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Welcome to the South - where the tea is sweet and the accents are sweeter. This Southern way of life is all Charlie has ever known. It's not until she loses the only person who pushed her to break free of the Southern Belle mold that she starts living the life she needs and not the life her parents forced on her.

Jhett has lived on the edge for as long as he could remember - constantly teetering back and forth between being a rock star and living a normal life. His rebellious and sometimes arrogant attitude is known to get him into trouble, especially with the girls who hang on his every move.

Charlie never thought that a trip to pack up her brother's apartment would leave her feeling even more unsettled about the grainy details of her brother's death. Her quest for information leads her straight to his old hangout and into arms of Jhett, who suspiciously knows more about her situation than he ever should.

Only a few questions remain - Can you trust someone based on their word alone? And if you make a promise, how far will you go to keep it?

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Rashika (is tired) says

There are many novels out there that read along the same lines as Promise Me This so one cannot expect much except hope for the book to be a fun read, which it was.

I think I'll start with things that didn't work and then I'll go onto the things that did.

I don't expect much from tragedies in general (of course there are a few exceptions) and this one wasn't that much different. This book doesn't focus on the loss of a loved one in a way that satisfies me. It is more focused on the romance than it is on healing. There are a few mentions of Cameron but I feel like they are forced or they serve as a way as a reminder of the fact that the characters lost someone they loved.

The parents aren't particularly great in this book. The father does become better but it doesn't excuse the fact that he wasn't a particularly good parent. The mother is awful. I hate it when parents are portrayed in such manner. I love supportive parents. I know not all parents are nice and supportive but the portrayal of Charlie's parents rings false for me.

It isn't only Charlie's family that was awful; Jhett's sister Gracie was equally horrendous. Her actions did not make sense to me. Not that there isn't a reason given but you know he is your BROTHER. Doesn't family mean anything to her? I also hate how she acts with Charlie. If you really loved Cameron you wouldn't do that to his twin sister. I don't feel the least bit sorry for Gracie. She wants us to feel sorry for her but really Charlie's loss is greater than hers. Charlie knew Cameron her entire life but Gracie had only known him for 2 years. Now I am not saying that Gracie's loss is insignificant but to lose someone you have known your entire life hurts a lot more.

There is this part in the book where Jhett says that Charlie isn't like most girls. Now that sets off my alarms. What do you mean most girls? Most girls I know are actually pretty decent so I don't know what 'most girls' refers to here unless it's a stereotype (which I know it is); in that case I am offended.

I may or may not have also been bothered by the fact that almost everyone in this book is hot. I don't understand the need to make characters hot in general. The fact they are hot doesn't mean we will like them better. What I want is a good character; I'd like to know what they look, but for me it doesn't matter whether they are hot or not. Personally I find that characters are more relateable if they aren't model gorgeous.

One of the things I really enjoyed about this book was Jhett. I didn't expect much from him when he was introduced because he was a walking stereotype complete with the tattoos, the fact that he played the guitar and also sang (secretly), but then he gave a ride home to Charlie on his bicycle. That's right not his motorbike, his bicycle. That was gold. Jhett also happens to be a chef. Now I am sure some people won't really be moved by that fact but for someone who loves food that appeals to me.

Charlie wasn't that bad of a character either. She wasn't completely naïve and she didn't beat around the bush, she knew what she wanted and that was that.

Their relationship was well developed, yes Jhett was obviously keeping a secret because he was afraid to tell Charlie but aside from that they worked pretty well. I don't get the insta-love(lust) vibes from their relationship either. Jhett may have been too easily fascinated by Charlie but since he knows so much about

her already it makes sense. The highlight of their relationship was near the end, it was Charlie that made me proud during that moment.

This book was an entertaining read and I would recommend it for anyone looking to cool down or anyone who just wants something light.

This review has also been published on my Blog

Michelle says

Complimentary copy provided by author in exchange of honest review

???? 4 Promise Me This Stars ???

They say don't talk, just act. Don't say, just show. And don't promise, just prove. So in Promise Me This by Sarah Ashley Jones, promises are meant to be proved. In such a sweet and yet touching storyline, Ms. Jones takes us on journey of a young woman rediscovering her life and finding love. Promise Me This will make you fall in love, touch your heart, and take you on an emotional journey of what matters in life.

As the good Southern Belle, Charlotte "Charlie" Jennings was the obedient daughter. She is the girl who follows the expectations of her parents whereas her twin brother, Cameron rebels. He goes off to college out of state. Moves to sunny California in San Diego. Becomes independent and lives the life that he wants. His rules. His life. Cameron knows that Charlie wants the same thing but she doesn't have the strength to disobey her parents yet. But that all changes when Cameron tragically dies in a car accident. Sent to California to retrieve and pack up Cameron's belongings, Charlie meets Jhett Hudson, her brother's best friend.

This tattooed musician awakens something in Charlie. He makes Charlie to step out of her comfort zone and to truly live as what Cameron wants her to do. Ms. Jones takes her readers on a tale of two people finding friendship, love and life together. The chemistry of Jhett and Charlie is raw, emotional, and sweet. Promise Me This takes a Southern good girl on journey where she discovers why California is called the sunshine state and most importantly shed some light to awaken her to find her way.

Sarah Ashley Jones

Jennifer Kyle says

3.5 Promise Me This Stars

”Did you really want to get to know me after you first saw me, or was it just the promise you made with Cameron that kept you around?”

”Love was a funny thing, especially when it came too fast. There was no doubt in my mind of my feelings for her, but I never wanted her to think that I took advantage of hers.”

This story wasn't the most original plot I have read to date and there were a couple of typos scattered throughout the pages. But the story held my attention and the two main characters with their dual pov were extremely likable. I couldn't get enough of them together. So kudos to Sarah Ashley Jones because she made me fall for Charlie and Jhett.

Charlie has flown out to California to pack up her twin brother's apartment because he recently died in an accident. While packing up her brother's belongings she struggles with her grief and the fact that he wanted her to join him to live free of their controlling parents and really live. Charlie finds a few items that lead her to Cameron's friends and she falls for Jhett.

Jhett has made some promises to Cam where Charlie is concerned.

Jhett is a musician turned chef with a heart of gold who has never been in love and sports a pompadour. He had an extremely real feel to him.

”Stay a little longer. If it's one thing Cameron didn't stop talking about, it was how he wished that you came out here with him. Do you know he actually had plans to keep you out here this summer and show you what you were missing?”

Charlie decides to spend the summer and live with no regrets while she gets closer and closer to Jhett.

”I don't want to have to live with regrets like that. I want to start living for me, the way I should have been doing all along. No more trying to please everyone.”

Jhett and Charlie fall for one another and it was pretty swoon worthy. There are songs, bike rides and a restaurant to open. While these two got pretty hot and heavy and fall in love.

”As her lips crashed down onto mine, there were no words that had to be exchanged. I knew how she felt about me; I could feel it emanating off of her. I only hoped that I could live up to what she needed me to be.”

”Is this how you got all the girls to fall in love with you on tour? I motioned with my hands, following up and down the length of him. Jhett's eyebrow raised just enough to match the smirk on his lips. “Why? Is that what's happening to you?”

On the predictable route it seems that Jhett may have had something to do with Cameron's accident and hasn't told Charlie about his involvement. When the “truth” comes out things get pretty bad for Charlie.

The story will continue in a sequel but I'm comfortable with how the story ended for now. I will definitely be reading on to see what this author has up her sleeve.

"I've never meant anything more in my life. Those aren't words I just throw around loosely," I told her.

"Good. Because you're the first guy to ever hear them from me." She gave my hand a gentle squeeze."

Ren says

Beta Review

O.M.F.G, Sarah....you are just as evil as Dara. How could you leave me hanging like that?!

It's been so long since I've had the pleasure of reading such a sweet romance without the dysfunction. Seriously, I don't know what's up with all these books that have fucked up relationships. This book will give you butterflies...the kind that will make you feel like you can soar.

I knew that there was a secret being held that could have the power to destroy their relationship. I just didn't want to believe it was going to happen. I sat there waiting for it to happen, hoping my world wouldn't crumble. I sit here now, after finishing this book, trying to put the pieces back together. I have such high hopes for the next book and I'm dying for it to be written. I need this whole in my chest to be filled again.

Stacie says

I loved this book soooo much more than I was anticipating. If it weren't for the damn cliffhanger, I would have definitely toyed with the idea of giving 5 stars.

This is Sarah Ashley Jones' first novel and that makes me all warm and fuzzy inside. Girl's got talent. I am so incredibly excited to see how her writing progresses in future novels.

This book offered outstanding character development and a swoon worthy male lead. I actually really liked the heroin as well, which tends to be rare for me.

Small downside is that the story was a bit predictable but I still loved it.

Now where's the damn sequel?!

Bookish Indulgences with b00k r3vi3ws says

Charlie has just lost her brother, her twin brother, to an accident. Cameron and Charlie was twin in every way, except that Cameron wasn't afraid to leave home to get away from under their mother's thumb and spread his wings. Charlie on the other hand, despite Cameron's encouragement, stayed back home living the life that would make their mother happy rather than really follow in Cameron's footsteps. But when Cameron's death brings Charlie to San Diego, to pack up what's left of her brother, she has to face more than she had expected to.

Charlie is a character that you can't help but fall for immediately. Losing a twin is like losing one's limb. To cope with that without any emotional support from her family and then to go ahead and make huge changes to her life, one has to be strong for that. And Charlie is a strong girl, stubborn, but strong. Jhett on the other hand is like a walking Adonis with Tattoos. He is the kind of guy every girl's parents are wary of. He walks into Charlie's life to set her free from all that had been stopping her from spreading her wings. Together they can set water on fire.

This book is an emotional bomb that can set anyone off. Characters are well developed and the storyline flows without the glitch. Somewhat predictable yet a heart-warming story of a couple of loveable protagonists. The author's fluid writing style really compliments the plot of the story. Sarah has wisely chosen her genre and this is an awesome debut. I would love to keep track of her future works.

Bee says

I received a free copy from this book from the author in exchange for an honest review as a beta reader.

Damnit Sarah, now you've made me cry all sorts of tears. Guess you're on my list of *Authors who made me cry* now. And you're the second person who wrote a book I dreamed about after reading it.

This is the story of 20-year old Charlie. After her brother died, she goes to his home in San Diego, far away from her home in Tennessee. There she meets Jhett. A friend of her brother. And then Charlie's life changes and her parents are not so fond of that.

I loved this story. A lot. I liked Charlie. In a way she reminded me of myself. (Except for the fact that I don't have rich parents.) She's pretty shy and has always lived the life her parents wanted her to live. Her brother never wanted that so he moved to San Diego and he wanted her to move there to, but she never took that step. Until she meets Jhett. More on him later. I loved seeing Charlie grow as a person. She can be pretty stubborn and I loved hearing that Tennessee accent in my head when she was angry.

Jhett. Oh my god.... He's yummy. I love him. He's awesome. I want him.

The writing is very good, which I had hoped because I didn't want to hate this story. Sarah is a friend of mine and I'm so glad that she did so well! Yeesh, she even made me cry. Really cry! That's hard to accomplish with me (over a book, that is... series or films, no problem.), so you can say that she is a real new upcoming talent! I felt everything Charlie and Jhett felt and I loved them so much. I loved the fact that there is actual character development in this book! They both grow because of each other. Awesome. But I hate Charlie's mom. God, she's an awful woman.

So yeah, I loved this book. I'm a beta reader for it, so maybe things will change in the editing process, but it's awesome nonetheless. Read it. It comes out next month and you can win a copy in the big giveaway I'm having at the end of June! (Or sooner.)

This review will be up on my blog, Istyria book blog, tomorrow morning!

Jenn says

I struggled with this book. I liked it at times yet, it was also a bit slow too. It took about 1/2 way through the book for it to pick up and really draw me in to it.

Charlie and her twin brother, Cameron, are from a well to do, life controlling, family. He breaks the mold and heads out to California while she stays behind and plays it safe, always trying to follow the rules. Her mother sends her out to pack up Cameron's life after he passes away.

While she's at his apartment, she finds a piece of paper signed by a gal named "Ginger." On the paper it shows an event called Riot Night. She's curious as to who "Ginger" is, and what was Cameron doing at Riot Night? Her best friend from home gets her all the info she needs about this Riot Night and she makes her way to the place where it's held. When she walks in to this "club" it's like the world has transformed back in to the 1950's. There she meets the bartender and locks eyes with the guitarist on stage, Jhett. She gets emotional and has words with the bartender and runs away. Jhett chases her and this is when they meet.

It turns out Jhett is a hot guitarist, bad boy, with plenty of tattoo's, who rides a beach cruiser bicycle and just so happened to be Cameron's best friend. He takes an interest in Charlie and the rest goes from there. Little does she know Jhett has a deep secret he will do anything to keep from coming to light. He will do anything to finally have the beautiful Charlie at his side. She's the one thing that finally makes him happy.

These two flirt with friendship, feelings, to moving in together and finally deciding to become officially boyfriend and girlfriend. However, there are other forces at play that try to come between these two. Someone seems to be following Charlie and Ginger, as it would turn out, is Jhett's older sister, Gracie. Gracie and Cameron were in love with each other and now it appears that Gracie and her friends have their own agenda when it comes to Jhett and Charlie.

Some drama happens, an accident occurs and life will forever change for Jhett and Charlie....or should I say yet AGAIN.

This didn't end on a cliff hanger, it's more of a "to-be-continued".

Tessa Teevan says

This was a fantastic debut novel by Sarah Ashley Jones and I'm definitely looking forward to more of her work. When we first meet Charlie she's been sent to California to pack up her brother's belongings to bring back to Tennessee. Cameron wasn't only her brother, but her twin, so the pain of his death is nearly unbearable. Cameron was the independent twin. The twin that left their snooty small town and never looked back. He loved life and lived it to his fullest, regardless of what anyone else said. Charlie was the dutiful twin. She went to the college her parents wanted her to and chose the major that they wanted. She wasn't following her dreams, and Cameron constantly tried to get her to change her ways. To be true to herself, but she always resisted.

One night when visiting a nightclub that Cameron used to frequent, she meets his best friend, Jhett. She's thrown off because her brother never mentioned him, but Jhett makes it clear that he knows all about her and proves that he really did know Jhett. It's uncanny the things that Jhett knows, so it's obvious that Cameron

loved to talk about his sister. Jhett and Charlie begin to spend more time together and soon she's agreeing to throw up the middle finger to her parents & everyone in Tennessee and decides to stay in California for the summer.

It's quickly obvious that Jhett and Charlie are burning for each other, and I loved their chemistry! They were so hot for each other and we didn't have to wait long for them to explode with lust. I was so glad that the author didn't take a long time having them dance around each other. Once they were **not friends** I loved watching their relationship grow. They were literally perfect for each other in every single way. And as a cherry on top, I loved that Charlie was able to be with someone who knew and loved Cameron as much as she did. There is very heartbreaking event that had me sobbing and clutching my Kindle to my chest, but in the end, I was left happy and satisfied.

Charlie was such a great female main character. I was afraid that she was going to be too timid with Jhett and what she wanted, but I couldn't have been more wrong. There must've been something in that California air, because when she wanted something, she went after it until she got it. She stood up for herself when necessary and told it like it is. And I loved every second of it. She's also a pretty damn funny drunk. I wouldn't mind splitting a twelve pack with her.

I've never seen you more beautiful than you are right now. You can do all those things, Charlie. I believe in you.

Sigh. Do you love Jhett already? I know I do!! He was awesome with Charlie, and just downright amazing in general. He pushed her to be herself, to let go of what everyone else wanted and go after what she wants. He's also an incredibly sexy, tatted up, former rocker who loves to cook. Ummm, does it get any better than that?!

All in all, I love Promise Me This. I laughed, I cried, I swooned. I'm going to be Twitter stalking Sarah Ashley Jones until book 2 comes out. And no worries, there isn't really a cliff hanger. As the author says, it's a "hopeful-hanger" and she's not lying.

ARC was kindly provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Cassandra Giovanni says

The Cover: I really love this cover, and I fell in love with it even more as I watched Sarah's amazing YouTube video of it's creation. As a writer and photographer, I really enjoyed how she wanted the book to really showcase her characters as she saw them. The best part--I saw them the same way, too.

The Book: This novel puts you right into Charlie's world where she has learned that her brother has died, under not really mysterious circumstances. We are able to see some of those circumstances that are hinted at when we meet Jhett. I really enjoyed both of their characters, Charlie being the typical Southern Belle, and Jhett being a somewhat typical bad boy. What I mean by this is, I don't really see him as a bad boy in anyway except his tattoos. When we see him playing guitar in a 50's throwback, I just don't get that rocker bad boy feel. I never felt he was a bad boy--he was just too sweet to be, and his, while cute, bicycle basically instantly took away from the bad boy feel for me. This isn't a bad thing, for his character is still believable and loveable. The thing that struck me through out the book was the fact that it felt slightly like The Notebook, and even more so at the end of the book. I liked the tone of the book, and the characters were easy

to fall in love with.

Things that Stuck Out To Me: First, these are my opinions and in no way am I saying this book wasn't good, because it was. These things just stuck out to me.

-Charlie talks about painting, but you never really see her painting or understand her love for it, besides fighting her parents over it. This could be the painter in me...

-I don't really know what kind of music Jhett played to make all his money, but it appears he made a boatload of it--and I don't really understand how, because it's never really said that he was famous, etc. Maybe my harping on this point has to do with my own insane obsession with music and being married to a musician who was once offered to be signed.

-Dueling POV happen in this book, and if you've read any of my other reviews you know I'm not a fan of this or 3rd POV in general. This novel is written from both Jhett and Charlie's perspectives, but while I loved Jhett--I felt like the sections in his POV took away from the suspense of the novel. I must admit that I had figured out Jhett's guilt trip at about 50% through the book. Being in his POV gave it away to me, but I felt like Sarah did a great job of showing Charlie noticing he seemed guilty. Thus, I could have done without his POV, especially because it was not prominent through out the book and Sarah did a great job showing it through Charlie's eyes.

Overall, I really did like this book. It did progress in a way that had me skimming over certain things, but I became very invested in the characters. I cared about their lives and what was happening to them. As for what lots are calling a cliff hanger ending--I didn't feel that way. I'd love to see more of Sarah's writing and these characters, but I didn't feel that with the way it ended I really needed it. I felt the Happily Ever After was there either way. I'm super excited to see what this author puts out next, and I look up to her!

Holly *Confessions of a Lit Chick* says

<http://confessionofalitchick.blogspot...>

I LOVED this book. I started it last night and couldn't put it down! (I finished it this morning, with A LOT of shushing on my part, so everyone would stop talking to me) :P

This book made me swoon, laugh and sob. I actually felt Charlie's loss over her brother's death. Having brothers my self, I would NEVER be able to move on (well I feel that way), but Charlie's strength as a character filled me with admiration! So, a great THANK YOU to Sarah Ashley Jones for writing a remarkable female character who finally had an iron will and a loving heart!

Also, I have to express my love for Jhett and his love for Charlie. In which he gave her someone to cling onto and pour out her feelings and share their love for her brother. He is an amazing hunk, with tattoos, plays guitar, serenades and pushes Charlie to follow her dreams hoping to be a part of them.

I loved this novel! My only question is, when can I buy book two? Pretty pleaseeee, I need to know :D xxx

Tee loves Kyle Jacobson says

Lately I have had a great streak with reading some awesome books and this is just another one that I read. I have to say that right from the beginning I was hooked because I grew up between the north and the south really North Carolina and boy oh boy what a difference. I mean all year up here in the North where people don't say yes ma'am no ma'am yes sir no sir was a struggle because I would spend the entire summer down in North Carolina and it was shell shock the first week then I got into the swing of things. So when I started reading Promise Me This I was right at home.

Charlie and her brother Cameron are close sometimes closer than normal siblings because Charlie tells Cam everything and they even share some dreams together. Charlie is living the southern belle life going to Vanderbilt college and doing everything her parents say. She is sad when her brother Cam decides to move to California for some fun in the sun and the waves. But she visits him and they hang out and things are like the used to be. That is until one day they get the call that Cam is dead.

For Charlie her world is turned upside down and she is grieving hard. For her mother though she wants Charlie to do everything for her because she tells Charlie that Charlie knew what her brother liked and didn't. So hurting and alone Charlie returns to California to empty her brothers apartment and try and move on. But once she gets there she gets to see things differently and she wants answers and that leads her right into the arms of Jhett. Jhett knows more about Cam's death than he is letting on but one thing is clear he is starting to have feelings for Charlie. But will the secrets he holds end them even before they have begun? Will Charlie open up to Jhett and let him in? Will she find the answers she seeks?

AnnCleire says

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QUESTO LIBRO è STUPENDO!

“Charlie, don’t get me wrong, you are the most gorgeous woman I’ve ever laid eyes on, especially in this vintage get-up. But tonight, I’m in awe that you would even go anywhere with me. In fact, I’m beginning to question whose birthday this really is, because I would love to unwrap you like a gift of my own right now.” He leaned in, painfully slow, before planting a soft and tender kiss on my cheek.

“Promise me this” è uno di quei libri che mi sono capitati davanti per caso, senza un reale motivo, ma che con la sua splendida copertina mi ha conquistata al primo colpo. E così quando ho avuto l’occasione di partecipare al Blog Tour organizzato da Tessa from My Pathway to Books non ho potuto proprio dire di no. E meno male perché altrimenti mi sarei persa un libro meraviglioso che mi ha conquistato a prima lettura.

Benvenuti nel Sud – dove il the è dolce e gli accenti anche più dolci. Questo modo di vivere del Sud è tutto quello che Charlie ha sempre conosciuto. E fino a quando non ha perso l’unica persona che l’ha sempre spinto a liberarsi della maschera di Bellezza del Sud che non ha iniziato a vivere la vita si cui ha bisogno e

non quella che i suoi genitori le hanno costretto addosso.

Jhett ha vissuto al limite da quando ha memoria – costantemente andando avanti e indietro tra l'essere una rock star e vivere una vita normale. Il suo atteggiamento ribelle e qualche volta arrogante lo hanno reso famoso nel mettersi nei guai, specialmente quando le ragazze che stanno in attesa delle sue mosse.

Charlie non ha mai pensato che un viaggio per impacchettare l'appartamento del fratello avrebbe lasciato i suoi sentimenti molto più in bilico circa i dettagli oscuri della morte di Cameron. Il suo indagare per informazioni la conduce dritta verso il luogo di ritrovo del ragazzo e nelle braccia di Jhett, che conosce molto più della sua situazione di quello che dovrebbe.

Solo poche domande restano. Come può fidarsi di qualcuno solo basandosi sulle loro parole? E se fai una promessa, quanto lontano vai pur di mantenerla?

Due premesse: ho avuto le lacrime agli occhi per gli ultimi sei capitoli, ho girato l'ultima pagina con la scritta "To Be Continued" e ho urlato disperata "Cosa? No non è possibile!" (true story il cane è arrivato abbaiano).

Questo per dire che questo libro è assolutamente meraviglioso, uno di quelli che ti entrano nel cuore appena lo inizi a leggere e che non puoi dimenticare perché è assolutamente perfetto. Una contemporary romance, un New Adult, qualcosa di più. In un primo momento potrebbe pensare che è la fotocopia di tantissimi altri libri che si trovano in giro, ma vi posso assicurare che è uno dei più belli che abbia letto quest'anno. Scritto splendidamente, la trama è arrangiata in modo così stupefacente che il lettore deve leggere, non può smettere e si innamora immediatamente dei protagonisti. Sia Charlie che Jhett hanno qualcosa di speciale e la storia che li unisce è davvero magica.

Charlie è la classica brava ragazza, quella che cede sempre al compromesso, che nella sua volontà di accontentare tutti si ritrova a dover perdere pezzi di sé stessa, a rinunciare a quello che desidera per la propria vita. Quando arriva per la prima volta nell'appartamento del fratello è una ragazzina spaventata, incapace di prendere una decisione per sé stessa e che cede alle pressioni esercitate dalla madre, che cerca di controllare ogni aspetto della sua vita: dalla scelta del college alla cernita dei possedimenti di Cameron morto improvvisamente in un tragico incidente. Ma Charlie in fondo è una guerriera, una di quelle ragazze che fanno quello che vogliono, e sanno come ottenerlo. Non c'è modo di prevedere dove la porterà la vita ma nella sua smania di trovare la verità trova sé stessa, trova in qualche modo un'altra verità, totalmente inaspettata. Ecco quindi che questo romanzo non è solo una storia d'amore ma è anche e soprattutto un romanzo di formazione, uno di crescita e di scoperta, una storia che cambierà il vostro modo di vedere le cose. Ma è anche un romanzo che parla di elaborazione del lutto, della perdita di una delle persone più importanti della vita della protagonista e di come Charlie riesca a trovare alla fine modi sani per superare il dolore. Dolce, confusionaria, imbranata e totalmente innocente, non ha mai bevuto alcool in vita sua e ha un modo tutto suo di entrare nelle stanze non annunciata e sconvolgere la vita di chi la vede per la prima volta. Una protagonista incantevole.

E poi c'è Jhett, dall'aspetto che incute timore, ma che in realtà è un ragazzo da cuore d'oro che vi farà svenire ad ogni occasione. Un chitarrista eccezionale, un cuoco capace di trasformare un hamburger in cucina di alta classe, con uno spiccato senso di protezione, con la sindrome del shining white knight (il cavaliere sul cavallo bianco tanto per intenderci), con il corpo, e soprattutto le braccia ricoperte di tatuaggi (la scena in cui ne spiega il significato è di una dolcezza straordinaria che vi farà piangere), Jhett è un ragazzo che entra e vi porta via il cuore. capace di concentrarsi su quello che vuole, motivato e intrigante, dai gesti dolcissimi e l'animo pieno di passione Jhett nasconde un segreto, capace di mettere a repentaglio tutta la sua relazione con Charlie. Di un romanticismo puro e incredibile, con una casa che farebbe l'invidia di qualunque hippie, Jhett mi ha fatto cadere ai suoi piedi da quando è apparso per la prima volta con il ciuffo alla Elvis e i vestiti anni cinquanta, ma mi ha catturata definitivamente nella scena della cipolla... *swoon* I personaggi secondari sono favolosi e contribuiscono a rendere ancora più spettacolare questo libro, a partire da Danny un barista amico di Jhett che vi farà ridere, Hannah la best friend di Charlie, uno spirito libero

capace di mettersi a ballare appena sente qualche nota che sarà di reale sostegno per la ragazza e il padre di Charlie capace di stupirmi e di entrare nel mio cuore. E come non citare Ginger la sorella di Jhett? Una peperina dai capelli rossi, capace di gesti dolcissimi e uscite imbarazzanti, con un dolore enorme che si porta nel cuore.

Ambientato a San Diego, California, molti sono i luoghi che accompagnano la narrazione, a partire proprio dalla casa di Jhett, ma quello che riveste l'importanza maggiore è la spiaggia. Infatti in riva all'Oceano Pacifico accadono tutti gli eventi più importanti, quelli che segnano le svolte più importanti nella trama e che sicuramente rimarranno impresse nella memoria, sia in positivo che in negativo, ma l'acqua riesce a sedare tutte le emozioni che albergano nei protagonisti.

Il particolare da non dimenticare? Una bicicletta...e un tovagliolino con un messaggio... perché? Leggete e scopritelo! XD

Narrato da entrambi i punti di vista di Charlie e Jhett questo libro è sicuramente un must have, uno di quelli che devono far parte della vostra collezione. Una storia d'amore dal sapore dolce/amaro che in qualche modo non è troppo sdolcinata e viene accompagnata dalla giusta dose di verosimiglianza e dallo stile della Jones che va dritto al punto e conquista il lettore con la sua evoluzione. Non solo quindi una romance con i fiocchi capace di intrattenere, ma una storia che si appella ad ogni livello dell'animo del lettore che si ritrova ad identificarsi con Charlie e ad adorare Jhett ad ogni capitolo un po' di più. A me non resta che aspettare il nuovo libro, ne ho bisogno tipo... ieri. Ho talmente adorato questa storia che non riesco a smettere di pensarci.

Buona lettura guys!

Ringrazio immensamente Tessa per avermi concesso l'incredibile opportunità di leggere questo libro in anteprima e di partecipare al Blog Tour. Grazie!

Toni says

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Charlie is a sweet girl who always played things safe, always complied with the demands of her controlling mother. She was afraid to take chances, to really let go and risk her comfortable life in Tennessee. Charlie was pissed that her mom sent her to California to pack up her brother's apartment - *um, hello.. who wouldn't be? What parents would put such a task on their daughters shoulders?* - but it ended up being the wake up call Charlie needed. She found something in Cameron's apartment that piqued her curiosity about what his life had been like there, which launched her right out of her comfort zone in the quest for answers. While she didn't find immediate clarity, she did stumble right into super hunk, Jhett Hudson, on stage, guitar in hand, with his well-fitting t-shirt, pants cuffed at the bottom, and his dark hair slicked into a pompadour.

Um, yeah...HUGE Elvis Presley fan right here, not to mention my rock-a-billy fetish. Jhett is officially my new book boyfriend.

Promise Me This is a sweet tale told from Charlie and Jhett's perspectives, though Charlie has the main stage.

Simply put: This is an endearing story about a conflicted girl finding love, finding happiness, and most of all.. finding herself. It was an enjoyable, quick read, but it wasn't without its flaws.

The plot was somewhat predictable and the insta-love between Charlie and Jhett was a bit cliché. I also loathed Jhett's sister, Gracie. Not in the way she was intended to be disliked, either. Her character was a total disconnect for me. Her over-the-top behavior was off-putting. OK, I really just wanted someone to claw her eyes out. Is that so wrong?

The character I really connected with, was Hannah. She is Charlie's best friend from Tennessee, and she was a freaking blast to read about! She's all about having fun and has a wickedly sarcastic tongue, but also a heart of gold. A smart mouth and a loyal heart gets you pushed to the head of the friendship line as far as I'm concerned.

Overall *Promise Me This* was a light, fun debut novel that die-hard fans of contemporary romance will enjoy. I am interested to see what this author has in store for us in the future, especially after she ended the story the way she did! Sarah Ashley Jones may be as sweet as a cupcake, but she really knows how to leave a reader hanging!

Imani says

First off, thank you Sarah for giving me this book for an honest review.

I really was not expecting this story to go down like it was. It starts off as Charlie a.k.a Charlotte is packing up her older brother's belongings in his apartment in San Diego. While she is going that she finds a note from a girl Ginger to her brother Cameron. She goes to the bar that says the name on the napkin and meets Jhett Hudson, her brother's best friend.

Mind you, her brother is dead and we don't exactly know why but it wasn't planned or anything. So the story is just Charlie hanging out with Jhett and meeting Ginger and finding out what happened to her brother.

This blew me away, I totally fell in love with the story and I get the bond over Cameron and Charlie, I love my brother's and sister's and I would be devastated if any of them died.

I will be reading the next book in this duet, series? However many I will read.

Thanks again Sarah!
