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A trail of danger and dreams...

She may be an heiress, but Parker Promise Sinclair cares more about living an adventurous life than snaring a suitable husband. So it's no surprise when she joins a Wyoming wagon trail—only to survive a massacre that leaves her with no memory, a target on her back—and her abiding faith tested by the only man who can possibly protect her.

His gunfighting skills and trail savvy have saved U.S. Marshal Jake McBride more times than he can count. And his instincts tell him the only way to keep Promise alive is to take her along on his high-stakes cattle drive. But she soon proves she can ride and shoot with the best of them—and Jake finds it increasingly difficult to keep himself from falling for her. Soon, with danger closing in, they'll have only one chance to face their doubts, their fears—and their growing love...

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Sandra_d says

Scarlett Dunn has another wonderful book in Finding Promise. Jake McBride, retired US Marshall, is driving a large herd of cattle back to Wyoming, planning to join his brother Colt (from book 1) on the family ranch. Jake encounters a devastating scene and rescues Promise from what may be a very difficult situation, and possibly even death. Although it slows his journey considerably, Jake doesn't mind the extra time or effort to care for her and keep her safe.

Promise traveled West to visit relatives in Denver, and was anxious to spend time drawing and painting the beauty of the West, even hoping to encounter some authentic cowboys for inspiration. Her journey has been filled with both known and unknown dangers, but with Jake she feels much more secure.

Through a variety of circumstances, Promise ends up in Wyoming at the McBride ranch with the newly reunited McBride brothers. While everyone can see that Promise and Jake care deeply for one another, and Promise is willing to acknowledge it, Jake is not. Believing that Jake doesn't care for her, Promise avoids Jake, and Jake, believing Promise has an interest in another man, avoids her.

Much happens to add interest and adventure to the running storyline, and you can't help but root for them as a couple, but shake your head as time and again they find a way to stay apart. I loved that this book brings back characters from Promises Kept (Colt and Victoria's story), and done in a solid, meaningful way that incorporates their continuing story rather than just a quick glimpse of their life like what so often happens in series books. (This is a stand-alone book, you need not have read Colt's story, but if you have, you will enjoy peeking in on their lives.)

Overall, very well done. Thank you to the author and publisher for an ARC, from which this review is based, in exchange for an honest review.

Cynthia Marcano says

Second verse, same as the first! I was disappointed when reading Finding Promise because it does have promise. I read the previous book in the series by Scarlett Dunn and enjoyed the book OTHER than the fact that there is swearing in the book and there is no actual faith revelations throughout the book. So I decided to give her next book a try in hopes of redemption but unfortunately, found more swears words (more than the first book) and a passing mention of God here and there.

I can officially say I gave it try and move on from this author.

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Courtenay says

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This book is suitable for a large audience as it is filled with suspense and action but does not contain any lurid sex scenes and is not filled with swearing (unless you count damn or hell as curse words and even then it is limited.) What is great about this series is that you are not required to have read the first book for it to make sense. The story follows Promise from her estate in North Carolina, on the wagon trail and the cow drive to her aunt and uncle's ranch then to the McBride ranch. You cannot help but to hurt for Promise during her heartbreak of the loss of her brother then Jake pushing her away. All characters were believable and the scene with Shorty in a dress was hilarious.

"Shorty you make a real pretty woman,' Jake teased. Snorting, Shorty grumbled, 'I don't know how women wear this gear! I'm all trussed up. That Mrs. Wellington could have made this dang thing a little bigger,' he said, tugging at the bodice of the dress that had been altered to fit him. 'And I can't see nothing wearing this war bonnet! How in blue blazes do women see where they're going wearing these things on their heads?'"

Overall this was a great book set in the western cowboy era. I highly recommend this book to those who like strong cowboys and determined, brave heiresses.

Barb says

The McBride Brothers series by Scarlett Dunn is well worth your time. I read the first book in the series and liked it very much. I have just finished the second book in the series "Finding Promise". This book hits the ground running and never stops. I am amazed that one author can envision so many plots and problems for one hero and one heroine. I am eagerly waiting for the next book in the series which will be about the youngest McBride brother, Luke. Ms. Dunn has a way with western historical romances. The west was a wild and woolly place back in the day and we are provided with a montage of them throughout the book. I recommend this author and her novels.

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Linda Walters says

I did like this story, although a few times it did feel like it dragged a bit. Promise and Jake were both interesting, each in their own ways. Promise was more skilled than most people thought, probably because people only saw her outward beauty at first.

Jake was an honorable man, who once he saw the massacre that Promise survived did everything he could to protect her. That's the Jake that I got to know early on and really liked. But then later he did like a Jekyll and Hyde change that wasn't quite so charming. Oh, he wasn't evil but his guard did go up pretty fast. I understood the reasons, but Shorty had it handled in just a sentence. "You're just about the stupidest son-of-a-buck I've ever slapped eyes on." Yes, that pretty much nails it.

I understood that to some degree Promise felt guilty for other people's injuries and death's along the way. Of course she felt responsible once she got her memory back and that was displayed pretty well. A few times it felt like it got mentioned a little too much.

There were plenty of other interesting people in the book, including the introduction of Jake's brothers, Colt and Luke. The men on the cattle drive and at the ranch were pretty well drawn personalities as were the few women at the ranch. A few good friendships were developed there. Victoria and Colt's twin boys were a sweet addition.

I liked the subtle influence of God in places in this book. Including the reference that Jake didn't believe in coincidence but called them God-incidences.

There is an Excerpt for, "Last Promise" at the end of this book.

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Louis HerbalTea says

Really good read! Loved all the western, excitement, romance and adventure in the book it had so many twist and turns you really didn't expect to come too. It's one of my favorite books now!

Mave says

It's a novel clean, romantic but full of adventure and suspense with an amazing heroine and brave a cowboy Jack is retired US Marshall and was away from home for many years. With his men is carrying a large herd, he wants to reach his brother and work together at the ranch. He is faced with a scary scene: a caravan is attacked and and travelers are all dead, the only survivor is a really nice girl. Jack rescues and brings in his camp. The woman remains unconscious for a few days but when she wakes up he discovers that she has lost her memory. The little that Jack knows about her, he has discovered reading her travel diary. Promise feels that she can trust this man so generous, sweet and loyal and entrusted to him her life. She is in danger and the only way to save her is to take her with them to Promise, his brother's ranch. Between Jack and Promise there is a strong attraction but he is so determined to hide it and walks away from her more and more. Will they build a family or will divide forever?

Promise is a very beautiful woman but very unique: is able to shoot, loves to ride and preferred to paint rather than go to dances. She's a really lovable characters, I love her. At the beginning I also loved Jack, was a brave and loyal man but when her persisted in hiding his feelings for Promise was almost unbearable. This is the second book in this series although I have not read book 1, it in no way disrupted my enjoyment of this book.

I recommend it if you love clean romantic stories with cowboys and brave women. .

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Lisa Filipe says

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Michelle says

I really enjoyed while Promise is on the cattle drive and struggling with no memory. Their chemistry is fantastic, though it did border on racy. Once they get home though, Jake got into stubborn denial so badly that it got frustrating and seemed to drag onto the end.

Lone Tree Reviews says

Finding Promise is the second book of the McBride Brothers where Colt's brother Jake, tells his story. Jake is hauling cattle from Texas to Wyoming when he comes across a horrid scene of a massacre where only a pretty young woman named Promise survived. When Promise comes to and regains her memory after a couple of days after a shootout, she remembers who did it and how many were there and most importantly that her own brother was killed by these men.

When Jake realizes that Promise is in danger from these men and with Promise remembering where they were headed to her relatives ranch outside of Denver, the race is on to get her there but only to discover it's not safe there either. After Jake gets shot and his two brothers coming together to bring Promise back to their ranch in Wyoming, they set a trap that will send Jake to Mexico. On the way back to Wyoming, Jake makes a decision that will change his and Promise's life forever!

I truly love this series and part of me can't wait to read this final book but then it will be sad knowing that's the end of this great series! I also loved how Scarlett was able to intertwine the first book and this book together in a way that made it perfect! Even though there is only one more book in this series, I'm definitely a Scarlett Dunn fan now and can't wait to see what is to come in the future!

Thank You to Scarlett Dunn for writing a western romance series that isn't cheesy and can't wait to read the final book in the series!!

I voluntarily reviewed a complimentary copy of this book from NetGalley!

Karen says

Review to follow

Heather andrews says

I really liked Jake I thought he was a good guy, "you're a beautiful woman, and much too tempting for a man to be alone with in a wagon," he said lightly. "Asleep or awake." I liked this book I loved Jake, he was a sweet man.

