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After five long years, Georgiana McLaughlin returns to the only place she s ever considered home---the same place she stole a kiss from Ridge Carson under the kissing tree; But this time he's a man, and reconciling their past is just the beginning. You'll find yourself applauding each new chapter filled with fun, romance, and adventure in this captivating, heartfelt tale of love, friendship, and finding your way back.

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Sandy says

The Kissing Tree is a sweet, light love story for fans of clean romance. It put a smile on my face and kept me reading way past bedtime, which I truly love in a book.

However, this book should have been five-star read for me, and it didn't quite measure up. I LOVE books like this. I am a Marcia McClure addict, and this story in plot and writing is similar to her books. However, it's the similarities to Marcia's books that perhaps made me enjoy the story less...because no one can compare to the Queen of Clean when it comes to this type of story. Some of the lines and descriptions from this book mimic too closely Marcia's unique style of writing, and the endearing cheese that Marcia makes swoony doesn't work when someone else is writing. Some of these lines (all those moist, demanding kisses!) felt direct from Marcia, forcing a comparison between the two, and Marcia is The Queen for a reason.

The Kissing Tree could benefit from more editing, as entire passages could be taken out to make a tighter story. I admit to being a bit of a stickler when it comes to timelines, and I get thrown out of a story when the passage of time isn't clearly delineated. I had difficulty for much of the story figuring out how much time had passed, and at times, the timeline conflicted with itself. For example, after Georgie hurts her foot and Dawson appears, the next day Dawson asks her about the social that's "tomorrow". However, at the social, they act like Dawson has been visiting for quite some time, when following this timeline, it should only be two days.

Plotwise, *The Kissing Tree* tries to do too much, with incongruous plot lines branching off for several different characters that eventually descend into a bit of melodrama. Again, tighter editing could clean this up and give the story more focus.

Despite these flaws and the inevitable comparison to The Queen of clean western romance, *The Kissing Tree* is sweet story for fans of this genre.

Ellen Sara says

I'm a sucker for novels about childhood sweethearts reconnecting as adults. This was a very sweet romance. Georgie and Ridge were cute together. She did have a very bad and quick temper but it was fun watching him enjoy her outbursts. I liked the way things ended with Dawson although he jumped ship pretty dang quick. This was squeaky clean and fun. There is also some action in the plot to raise the emotional stakes. I also loved the epilogue. This was a fun read!

Hailey says

This story was so sweet, I loved the romance and the humor. I couldn't put the book down!

heather - NightlyReading says

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<http://nightlyreading.wordpress.com/2...>

What an absolutely beautifully written love story. I had fallen in love with the characters right from the beginning.

The book opens with Georgie and Ridge under “The Kissing Tree” with Georgie trying to take Samantha up on her dare. To steal a kiss from Ridge. Georgie keeps playing through her mind how she is going to accomplish this task, but ends up just going for it.

“There you have it, Ridge Carson.” She beamed down at him, proud she hadn’t lost her nerve. “I’ve stolen a kiss and you can never have it back!”

That was the last time that Georgie would get to see Ridge. Her family left for NYC that very same evening. Flash forward five years and Georgie is on her way home again. She is coming home to help her grandpa after the passing of her grandmother. It will be the first time that she has seen her home since she had left so many years ago. Beside her grandpa, of course, whom do you think is the first person she runs into...but, Ridge! This makes for a very entertaining scene especially since he is such a teaser!

The setting for this book was interesting. I loved that it reminded me of the old wild west and Little House on the Prairie. LOL ... With horse and buggies, living on the cattle ranch and the fact that the women wore corsets.

There was a bit of a love triangle at work here. Georgie had a fella waitin on her back in NYC. She was torn over her feelings between Dawson and Ridge. She had never promised Dawson her hand in marriage, but felt obligated to him. The feelings she had for Ridge just could not be denied and she struggled daily.

The book left me with a storybook ending and I felt it was perfect! I would recommend this book to anyone looking for a good romance. I cannot really categorize this as YA, for it was about adults. But, it was tender, sweet and innocent with mild passionate kisses:)

Erin says

A bit predictable, but oh so lovely. Loved the Characters and side stories. I was so engaged and loved so much of this. I picked this up on a clearance at the book store and I swear, just like clothes, you can love it more because it was such a steal? I know this is not the book for everyone, by far, but it was the beautiful, descriptive, tale of love and sorrow I love. What I love to escape to.

Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

This was a really sweet read. I was surprised by how much I enjoyed it. Georgie was forced to move away from her childhood home and always longed to return. After five long years she is finally able to return to her Grandfather in Colorado. Once back she immediately runs into her childhood crush and the fun really

begins. Georgie is a really likable character. She speaks her mind and yet is very sweet and loving. She cares deeply for her family and friends. Our leading man, Ridge, is also very likable. They have nice chemistry together. The supporting characters are also enjoyable. I loved Georgie's Irish grandfather and the loveable cowhands. Samantha and Dawson were also great.

I really enjoyed the story, the setting was nice. There is even a little adventure thrown in at the end which added a fun element to the story. It was a fun escape. The story did remind me of a book called The Touch of the Lover's Moon by Marcia McClure, which is also about childhood sweethearts who are torn apart and then reunited years later.

Kisty Powell says

Predictable but a clean romance novel.

Lisa (Bookworm Lisa) says

This is really a 4.5 rating. Too bad Goodreads doesn't have a way to do 1/2 stars.

I really love a good romance story. A story that reminds me what it was like to fall in love. The tingles that you get when you first hold a hand and the anxiety in whether or not he really loves you.

This is a really sweet love story. It is about two friends who are separated while young. They have the school age crush and somehow never really quite got over the other while they were spending five years apart.

This would have been five star if it didn't feel a little sluggish in the middle. It just felt too drawn out for me.

There is a happy resolution for all that I thoroughly enjoyed. I loved the humor and that it has good story line.

Katie W says

So, so, so cute! Georgiana grew up in the late 1800s in Colorado, but was suddenly moved to New York (along with her mom and brothers) to live with an aunt when her dad died. Five years later, she decided to return to help her grandpa out. And guess who's his right hand man? Her old crush, Ridge.

It was sad to me that she lost touch with her best friend, but they quickly stepped right back into things. Ridge was great! Georgie was quite a tease and a lot of fun. Cute and clean!!

Lyn Ching says

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THANKS AND HAPPY READING!

The book starts with 12 year old Georgiana luring her friend Ridge under the massive oak tree, otherwise known in the community as the kissing tree, as a dare by her best friend Samantha. She happily obliged and kissed the one boy she has always fancied herself in love with. Then she left.

And 5 years later returns as a proper lady come home to help out her grandfather in his cattle ranch. For some reason, even with men clamoring for her attention, she has never given her heart completely, not even to Dawson, her handsome and accomplished friend and suitor. Upon seeing Ridge again though things became clearer, yet more complicated, as he can never seem to be straightforward with his intentions and instead teases her until her Irish blood boils. She herself didn't know what she wanted: Ridge, the man she has always loved, or Dawson, the man everyone thinks she is meant to be with. And so she fights against her heart. But with the help (or scheming) of her grandfather Angus and Samantha, it's a battle she was meant to lose.

I haven't fallen in love with a historical romance in a very long time. So this was a welcome surprise. From the very beginning I was caught up by the intensely sweet love-hate relationship of Georgie and Ridge. There's an innocence in these characters that's refreshing to read. also, no one is left hanging as practically all the characters have an end to their stories, including the bad guys. Since I cannot divulge the ending, all I can say is that for eternal optimists like me who love happy endings, this book will not disappoint.

Technically, the pace of the book is perfect. The progression of the love story is just right. you can't help but feel invested in their happiness. Not just Ridge and Georgie's, but also Samantha's and Dawson's....even Georgie's mom Charlotte. and despite all the different characters' points of view, you still won't get distracted from the main point which is the relationship of the two. There are several plot points in the book that could have gotten distracting, yet was written so well it was seamless. There are no loose ends in The Kissing Tree, just a great ending. And that my friend, is why I love this book!

Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

Honestly, there was so much to love about this book! I'm so happy to be a part of the blog tour for The Kissing Tree. My thanks to Cedar Fort for providing the opportunity and the book.

I'm a fan of historical fiction, so this was right up my alley. The story was filled with love and friendship, misunderstanding and reconciliations. The small western town feel versus the proper society, big city feel was perfect.

Georgiana's poor young heart was broken when she was forced to move away from her childhood home, her grandparents and her friends. Her return journey home provides such satisfaction and mending but not without the bumps and bruises a fiery Irish temper can bring.

Ridge is such a great character. I love his playfulness and easy going nature. And how swoon worthy to have a guy fall for you at such a young age and never get over it. So sweet. I love all the little things that make Ridge endearing. Keeping a hair ribbon all those years, carving Georgie's name along with his own in the tree,... Bice has done a great job of making the characters real and personable.

The one drawback for me personally, was the remembering. Each character seemed to be doing a lot of "remembering" in order to tell the back story. And while I realize that needs to be part of the story, there was

so much of it. It seemed like characters were remembering the same events and it got a bit long. I found myself wanting to skim through instead of read those parts.

Still, having said that, I really did love this sweet story. I love to sit down with a good historical romance and just enjoy myself with no worries of offensive language or sexual scenes. It's such a relief to me. I left this book feeling good and uplifted. My romantic heart was satisfied.

I am having a giveaway on my blog for a copy of this book starting November 1st and running through the 10th, 2011. You can check it out here. <http://gettingyourreadonaimeebrown.bl...>

Pamela Todd says

The Kissing Tree made me actually swoon out loud. Tad embarrassing when you're on a train!

Five years ago, Georgiana McLaughlin left with her mother and brothers to visit with their aunt in New York City. No one told her they wouldn't be returning to her childhood home in Colorado. Georgiana left behind not just the rest of her family, but her two best friends, Samantha and Ridge. Right before she left, Georgiana stole a kiss from Ridge...one neither of them forgot.

But now Georgiana has returned, and Ridge isn't the boy she remembered...he has grown into a strong and handsome man who still retains his boyish teasing nature. Feelings that never really went away suddenly flare to life for both Ridge and Georgiana, but things are different than they were before. Both are older, less sure of their actions. Not to mention the rich and handsome Dawson that Georgiana left behind in New York.

The Kissing Tree was the kind of book that lingered with me whenever I wasn't reading it. It was achingly romantic and laugh-out-loud funny. I adored the banter between Georgiana and Ridge, and how Georgiana more than handled the men on her grandfather's ranch.

This novel is not just a romance one – it is about family and commitments, and the difficult choice between following your heart or your head. A sure pleaser for anyone who adores romance, comedy or historical fiction. An author to watch.

Katie(babs) says

What should have been a cute read failed miserably. This was poorly written and in need of some major editing. There was far too much info dumping and constant switching of POV to keep track of it all. Also the way the characters thought, especially in the beginning when the heroine is a young girl, feels off. The author gives her adult thoughts and words she wouldn't even be aware of, let alone use in everyday speech.

The heroine is so confusing with what she wants and her actions don't make sense half the time.

The slang and colloquialisms switched on and off for no reason and there just wasn't enough plot or tension to keep this story going.

Read more like a bad first draft.

A pass.

laninaki says

This was a sad disappointment. I expected fluff - and welcomed it! - but this isn't even good fluff. It's total crap.

The Kissing Tree was recommended to me by someone who compared it to L.M. Montgomery and I am now 100% positive that that person has never even *touched* a Montgomery novel. Apart from being set in a similar time, there's nothing Montgomery about this.

Here's the deal. *The Kissing Tree* is poorly written, in need of editing, and attempts too many story lines (childhood sweethearts, cold witch of an aunt, suitor-who-really-is-a-friend-who-falls-in-love-with-bff, BANK ROBBERY???) (sooo random), loss of a father, etc.). Why didn't somebody tell this poor author to pick one or two incidents and expound upon those? What's left for her to write about in her next book?

Also...the constant change in PoV. Why, why, why? I understand speaking from Ridge and what's-her-name's PoV, but Charlotte?? Really? Newsflash: I don't actually care about Charlotte. She was weak and stupid and boring and barely part of anything.

There was just way too much telling and not enough showing. I also can't handle the backwoods, country bumpkin accent. I get that Bice was going for authenticity, but I found it irritating.

Heather Johnson says

I really got into this one. Clean and refreshing. I still remember it years after reading it. That's always a good sign. ?
