. I thought Jackson was perfect for Mimi and I liked that there was no drama between the two of them.

Kelsie says

Promises Decide is my first read by Sarah McCarty. This novel is part of a series but works well as a standalone. Mimi and Jackson are excellent leading characters and are surrounded by an interesting supporting cast. Mimi's little family is adorable. This is a success on all fronts. It's a western historical romance mystery with a lot of humor thrown in for good measure. I definitely plan to read the rest of the series. I was chosen to read an advance copy of this book as part of Penguin's First to Read program. However, the opinions expressed in this review are 100% mine and mine alone.

Olga Zelenova says

[My only complaint is about when Jackson demanded to know why Mimi hadn't mentioned being married and excuse me, she definitely did. Quite a few pages back. (hide spoiler)]

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Sarah McCarty has a way of sending me back in time when I read one of her western historical romances and I feel I'm a part of it. Promises Decide is the 5th story in the Promises series and another great addition to the group of men of Cattle Crossing, Wyoming. Jackson Montgomery is on his way home and notices that someone has occupied Bentley's place. Wondering who was fool enough to buy that place he encounters a group of tenderfoots and wonders if they are in over their heads. Mimi Banfield is on the run and hiding from a very dangerous man. Having Jackson literally save her from danger, she is hoping that he'll want to help around even more.

Mimi Banfield is a young, strong woman trying to stay one step ahead of danger while being a mother to

Tony, Kevin and Melinda Sue. I liked her spunk and the feisty banter she delivered with Jackson which made for some fun and humor. She kept her secrets close to her vest and slowly realized how sheltered she really was after meeting more of Jackson's friend's wives, and felt what she's been missing. Mimi showed her strength, spunk and vulnerabilities which made her a very likeable character to root for.

Jackson Montgomery was what a hero should be in a western novel; handsome, strong and honorable. He couldn't leave Mimi and the children on their own without the proper provisions and shelter with winter coming soon. He also felt that Mimi was hiding something and waited for her trust him with her secrets, and do what he can to get her and her children working together better. Along with his friends, Jackson was able to exact his form of justice when evil tried to harm one of the children, which had me cheering for the good guys.

Sarah McCarty is one of my favorite authors because she does a wonderful job of balancing a captivating plot, developing her complicated characters and creating steaming love scenes. She also brings us up to date on the latest with the other couples from the previous stories in this series and it's good to see them still so much in love. Promises Decide was a quick read and held my attention from beginning to end. Mimi and Jackson may have fought their attraction but they clicked so well together and can definitely keep the other one on their toes. Sarah McCarty's one of the best authors in the western historical romance genre and highly recommend this story for romance fans.

Sheryl says

I wasn't aware this was part of series when I chose it but it was easy to get caught up. I'm now adding this series to my TBR list, it was that good.

Ms. McCarty reeled me in from the beginning and I was lost in the wild west with sexy cowboys rescuing damsels in distress.

I wasn't ready for this book to end and I'm looking forward to reading the next book in this series.

I would like to thank First to Read for the opportunity to read and review this book. I don't think I would have chosen a western, the last western I read was Lonesome Dove, but this is about to change.

Faith89 says

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This book is from a series from many years ago. I read the other books in the series and loved them. I jumped on the opportunity to read this ARC. I believe this can be read as a standalone. The other books were good so I recommend reading them as well. If you have read the other books, you will get to visit a little with your favorites from before. The book is filled with fun dialogue and fun characters. Not only will you fall in love with Jackson and Mimi, you will love her band of orphans. Jackson is on his way home when curiosity captures his interest. What he finds set him on a path to a new family and a new love. Mimi has secrets. Jackson will have to gain her trust and learn her secrets before her past catches up with her. Quick read with insta love.

Handcrafted Librarian says

The Promises series by Sarah McCarty is one that I fell across accidentally with the 3rd book in the series,

Promises Prevail. It was such a good book that it led me to read the rest of the series and get into her other series as well. Promises Decide is the fifth book in this series and just as good as all of the other books and lives up to the over arching story that is unfailing support from this group of rebel friends.

Jackson appears in all of the other stories, coming in as support during the ultimate conflict. So previous followers of this series, have met him before. Finally with a story of his own, I loved that his curiosity leads him to finding this make-shift family in crisis. His arrival means that they have a chance at a future but their history leads to some interesting times between them all. There was a bit of abruptness between them on the farmstead and all of a sudden enmeshed in Jackson's circle of friends, but it did make logical sense so wasn't too bad.

Mimi and the children's history is pretty incredible but also a little tamer than some of the previous heroines on the Promises series so it fit in well. Mimi's attempts to make them a family while struggling with her doubt in her own abilities was a great addition to the angst of the whole story. A great weekend read!

Sandy Reilly says

When Jackson Montgomery stumbles across Mimi Banfield and the brood of three children she's caring for, he definitely gets more than he bargained for. After rescuing Mimi from the bottom of a snake-infested well, and getting a poisonous bite in the process, he finds himself under the care of her and the children. They manage to nurse him back to health despite the fact that they can barely take care of themselves. Jackson quickly learns Mimi is not cut out for country life, having fled the life of a city girl with a deadly threat on her heels. Jackson admires Mimi's strength and determination, and is determine himself to protect her and the children from the danger that is certain to appear on their doorstep. What they didn't plan for was danger coming so soon...

Thoughts: I'm not usually a fan of historical romances but this one won me over in the first chapter! Jackson is the perfect "hero" -- realistically sized (she even makes fun of his height a bit), incredibly good-looking, and is the right amount of cocky and humble at the same time. Mimi is very likable, as well, with her strength, intelligence, stubbornness, and sass. Their interactions with one another and with the children, especially how Jackson is patient and fatherly with them from the get-go, truly makes the story. Honestly, though, what I think I appreciated the most was how Jackson was intrigued by and attracted to Mimi before he even sees her beauty, thanks to a dark well and her ever-present sarcasm and spunk. Sometimes romance novels have a great story with characters who are individually likable even if they don't necessarily have great chemistry together. This is **not** one of those novels! The chemistry between the two, the interactions between all of the characters, and the quick-moving storyline are sure to make historical romance readers very happy.

Under the Covers Book Blog says

I received this book for free from Publisher in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.

I feel like I've been waiting ages to read the next book in the Promises series. When I checked, although it hadn't quite been an age I have finished the previous book (the the first time!) way back in 2011. So, was the almost 7 year gap worth the wait? Honestly, probably not. There's very little I would wait 7 years for. However, that doesn't mean I didn't enjoy Promises Decide because I did. Just not quite as much as I would have liked.

Promises Decide was a little difference from the previous books in that they firmly stood on the 'erotic' side of the romance line. Promises Decide is a lot tamer and is inclined more towards the sweet end of the scale. This seems to be a trend with McCarty, her most recent release in the Hell's Eight series a formerly smoking hot erotic western romance, was also lacking a noticeable amount of fire. And I miss the heat. It didn't seem right being back with my sexy cowboys and not have some kinky (normally anal) games going on.

But, although this book was missing out on the erotic, I did have fun. We got to revisit the previous couples: Cougar and Mara, Clint and Jenna, the Rev and Elizabeth as well as the memorable secondary characters that have made up the Promises series. It was was one of my favourite aspects of this book. That and seeing Jackson Montgomery, the seemingly easy going cowboy, meet his lady love.

However, maybe it was the lose of the red hot chemistry I associate with McCarty, but I found the romance between Mimi and Jackson a little lack lustre. It was cute and sweet, especially as there were 3 small children involved as well. And of course Jackson was amazingly adorable with them. But Jackson and Mimi seemed to fade into the background.

I'm not sure if this is the last book in the series or if there are more to come. All the adults in the Promises series have now coupled up. However, there are still their kids! Fast forward a decade or two and maybe we can have the next generation's romance. That is definitely a series I would read, as although this book wasn't my favourite I have still really liked this series over all.

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Jennifer says

ARC received for review

3.5 stars

I read the first four books in this series many, many years ago, so I was excited to see another one. Great western novel with bad guys, an amazing group of friends, and a romance too. This one lacked the heat of the first four books. The sexy times were very few and far between. Absolutely loved seeing all the old gang again. Is Mara ever gonna have that baby?

Now will there be one more book and will Ms. McCarty make us wait another ten years for it?

Forgot something....Job didn't kill a thousand men with the jaw bone of a donkey...it was Samson

Caitlin says

Received free from Penguin First to Read, my thoughts are my own.

For the most part, this is a pretty standard Western romance. The male lead is more pretty than the usual rugged manly man, but he's still very much a stubborn cowboy type. The woman is nurturing and in really big trouble.

There are shoot outs, and horses, snakes, and a dangerous but beautiful landscape. Bad people, people who will kill to protect, and rambunctious children. It leans pretty heavily on stereotypes, and there are some moments that felt jarringly anachronistic to character development and setting. But it's overall exactly what it promises to be, a romance in a western setting, with plenty of conflict and chemistry. (Some other reviewers said this one was less sexy than the author's usual, but there are sex scenes in here.)
