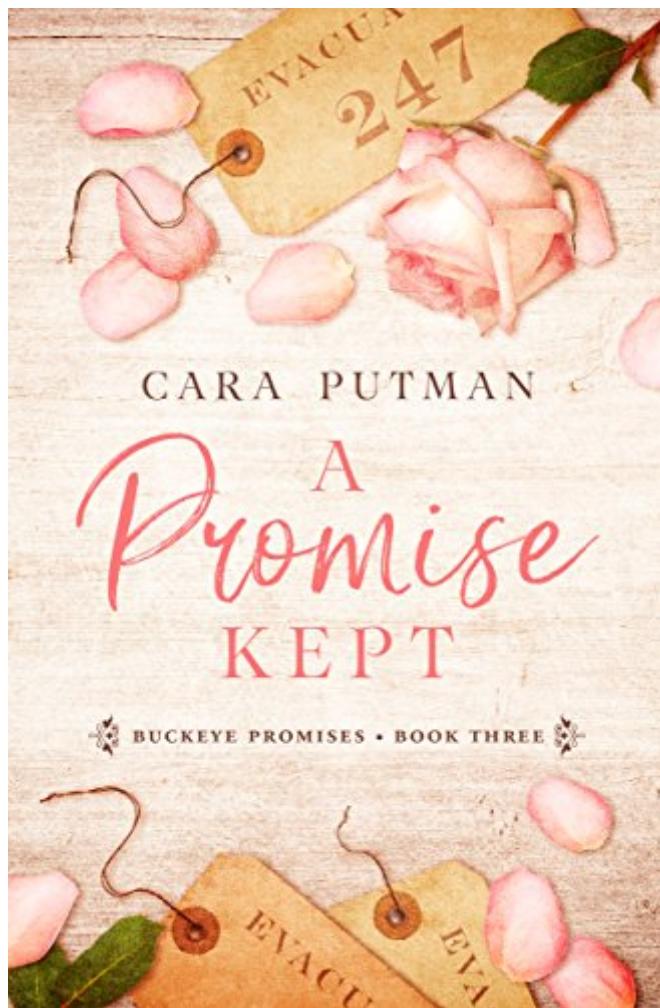


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Synopsis

Softness removed the lines around her eyes. "I love you, Art Wilson." Before he could respond, she stood on tiptoe and stole the rest of his breath with a kiss. He deepened the kiss and thoughts of abandoning the walk played in his mind. A heartwarming WWII historical from award-winning author Cara Putman: Can new love endure heartbreak? Josie Wilson's newlywed life is perfect—until her hopes and dreams are shattered by a miscarriage. She's not sure her wounded heart will ever heal. Then Art asks her to open their home to a distant cousin who's been evacuated from England. Will the child open her heart? Or will she remain closed off to the prospect of future pain? Art Wilson adores his bride, but he never anticipated how challenging marriage could be. When grief over the baby they've lost forms a chasm between him and his new wife, he wonders if he has made a horrible mistake. Why can't Josie support him and understand his long hours are necessary as the industry is reeling in the early days of World War II? Will the ravages of war and personal grief tear Josie and Art apart, or will they keep the promises made to each other on their wedding day? Click "send a free sample" and start reading now! Other books in this series: Canteen Dreams Sandhill Dreams Captive Dreams A Promise Forged A Promise Born

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I've always believed "The story's the thing." A book can have great characters and dialogue, and a thought provoking theme, but if it doesn't have a good story, I'm not interested. But in A Promise Kept, I connected to something other than the story. It touched my emotions and made me feel the characters' pain and joy. When I put it down, I had to shake off the feelings and remind myself that in my life, right now, I'm not grieving or confused, that I'm not an insecure newlywed anymore. Do you ever just want to read a book about Christian people living Christian lives? Josie and Art are doing that. In their first year of marriage they move to a new town, struggle with a big sorrow and give their love to a needy child. She fights loneliness. He tries to find his place in a new job. They love each other, even when they don't understand each other. There's no high adventure or drama in their story. There is a plot, but it's just about their day to day lives. That's the beauty of the book. Life happens to them, just like it does to you and me. And they respond to it as most Christians do. They bring it to the Lord; they recognize when they are willful; they forgive and continue to love. Reading this book will feel like you're sharing the lives of your neighbors. Enjoy the friendship. Pros: Strong Christian characters that draw the reader into their lives with a natural rhythm to the story. Cons: Some abrupt transitions and confusion surrounding the male character's job and relationship to his grandfather. The original review can be read on Pix-N-Pens at [...]

Josie begins her married life with Art Wilson with excitement. Only one thing mars her happiness; she'd hoped to begin her married life close to home and the guidance of her mother. Instead, she is beginning across the state, in a city she is unfamiliar with, with no close family. Still, marriage is everything Josie hopes it would be. Art is supportive of her fledgling cooking abilities, and patient when two months into the marriage she starts developing stomach problems. But when those stomach problems turn into a hoped for pregnancy, the excitement level skyrockets. Still, when an unexpected loss rocks their world, Josie cocoons herself, and Art struggles to know how to reach out to her. World War II is in its beginning years, and when a distant cousin comes to America seeking refuge from the London bombings, their relationship is compounded. Will Art and Josie be able to work through the difficulties and develop a lasting love? I was just thinking as I finished reading the Heartsong Presents before this one that it is a shame there isn't too many of these little books out there on the relationship of a husband and wife inside a loving relationship when troubles

occur and they have to go through "for worst" part of a marriage. A PROMISE KEPT is this sort of book. I know several of my friends were wanting Heartsong Presents dealing with a marital relationship, and this book should be one that will meet their needs. I enjoyed reading A PROMISE KEPT, and am looking forward to reading many more books by this author. World War II is my favorite historical period to read about and it was neat to know that my favorite World War II author, Tricia Goyer, helped Ms. Putman with parts of this story. Readers of Heartsong Presents, fans of World War II romance, and historical fiction shouldn't miss A PROMISE KEPT.

A Promise Kept by Cara C. Putman Opening in 1939 with the wedding of Josephine Miller and Art Wilson, this WW II novel followed the love of two young people through the ups and downs of early marriage. The theme of being uprooted ping-ponged through their lives emotionally bouncing like a ball in a table tennis game. Complicating their lives were a bar hopping colleague, an uppity matron and an overbearing grandfather. Smoothing their way were their kindly grocer and his wife, a spinster librarian and a social worker. One life shaking experience, a mid-term miscarriage followed by postpartum depression, challenged their love, but the unexpected arrival of an eight year old cousin evacuated from London provided new purpose. Our hearts ached for little Cassie uprooted by war and thrown into a strange culture. As sudden as the London blitz, a radical change at work threw Art and Josie into crisis threatening to uproot them again. What would they do? How would they respond? Would their love withstand the test? What about little Cassie? Once again, Cara Putman wove a tale of love amidst war engendered conflict. With the skill of a master storyteller, she engaged us in the lives of her characters. Her plot compelled us to turn the pages. Her Christianity affirmed our own sense of right as her characters struggled with the challenges thrown their way. No Pollyanna paperback, this novel dealt with tough life issues providing a valid counter-cultural answer. I heartily recommend this book for readers from High School through their Golden years.

Unlike most romances that end with a wedding, this book opens with the wedding and we then watch Art and Josie as they go through the first full year of marriage, good and bad. First there is moving away from the family in order to get a good job, then there is tragedy. If you have ever had a miscarriage, or maybe even more important, if you know someone that has but you don't know what to say, then this book is a gift. It will give you insight into what someone going through a miscarriage might be thinking and even the difference between how a man and a woman differ in their reaction to how they handle the miscarriage. This book also deals with life in Ohio during WWII, before the

US enters the war, but when children from London were being sent over here to live. Art and Josie take in one of Art's distant cousins and they have to adjust to having an 8 year old when they are newlyweds. All in all this book is a good portrayl of how life is never perfect, its how we react that determines happiness or misery. So refreshing to read a book that didn't follow the usual romance recipe!

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