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Loving her wasn't what he'd promised...

Hayden Hawkins made a deathbed promise to his brother Ian: Hayden would watch over Ian's son Nick, and the boy's mother, Ronni. Despite Hayden's initial feelings for Ronni, everything changed when she captured—then broke—Ian's heart. Hayden's avoided her since.

Now Nick's in trouble and needs Hayden's guidance. It's time to keep his promise. But getting close to Ronni stirs up old emotions, not all of them good. Then there's the new chemistry they're both feeling.

The last thing Ronni needs is to get involved with former Marine Hayden, notoriously known as the *love 'em and leave 'em* member of the Hawkins family. Not that he'd want her anyway. Her own husband hadn't wanted her...the cheating husband she'd intended to divorce before an IED in the Middle East blew up her entire life, trapping her in a prison of the vows he'd broken.

Hayden can't help but feel for her. She's not the woman he thought she was. She's so much more.

She deserves happiness.

But neither of them can see how that's possible.

With over a half million copies of her books sold worldwide, award-winning author Susan Gable is known for her ability to weave realistic characters and powerful emotions, to make readers both laugh and cry.

Each of the Hawkins Family books, while part of a series, will stand alone. Come be part of the family! Get your copy today!

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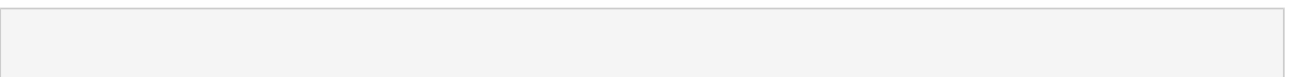
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Debbie Pringle says

While maybe qualifying as a beach read, I enjoyed book one enough to download the whole series. It's a sweet, feel-good story, written well enough not to piss me off, and the characters are really likeable, even if possibly too perfect. It's not a life changing social commentary but it's a fun read. I really liked the whole series.

robert tabora says

Hopeless Romantic

Read 1,2,and 3 Hawkins Family Book. Loved them. Hope you will write more. Love happy ending can't wait to read more

Vikki Vaught says

My Musings

Another wonderful emotionally charged romance with engaging characters and a fantastic plot. If you're looking for a great romantic love ?story, then this book is for you. Happy ?reading ?!

Pam says

A Promise to Keep: Hawkins Family Book 3 is by Susan Gable. This third book in the series of the Hawkins Family is definitely an emotional one. Susan has a knack for portraying honest emotion in her writing. She has taken a situation where a veteran is in a permanent vegetative state and his wife, who had asked him for a divorce due to his cheating, is continuing to take care of him because he is her husband. Such dedication to obligation, a little guilt, and even some love says a lot about the woman. However, does this mean her life is over?

Ronni Mangano is trying to raise her son, Nick, alone since his Father had died. Ian Hawkins' family was angry with her for leaving Ian two weeks prior to his death. For thirteen years, the only communication between them was only what was necessary for Nick to remain close to the Hawkins family. Even after her marriage to Scott Mangano, the Hawkins family kept close to Nick. Now, with Scott in a permanent vegetative state in a nursing home and now Nick being arrested, Ronnie has to give in and call the Hawkins' family for help. She turns to Hayden Hawkins, Ian's Irish twin, and once a friend of hers for help. Has she done the right thing?

Hayden heeds her call for help for Nick. He promised his brother to take care of Nick and Ronni; but immediately after Ian's death, he joined the Marines and was gone for years. Now he is back and is a teacher but he hasn't forgotten his promise. When Ronni calls, he goes to help but makes it clear it is for Nick not

her. He is surprised at the change in her, the laughing funny girl who married Ian is gone. A ghost of herself is standing in front of him. He knows he needs to work with her to help Nick. Can he do that?
The book is an emotional rollercoaster but is really fun to read. Susan Gable makes you want to hear about the other brothers and sisters of the Hawkins' family sooner rather than later.

Elizabeth Bennet says

I fell in love with Greg and Shannon in a Hero to Keep. From what I can see the Hawkins brothers are all keepers. Ronni was married to Ian Hawkins brother to Greg, Flin, and Hayden. I haven't read Flin's story but with this one Hayden has made a promise to his brother Ian before he died. Ian got cancer and he convinced himself he'd never make it. Ronni showed tough love and he pushed her away and shut her out. She was trying to be strong for not just him but their son too.

Hayden was close to Ian and Ronni. He envied the relationship they shared and secretly crushed on her. When his brother spends the last two weeks gripping to life Hayden becomes absorbed with hate at the missing Ronni. The whole family abandons her but when Nick (Ian and Ronni's son) gets himself into trouble the only way to save his future is to invite Hayden back into their world. I admired Ronni's strength and how she holds on to a thread with not just Nick and a family who hates her but she has remarried.

So many layers make up this story from rebuilding past friendships to battling insecurity. Ronni's husband has portrayed stepfather to Nick and now he is left in a vegetative state. I am not a fan of another man being in the picture between my H/h but this was an interesting experience. It didn't bother me. There are a couple reasons why. Ronni isn't in love with Scott anymore (Ronni's husband) and it is obligation and guilt that holds her there.

Hayden has never let any woman close to a real relationship passed a 30 day trial. I really liked that the author did not let hate and resentment absorb the family but allowed Nick to be placed first and what was best for him. They also were quick to realize their faults and let things go. It wasn't as powerful as Greg and Shannon's story but still an enjoyable story. Enjoy!

Mary McFarlane says

Ugh this family!!! They just always make me smile! I'd love a book for Derek or even the twins just so we can keep this family going!

Meryl says

HEA

A challenging storyline, but it was written really well. I must say, I shed a few tears reading this book. Nick, Hayden and Ronni captured my heart.

Holly Senecal says

A worthy next chapter in the Hawkins family story. Romance, yes, but also a strong family is what matters storyline. I give it 5 stars but wish I had 6.

June Hivnor says

Great series

I waited till I finished all of them. Truly a great series. Good summer reading and plot lines. Thank you

Ellen White says

A PROMISE TO KEEP by Susan Gable A Hawkins Family Story

Hayden, his brother Ian son's was in trouble, Nick now 14 years old.

Probation, thought he needed a man role in his life, and that would be with his uncle. Words hadn't been spoken in thirteen years because Rommi left before Ian died. The hurt, and they think he gave up because of it. A promise had been made, how difficult would it be, to be in Rommi and Nicks life now. Will they try for Nick. A good family story and of second chances. Good story that all ages will enjoy. Given ARC ,for my voluntary review and my honest opinion.

Karen Harper says

Many might disagree with me, but Hayden Hawkins isn't my favourite Hawkins brother. I'm sorry, but Fin is my favourite. But that doesn't mean that I didn't love Hayden and Ronni. In some ways, I thought this was more Ronni's story. I was certainly cheering her from the sidelines, although there were times when I wanted to spill her secrets, that is, when I finally found out what they were.

Once again, Susan Gable didn't disappoint me. I was in my happy place as her words took me on an emotional journey with the Hawkins family. Not only did I get to catch up with the Hawkins family, but I was able to get to know Hayden. I finally got to know Captain Chemo. My problem now I what series will I read next.

Written by Karen from A Thousand Lives Book Blog

Lesley says

A Semper Fi Love.

Ronnie has had it tough; her first love died on her, her second cheated on her but she feels tied to him due to him having been seriously injured. Hayden, who saw his brother's heart broken by a woman, protects his by having a sell by date on his relationships. The two haven't seen each other for 13 years but are forced together when her son/his nephew gets in trouble with the law. A beautiful story with well rounded and believable characters. Highly recommended.

I received a complimentary copy of this book from the author I was not compensated for my review, and I was not required to write a positive review. The opinion expressed here is my own.

Veronica Mostel says

Loved it

I love this series. They are amazing people. The bond between them is amazing. Love and support. They were perfect for each other

Karen Devine says

Awesome story!

Loved the characters! You never want anyone hurt especially out military and even finding out what he did, Ronni was justified in doing what she did in the end.

Rose Hefty says

Sweet

If you haven't read the other two book, no worries. The author fills you in with information for this story . The information won't ruin the other books if you care to go back and read them. With that said, this is a sweet book that tugs at your heart. I think everyone dreams of having someone like Hayden to love.
