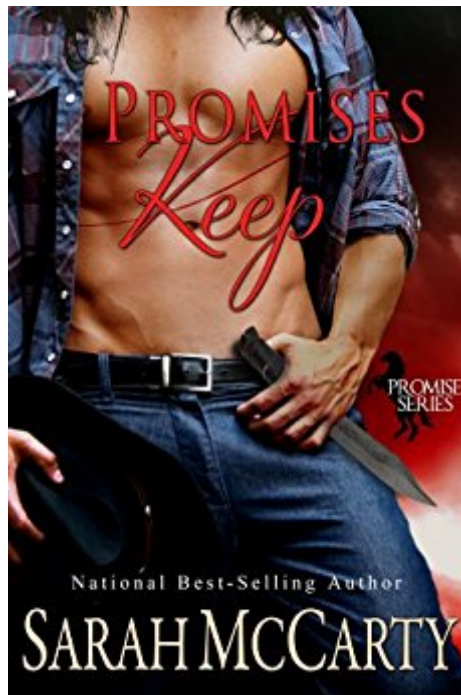




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# Promises Keep (Promise Series Book 2)



## Synopsis

Promises Keep Book 2 in the Promises series by Sarah McCarty. 1869 Wyoming Territory Being kidnapped into a bordello has a way of changing a woman's focus. On the day Mara Kincaid escapes the Pleasure Emporium, she vows to start living for herself. Rebuilding her life isn't easy as the town isn't fond of reformed fallen doves, but she's a Kincaid and Kincaids are known for their stubbornness. She's successful right up until the notorious ex-marshal Cougar McKinnley comes into town. As big as a mountain, dark as sin, and wearing a reputation as deadly as the knife strapped to his thigh, McKinnley is a man who knows what he wants. By rights, she should be shaking in her shoes when he approaches her, but when the powerful half-breed turns his dark gold eyes on her, it isn't fear that has Mara trembling, but rather an overwhelming desire to be the kind of woman Cougar needs to satisfy his deepest desires. "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

The story of Cougar and Mara is very unique and wonderfully emotional. I loved the book and the series!

Wow! Now this many can love his woman! If you like extra steamy romance novels, well look no further. However, could have done without the backdoor sex for my taste. Otherwise, very great story.

Promises Lingered (Promises Series-4 books)By: Sarah McCartyBook ONE, Then Promises Keep, Promises Prevail. Promises Reveal This series starts in 1869 Wyoming Territory and is what feels to be a very authentic period piece, like her other series HELLS EIGHT. I thoroughly enjoy the cowboy way, and the proud ways of the time, This author is a very good writer, and I wasn't disappointed when starting the new series, because in some ways it felt the same, yet a much different story line, you'll still get the steamy sex (yes, Erotic) These men love to protect their woman. And honor is everything. Even the authentic verbiage. I highly recommend either series, I have read both (totally 9 books, she gets all 5 stars from me)I do have to say....I would start with the Hell's eight first, it's more of a page turner, this was a comfortable pace!

I think the book was too long and the scene where she finds out he's the one who raped her was very anti-climactic. For me, that was a big thing, but it just fizzled out....I like some erotica, but the more I read it, the more I realize that it's the emotions I'm more interested in. I started skipping sex scenes at some point. Also, the focus on anal was a little much for me. The end annoyed me too. I'm a supporter of women's lib, but I don't want a soapbox moment in a historical romance.

The first book in the series (Promises Linger) wowed me so much that I immediately bought the next two. And I have to admit, if I hadn't loved the first one so much, and if I hadn't already liked the character of Cougar, I may not have gotten through the Kindle sample chapters to the rest of the book. In the first chapter, there's a description of a rimming. (If you're not sure what that is, Google it. With caution.)\*\* That is a usually a major turn off for me, but I kept going. And I'm glad I did. This book was not as good as the first one, but I think it's because of my own level of discomfort with some of the subject matter. In the book description, you're told that Mara is a "soiled dove," but it doesn't explain that she was not actually a whore. She'd been sold into prostitution by her father to settle a debt, and then drugged and put in a room for a man to take her virginity. That man is

Cougar, the male lead in this story, except he didn't know she was drugged. He does help her escape when he realizes what happened, but she doesn't remember that he's the man who "raped" her. She later marries him, still not knowing he's the one. But Cougar likes it rough, and it turns out that Mara does, too. And that's where I was a little uncomfortable throughout the book. Not that they liked it rough (I mean, really, who doesn't?), but that as a rape victim she found pleasure in the roughness. This book, just like the first one, was hot, just not as good. \*\*The rimming happened more than once in the book, as did anal sex, so if that's a deal breaker for you, this isn't the book for you.

Cougar, OMG I want him for myself! I knew he would be all that and more after I first met him in Promises Linger. Even though this book has a dark beginning, I knew Sarah would work it all out. Her heroes have to learn lessons along the way, but I loved him the entire trip. I will reread this again and again.

Cougar sets out to fix an embarrassment and finds a sweet treat instead. Mara should have been protected but she ends up the protector. A lot of twist & turns and W.O.M.B. You rock ladies...Cougar try & keep up.

I purchased this originally in paperback. I sold it to a half price bookseller, but found I missed being able to read it. I purchased it for my kindle, and it was as of Nov we being able to read about Mara and Gut 'em McKinley again. Sarah McCarty is one of my favorite writers.

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