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Return To Love (Willow Valley Book 1)



Synopsis

The cowboy's back in town...Cassie Powell is perfectly happy with her small town life in Willow Valley. She has a successful bakery and a beautiful little girl--everything she's ever wanted. But when Jack Martin swaggers back into town, secrets she's worked too hard to keep threaten to bring it all tumbling down around her. Jack has always thought of Cassie as a little sister--until he sees her all grown up! But she's hiding something, and he's determined to find out what. Can he break down her walls and find a way into her heart?

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Customer Reviews

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review. This is the story of a woman who will do anything for her family. Cassie Powell is a successful small business owner with a local bakery and an adopted little girl. Her life isn't easy but she is content. Then Jack Martin, a man she has had a crush on her whole life comes back to town. Jack, Cassie and her sister grew up together. Jack dated her sister but they broke up while at college. When Jack goes to visit with Cassie, he realizes that she has grown into a fabulous woman and can't get her off his mind. He had always thought of her as a little sister but not anymore. This is a good, sweet romance that has some twists and turns that keep things interesting. This is the first book I have read from Christine Kingsley but it won't be

my last I thoroughly enjoyed this book. Don't want to give away any of the secrets of the book but I highly recommend it.

I loved this book. It is such a sweet romance, but that does not mean that everything is all sweet as sugar throughout. Jack has returned home to find Cassie, the sister of his ex girlfriend, all grownup, and he suddenly has other feelings, instead of sisterly feelings for her, but she has big secrets that she is keeping from him. As usual with secrets, these secrets end up causing lots of problems. As this relationship develops, and the truth comes out, it is the sweetest thing to watch. This is a well written book. I received this book from the author in return for an honest review. If you like a really good romance, I highly recommend this book.

Old friends turned lovers, secrets so shocking to be told, painful truths are spoken are just some things that you will read. This story will get the tears going when secrets are revealed and true heart breaking moments and words are spoken. I thought it would end in a cliffhanger when I was 97% and the couple still are made and hurt but it did get to their HEA ending, can't wait to see what the next book will have and if we get to catch up with Cassie and Jack Martin. Warning if you are looking for steamy action other than some making out you won't find any sex in this romance.

This book is so hard to get through without wanting to pull out my hair! I've had to put it down a dozen times because this Cassie character is absolutely annoying!! She acts like she is this Saint that cares so much, but really is a selfish, thoughtless, indecisive idiot. What kind of person who portrays themselves to be so loving and caring have the heart to keep a father and daughter apart, because of some idiotic promise you made to a sister that you don't even like, or a mother with almost no memory. To me, it's an unbelievable and unrealistic character. Does everyone in that small town not know the truth??? It seems like the characters in this book are so dumb that they all had a lobotomy! This book had so much promise, but failed with its attempt at trying to be believable.,

I really liked this story. The hero is the local boy that has been seeing the world but has decided to return home and stay to make a life for himself on the ranch. His father was not doing well and he needs to be with him to take care of things. Everyone in town is glad to see him and have him back. everyone except his childhood best friend, the heroine of the story. She is now running her own bakery and at 22 she has an adopted daughter. She seems very nervous with Jack back in town. There are a lot of secrets and Jack is having a problem understanding what is going on. He is,

however, very attracted to the woman that he once considered his little sister. The story of their HEA is a good one. There are some surprises and some times when you really want to smack the heroine!! I guess it is just age that kept her from knowing better. It was a good and entertain read and I definitely recommend it. I was not paid for this review. I am not an author nor do I know or am kin to one. I am a reader and this is just my opinion, nothing more, nothing less.

My rating is based on being misled. The book specifically said it was a clean read, which it was not. It's too bad since the author did well in portraying the chemistry between the two main characters and didn't need to rely on sex scenes to hold the readers attention.

I didn't care for this one. The writing was awkward and stiff at times. I found myself glossing over a lot of it because it was tough to read and skipped to the dialog. As for the plot...I found it incredibly weak. We find out early on that Sarah is Jack and Amanda's but there is never a good enough reason given as to why Cassie didn't tell him years ago. A selfish sister? A mom suffering from dementia? Not good enough reasons. Cassie is supposed to be the responsible and sensible one; it just doesn't make any logical sense. I was a bit disappointed with this one. While this was classified as "clean," there was some suggestive language that typically wouldn't be included in "clean" novels.

SPOILER ALERT!!! I don't think I have ever given a one star before. I had a hard time reading about Cassie not telling Jack that Sarah was his. I won't read books knowing the father is kept from knowing he has child unless it would be for security reasons. Even though it has a HEA it isn't till the end of the book. I skimmed through a lot of it just hoping she would tell him. Just my preference. There is enough in the world with the father not being able to see their children.

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