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A Life Built on a Legacy -- A Legacy Built on Lies Sarah Sanders was always the reasonable sort, until she kissed a cowboy against her better judgment. Falling strangely drawn to this mysterious ranch hand with a dark past, she finds herself swept up in an adventure that will force her to question everything she believes. Jim Anderson's cowboy gig is going pretty well. Except for one thing. He thinks he's going insane. Night terrors, hallucinations, and now a girl he has no business falling for. It's better to keep his distance. But when Sarah is nearly killed, he will risk it all to save her. When tragedy brings him back to the home he tried to escape, Jim will have to face the truth behind his strange circumstances and hope that Sarah will believe him. Digging up the answers to questions long buried, does he have the strength to face the dark family secrets that threaten to destroy them both?

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Barbara says

On a landscape spanning the breadth of the nation, from California to Montana to Virginia, Stephania, H. McGee paints distinct, vivid portraits of her many characters in Legacy of Lies. There's Sarah, a college student floundering in financial difficulties and concerned about grades, but firm in her faith. She is questioning her attraction to fellow student, Clark, but hopes to resolve her doubts by going to his father's ranch in Montana during a school break. There she meets Jim, a troubled ranch hand. When Jim is devastated by the sudden news of his mother's death, she is drawn by empathy and charity to support him on his sad journey home for the funeral.

Their developing relationship is played out against a clash of family tensions and mystery. McGee keeps her story moving and the reader guessing, expertly juggling the elements of gothic suspense, cowboy romance, divine intervention, and inspirational fiction. I enjoyed Legacy of Lies for its characters and unique mix of story styling. I look forward to McGee's next work. Will she find a happy ending for Clark?

Amber says

A Legacy of Lies is a beautiful and precious reminder that God has a perfect and good plan for each of us. While the path to the fulfillment of that plan may be neat and clean or it might be messy and painful, but no matter the shape or condition of your journey, He will always be there with you, cheering you on, sending His encouragement, and always just a breath away to help us out if we will only ask. A Legacy of Lies is such a wonderful manifestation of this promise of God to believers and non-believers alike. It brings more of an awareness of the fact that God moves in mysterious but magnificent ways toward the perfection and completion of our life's journey.

You will find that when you surrender your life to Him and allow Him to guide you, He will fulfill your wildest dreams and then go far beyond even those. We see a testament to just that in the journey that Sarah and Jim shared. Sarah allowed herself to be surrendered completely to God's will because she had reached the end of her ability to further guide her life into what she had planned for herself. Once she gave up control of her life, God then stepped in and guided her decisions to bring her to the place she needed to be. We then find Jim drawn to Sarah throughout a chain of interesting events. Jim finds in Sarah the friendship, love, and hope that he has always needed and wanted.

While circumstances may not work out the way we think they should, they always work out the way they were meant to when God is in the center of them. We only need to rely on Him and allow Him to move on our behalf. A Legacy of Lies is a token to us of God's ever enduring and magnificently unfathomable love to us. A Legacy of Lies meticulously displays His desire is to see us live a life of promise, hope, and fulfillment. We, in turn, need to surrender our hearts and our lives to Him in order to see our life transformed into what it was always meant to be.

Stephania H. McGee portrays this yearning for us from God in such a palatable and melodic way that a part of your heart will want to stay behind with Sarah and Jim longing to walk hand in hand with God each day. She painstakingly created a living and breathing masterpiece that will touch your heart and change your mind about how God uses circumstances to bring people together in order to fulfill His plan for their lives. I

have loved every part of A Legacy of Lies, and I am anxious to see what Stephenia writes next.

Salynda says

I hate to say this, but getting through the book for me was a struggle. I had read the description and thought I would really like it. I hadn't read anything like it yet so it really interested me, but after reading the book I am disappointed.

I thought that this book would be out in the country where there are a ton of cowboys. I don't even think half of it was there. Another thing is I have an extremely hard time getting into books that you read a ton of different peoples perspectives, unless it is done very well. I can think of 6 peoples perspectives that I read, a couple of them weren't necessary in my opinion. It just got to confusing keeping track of everybody.

Jim and Sarah's romance was not believable for me. So many things happened in the book that I don't think would happen in real life.

One thing I did like about it was that it was well written and easy to read.

I'm sorry for my negative comments but I have to be truthful. Please don't let my opinion sway you to much in your decision to read the book or not. Just because I didn't enjoy it doesn't mean you won't either. Happy Reading:)

Rating: 2 Stars

I received this book in exchange for a review. I hope you like my honest opinion and return to my blog for more of it in the future!

Visit my blog at: <http://kissedbooks.blogspot.com/>

Lynette Endicott says

Christian author Stephenia H. McGee introduces us to a stressed pre-med student during college finals. Sarah needs change in her life, and finds it as she follows God's leading to touch the life of a man troubled by frightening dreams and visions. This sweet romance is spiced with suspense, complex family relationships and redemption.

California, Virginia, Montana, Colorado - all the settings are vividly described backdrops for this well-woven story. It is a Montana Cowboy story like none I've ever read. Along with the horses and dude ranch and cattle drive, the heroine experiences a journey to find the life and love God intends for her.

The author keeps you reading the next chapter and the next as she skillfully introduces each character, then weaves them into a story that will keep you guessing until the very end. I highly recommend Legacy of Lies as a sweet but exciting read.

Ruth Hill says

From the beginning, I did not like the book. I know that seems strange in light of my rating, but keep reading so that you may comprehend my reasoning. This book was extremely hard for me to follow. I had to keep reading so I could understand which portions were flashbacks and which parts of the book were happening now. I also struggled to keep the characters straight, but in time, it all made sense.

On the positive side, I am highly pleased that there is no profanity and no sex scenes. In addition to this, the Christian message is there (even though there are some rather ambiguous passages), and the tenets of the gospel are delineated more than once. For these reasons alone, I could certainly recommend this book. The filth of the world is definitely there, but the redemptive work of Christ is seen throughout.

Until I was within twenty pages of finishing the book, I have to admit that I did not care for the story. I did not connect with the characters, and was beginning to look at the page numbers rather than the content. However, the author jarred my senses when facts began to leak out concerning the more unusual facets of the story. I wish she had put more of this "grit" in the story earlier, and maybe in her next book she will. She has the makings of an amazing author, and I would certainly want to read another of her books. This book is short enough for me to recommend to those of you who like Christian books and/or mysteries.

I was sent a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. I was not financially compensated, and all opinions are 100 percent mine.

Samantha says

I recently had the privilege of being asked to review Legacy of Lies Cover "A Legacy of Lies" by Stephenia McGee, an emerging Christian romance writer. I should begin by saying that contemporary romance is about the furthest thing from my typical medieval reading, so this book was a step outside the box for me.

McGee packs several different elements into this 264 page book. There are supernatural encounters, Christian conversions, murder, deceit, and (of course) romance. The story is told through short chapters from various points-of-view. Sarah, the main character, is a struggling college student who decides to take a break from life to visit a ranch in Montana and explore her feelings for her boyfriend, who hopes the trip leads to something more serious. Other portions of the story are told through the characters of Jim, a cowboy at the ranch, and Jonathan, a rich middle-aged egotist who doesn't seem to fit into the story until about two-thirds of the way through. Several other minor characters have their point-of-view spotlighted for a few chapters giving the novel a choppy, unnecessarily complex feel. Though the overall story had potential, I thought that it took too long to bring all the meandering plots together into a cohesive story.

I enjoyed many of McGee's descriptive phrases when she was setting a scene, but her dialogue and character feelings fell a little flat for me. More than once as I was reading, a character would have a reaction to something that didn't seem to fit or flow correctly to me. I also had a little too much of the feeling that I was supposed to believe that a person was Christian because the author told me so, not because it was evident in their actions. Our main Christian lady spends the entire book going on trips with men that she doesn't know very well, though she does not sleep with them. We are told to believe that she does so because she feels God leading her to do so. Since the romantic couple of the story start having deep feelings for each other after knowing each other only a few days, I couldn't help thinking that it was lust at first sight rather than

evidence of God's plan, but maybe I'm being too cynical. The message of mercy and forgiveness was simply and meaningfully expressed resulting in two beautiful scenes of Christian conversion.

Several scenes of supernatural visions (an excerpt of one appears below) in this book left me feeling confused and skeptical. The poetic language used to set up these scenes is lovely, but I didn't feel that they fit well into the story. Some authors can pull off this direct message from God approach (Robert Whitlow is a great example), but it is tricky and was a little too heavy handed in this novel. The scenes of this nature that included Elizabeth seemed completely superfluous.

In whole, this was a quick, easy read with romance, struggles of faith, and suspense. Nice debut by Stephenia McGee.

Full review including author profile and book excerpt at <http://letchristlead.com/a-legacy-of-....>

InD'tale Magazine says

Stephenia McGee takes a beautiful love story and weaves in just enough deception and greed to draw the reader in!

Full review in March 2013 issue of InD'tale Magazine.

Mercedes Cordero says

There are not many works of fiction that speak of the grace of God and His mercy and salvation simply, clearly, and in an uncomplicated way. *A Legacy of Lies* does just that. It gets to the core of what the gospel is, and how God's grace covers even the worst sinners. In simple terms, the book lets the reader know and understand that Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient, no matter what your past may look like. So there is a great message of hope and salvation interlaced with romance, suspense, secrets and mystery.

It's not hard to identify with Sarah, a young woman trying to have a firm grasp on her life, and failing. She appears to not know what she wants, but like many of us, her heart is pretty certain of her dreams and desires, she just hasn't realize it yet; or is afraid to realize it. Meanwhile, Jim is mysterious, almost a tortured soul, trying to escape his past, his hurts and his memories. He is quiet and reserved, not willing to fall in love but unable to stop.

The romance that develops between Sarah and Jim could have been very sweet, but the fact that she has a boyfriend when she meets Jim made it difficult for me to enjoy it. What the author tries to convey here is that God works through anything and everything in our lives to further his will and purpose for us. And that is one of the most amazing biblical truths there are. It is a beautiful and reassuring teaching: no matter our mistakes, God will use them for our good. But that is not an excuse to sin or to be irresponsible with what God has given us. And the way Sarah handled things left much to be desired. And the way she justified it with God's will was really unpleasant. Afterwards, however, once over that initial bump, the romance was more enjoyable.

Although the story also has mystery and suspense, it took too long to get to the core of it. There are parts

here and there (mostly the hallucinations) that are suspenseful, but they are too scattered, too far apart, and with not much happening in between. The first half of the story suffers from this. It is full of teasers, of half information, and attempts from the author to build up the anticipation that leave the reader with the feeling that everything is leading up to nothing. So for half of the novel we know very little and it is very hard to be interested in what's happening next.

But the suspense is there, in the detailed descriptions of the hallucinations that Jim keeps having. Those hallucinations, however, along with a “teacher” and a woman traveling in her dreams, blend biblical truths and theology with mysticism achieving a hybrid between Christianity and some sort of spiritualism that just do not fit. And in the end, those hallucinations were counterproductive because they turned out to be cheat sheets in the main characters’ attempts to discover the secrets behind the family mystery and drama.

The book has a very slow start, taking the reader to the middle with little information to keep the reader’s interest. But with a nice presentation of God’s grace, forgiveness and salvation, and how it can reach us even when we’re so far gone in our own sins and vainglory, the book has a very nice message in part. It is, however, overshadowed by the introduction of some mystic aspects.

2 1/5 stars

Rebekah Gyger says

I am struggling to have any opinion on this book at all, whether positive or negative. It was not great, but neither was it the worst that I have ever read. The characters were real and I liked them, but their conversations could be boring. Two pages of characters explaining colic was a bit too much for me.

I was also a bit confused as to what was happening in the beginning. Really, all I can say is that you should read the excerpt below and see what you think about it. Some might really enjoy it.
