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Loraine says

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REVIEW: Margaret Brownley's historical fiction is always a delight to read. With a touch of humor, usually a heroine who definitely does not fit the norm, and a hero that rides to her rescue, this one definitely keeps up with the author's standard. Filled with a theme of second chances and redemption as well as seeing the times that good things happened and the characters didn't realize it in the midst of chaos, this book definitely holds the readers attention.

FAVORITE QUOTES: "So what's your answer, Preacher? Why did God have to go and take my family?"
"God didn't take your loved ones, He received them with open arms."

"God works through everything. The good and the bad."

"For once in her life, she wanted to know that she was doing right by God. It wouldn't make up for the past but maybe, just maybe, it would make a difference in the future."

"The land doesn't change you... It just makes you more of who you are."

Donna says

A sweet romance and not overly preachy.

Rachel says

Wow! I liked just about everything about this exciting story. Sarah has grown up, raised by her brothers, to be an outlaw. She doesn't know anything about being a "proper" lady in society because of the life on the run. In stark contrast, Justin has been a preacher in the high society of Boston, leaving in disgrace and traveling to a new ministry in the wilds of Texas. Together they adapt, each learning to lean on each others strengths, and discovering a surprising companionship...and a few other surprises along the way.

Margaret Brownley has woven a beautiful story of excitement and adventure together with one of the most grace-filled books I have ever read! God's grace shines magnificently between each sentence, within each character's growth in their wavering faith, and in the bringing together of two such different people. Before the end, your faith will feel just as strong and renewed as Justin and Sarah's. Laughter, love, faith, and adventure (and Texas!) – this book has everything for the perfect story! {and it was a perfectly clean fiction too!}

Tamara Tilley says

A LADY LIKE SARAH is the first book I have read from Margaret Brownley. I was pleasantly pleased.

Sarah Prescott, is guilty by association. Her band of brothers have made a name for themselves by robbing the Wells Fargo stages as payback for the murder of their father. Caught by a U.S. Marshall, Sarah is on her way to be hanged for the death of a Wells Fargo passenger. When she and the Marshall are ambushed in the middle of nowhere, she finds herself cuffed to a dying man with no chance of rescue. That is until Preacher Justin Wells, happens along.

Justin is not at all use to the harsh, unforgiving West. Banished from his Boston church for improprieties he never committed, he is on his way to Rocky Creek, Texas where he will try once again to pastor a town. When he stumbles across Sarah and the wounded U.S. Marshall, he doesn't know what to think. She is unlike any woman (a term used loosely), he has ever known. Dressed like a man, with mannerisms and bad language to match, she acts as if the Marshall dying at her side means nothing more than to insure her freedom. When Justin realizes her harsh, unbending exterior is just a façade, he looks deeper and sees a woman that is lost and confused by her lot in life. Knowing he has no business feeling the way he does about Sarah, he tries to help her without getting emotionally attached. When they stumble upon a ravaged wagon train, whose sole survivor is an infant girl, he sees all the traits in Sarah that he needs to, to know she is a woman in want of a new life.

Justin and Sarah butt heads from the get go. First, because of her angry, unbending ways, but soon their banter stems from their refusal to acknowledge the feelings they have for each other. Once they do recognize their mutual attraction, they feel the overwhelming dread of what the future holds for Sarah. She is an outlaw, sentenced to death. Though Sarah is trying out her newfound faith, and is looking to God for a miracle, and Justin convinces her that their relationship can overcome all obstacles, her love for Justin will not allow her to ruin his future or the future of the child God has entrusted to them. She turns herself in and hopes that Justin's God really does provide miracles.

I really enjoyed A LADY LIKE SARAH. Though there were a few miss-steps that others have pointed out (a man without a gun in the middle of the dangerous west), I was willing to overlook those because of the

deeper truths that Ms. Brownley so eloquently pointed out. While many would see a preacher drawn to a criminal as an outrage, the author was quick to point out he was a man first and a preacher second. I felt this was a honest assessment that proved he was just as human as the next guy. It was in the way that he handled his attraction for her and how he challenged her to trust in God for their future that rang true as a man of faith.

An enjoyable book and a new name in fiction I will look for in the future. I have A SUITOR FOR JENNY, the next addition to the Rocky Creek Romance series from Margaret Brownley already on my desk. I look forward to cracking it open.

Kay says

Christian, historical romance is a new one for me.

Rebecca says

Fugitive Sarah Prescott and the Reverend Justin Wells certainly prove the axiom that "opposites attract" when the traveling pastor finds the lovely outlaw handcuffed, nearly dehydrated and accompanied by a mortally wounded U. S. Marshal. Fortunately, there are always two sides to a story and Sarah insists that her death sentence has been conjured up by a host of disreputable lawmen; she has killed no one, even though she has lived most of her life on the run with her notorious gang of brothers.

Justin Wells knows about false accusations; he has left Boston and made the lonely trek towards Texas on horse back after being falsely accused. Interestingly enough his next pastorate is in Rocky Creek, Texas, the very town where Sarah will be sent to the gallows when apprehended. Justin has never met anyone like the feisty redhead with swagger of a cowboy and conversation skills as tactful as a wild buffalo, but one thing is apparent and that is; Sarah needs a miracle.

This is a delightful romantic western on the surface and a deeply moving expression of faith between an unlikely convert and her God underneath. The characters are wonderfully cast and the story line has more than one cliff hanger; the perfect combination for an outstanding book!

Michelle says

This story was awesome! It remind me of Leather and Lace by Diann Mills in that the heroine was an outlaw. However, the similarities ended there. The plot was entirely different. I loved how the hero in the story was a preacher. What a fantastic way to set up a way to show the reader true Christianity.

The inspirational storytelling by Ms. Brownley was superbly written. I was blown away by how powerfully the subtle spiritual messages were brought out in the novel. The entire story rang true to me as nothing seemed forced or inserted to prove a point or to make the book "Christian". It naturally showed through the plot and characters how real Christian faith is supposed to work. I also loved how the little stories in the Bible came out and how the heroine's faith grew through the many trials she faced.

There were many, many touching moments in the story. And when it comes to suspense, I don't think I've felt this scared for a fictional character since reading *The Mark of the Lion* series by Francine Rivers back in the 90s. My heart went out to the hero and heroine because of their plight and their desire to be together, which seemed impossible barring a miracle.

Wonderfully written, amazingly romantic, and spiritually sound, this book is making my top fiction list for 2009. It's fresh and exciting and I read the story in two days. This novel releases at the end of December. Make sure to get a copy and start the next year with a great book! I can't recommend it highly enough.

Shantelle says

A Lady Like Sarah is a western type romance. For the most part, I found it to be enjoyable and sweet. Some of the faith themes were poignant, but others left me feeling a bit like, "Huh...?" Historical adventure, danger, and unlikely romance. I may have to give Margaret Brownley's writings another try! :)

Susan says

I didn't love Sarah. She's an outlaw who blames her life circumstances on other people. She's kind of weird. He is a pastor. He falls in love with her (to each their own) and he tries to help her straighten out her life.

Jennifer ALee says

What does it take for a woman to be a real lady? Is it the way she speaks? The clothes she wears? Or is it the depth of her character? When Pastor Justin Wells first meets Sarah Prescott, there's nothing ladylike about her. Her language is coarse, she dresses like a man, and she's in handcuffs with an injured US Marshall. Forced to travel together, Sarah and Justin forge a strong friendship, despite the initial friction between them. When friendship turns to love, Sarah must trust God for a miracle, because that's the only way she and Justin can be together.

Margaret Brownley has crafted a charming, entertaining novel of life, love, and survival in the American West. In Sarah, she gives us a woman who's been running so long, she believes that's her lot in life. And Justin is leaving his former Boston congregation in shame, his only choice to start a new life in far off Texas. Both have been judged for actions that were not their own, and both must trust God to show them their true selves. *A Lady Like Sarah* is funny, touching, and a great start to the new Rocky Creek series.

Kaitlynn N says

A book that feels a little too full of itself. For a book set in the west it sure does have a lot of white people in it, and when it doesn't it usually describes others as ebony skinned or as cold blooded Indians.

As much as I enjoy a good historical romance this book delved more and more into fantasy. Everything went

well and everything ended in a cliché way where it turned out fine. Novels with biblical aspects usually have it more intertwined into the story, this one just had a lonely preacher and the constant belief that an ex machina moment would happen.

The setting was beautiful and the character descriptions were pretty good, as was the way they interacted with each other. It was the plot and the way it all flowed together that created some bland aspects.

Laura Dvorak says

It was a fun read. The author is funny, and she's a very different type of heroine.

Courtney says

I loved A Lady Like Sarah by Margaret Brownley! The story is about a lady named Sarah Prescott, the funny thing about the title is Sarah is far from a lady!! Her parents died when she was a young girl and so she was raised by her wild, revenge seeking older brothers. They didn't teach her how to be a lady but how to defend herself against the harsh world and shoot, lie and sneak around. Sarah soon runs to a preacher by the name of Justin Wells who saves her numerous times and she ends up saving him a few times too. Sarah and Justin come from very different worlds and society standards that at first they clash badly, but soon a friendship blooms. They find an orphaned baby and are determined to find her a good home. Justin is trying to convince Sarah, who is an outlaw, to turn herself in and trust on God to keep her safe, all the while he is struggling with his own faith in God too.

A Lady Like Sarah is filled with mishaps, laughs, tears and lots of adventure. Margaret Brownley has really captured a good story of inspirational romance and God's forgiveness and guidance.

I really enjoyed the character of Sarah. She very much felt that God had abandoned her and that she did not deserve a good and happy life. Once she learned how great God was/is and that he never left her she turned her faith right around like a child! I recommend this story to anyone who loves inspirational romances and stories of God's amazing guidance, love and forgiveness in our lives!

Angela says

I loved this book and couldn't put it down.

Crystal Karre says

Loved it
