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After serving as a doctor during the War Between the States, Jacob Sadler wants nothing more than to establish a quiet country practice in rural Texas. But he knows he'll never find peace until he buries the pain of his past. To that end, he accepts a job in Cold Spring, Texas--the town he's avoided for seventeen years--and discovers his past is definitely still alive and kicking.

When a new doctor arrives in town and saves her brother's leg, Mollie Tate quickly puts him on a hero's pedestal. But then the new doc insults her "Uncle" Curtis. Years ago, Curtis Sadler rescued Mollie when no one else cared. How could he possibly be the villain the new doctor believes him to be?

Jacob doesn't know what to make of the young woman who assists him like a seasoned nurse one minute only to take a strip out of his hide the next. Yet the sparks that fly between them make him feel more alive than he has in a long time. As respect for his young nurse turns into something deeper, can he set aside the pain from his past to embrace this new love, or are some sins too big to be forgiven?

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From Reader Review Love on the Mend for online ebook

Melanie says

So good! I loved this fun little story about Jacob, the boy from Full Steam Ahead. It was really good to see what happened in his life.

Rebecca says

Dr. Jacob Sadler has finally arrived back in Cold Spring, Texas following his years as a field surgeon in the Civil War, hoping to put old wounds to rest for good; never imagining how meeting a spunky, beautiful, young woman named Mollie would not only change his life, but revolutionize his heart. Hiring her as a nurse assistant could turn out to be the best or even the worst decision that he has ever made, depending on the the final diagnosis.

Mollie Tate thinks that Jacob Sadler is nothing short of an answer to prayer when he rescues her young friend Adam from an horrific accident. Her own shadowed past has been redeemed, thanks to the kind oversight of a man named "Uncle Curtis" and she is anxious to help others as much as she can; thus nursing seems like a wonderful opportunity. After discovering that Dr. Sadler and Uncle Curtis have a painful past; can Mollie convince Jacob to allow forgiveness to "rid his heart from the infection of bitterness" when her own heart is enwrapped with the memory of "that kiss"?

A "brings-a-smile-to-your-face" kind of story that Karen Witemeyer readers have come to love and expect!

Hannah says

Every time I read a Karen Witemeyer book I love her writing more! Part of it is not being distracted by bad writing or editing, since her writing is always clean and correct...but the characters are always so deeply colorful and easy to sympathize with. It makes it difficult to create such characters within the limited confines of a novella, but she somehow pulls it off without a hitch. I'm just hoping this comes out in print sometime so it's easier to hug and memorize favorite passages from!

Tori says

Short and sweet

This was a sweet novella that fills you in on what happened to Jacob Sadler. He was the little orphan boy Darius & Nicole took in in Karen Witemeyer's book Full Steam Ahead. He's all grown up now and has returned home to be the town's new doctor, face demons in his past, and hopefully make a happy future.

Ipshita says

The sudden ending took me by surprise and left me feeling unsatisfied. Perhaps a couple more pages or even paragraphs would have sufficed.

Just Commonly says

Love on the Mend by Karen Witemeyer is an e-novella (short novel e-book) that continues the story of Jacob Sadler, whom we've seen in the pages of A Full Steam Ahead (full book), also by Karen Witemeyer. He's returned to his hometown as the town doctor and we see him deal with his past and the meaning of forgiveness and grace. Forgiveness is a tough topic to talk about (and it's a topic I like to read about). It's hard to understand and harder to act upon. Since this is a short novel, I didn't have too much expectations, even though I am a fan of Ms. Witemeyer's novels, since her first novel, A Tailor-Made Bride.

Both Mollie and Jacob are haunted by their past in different ways. Mollie has own up to it and believed the Lord's grace is what saved her, but she still goes around thinking she deserves whatever mistreatment others give her. Jacob on the other hand, can't forget the reason he left his hometown in the first place. With anger in his heart, and self-deprecation in hers, will the two ever learn to come together and rely on God and His love? For a short novel, Ms. Witemeyer does wonders in providing us a back story and the inner turmoil one goes through 'growing up' from it. The love story between Mollie and Jacob takes a back seat in comparison to the development of forgiveness and love. And when the end draws near, I'm disappointed that there's not more. However, one little hiccup I have with this novella is the fact that the end seam rushed. Either way, this is a sweet story that's worth your time and money (I bought it for \$1.99 on Amazon) .

This review first appeared on Just Commonly blog.

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Ah, what can I say more that I haven't say about Karen Witemeyer's writing .. it was cute as always and I loved it :D

So.. do you remember that little adorable kid Jacob from the first book ? Well, brace yourselves ladies, he is now all grown up to be a swoon worthy man that you can gush over all you want :D .. the story was extremely short and to the point about second chances and redemption and the chance to open your heart for love and let god take care of you because he knows best .. loved this one and I can't wait to read more from Karen Witemeyer :D KEEP THESE BOOKS COMING !!

Caitlyn Santi says

I have read and loved everything Karen Witemeyer has published, and her newest release Love on the Mend was no exception! This was an excellent novella, I loved that Jacob from Full Steam Ahead got his own story! Love on the Mend possessed all the elements I have come to expect from this author, romance, humor, adventure, a spiritual journey that brings the characters closer to God, and just a touch of danger and suspense! I loved Love on the Mend and highly recommend it!

Andrea Cox says

This novella was surprisingly deep. I don't know why I'm surprised. I've read several of Witemeyer's books before. I know how deep she goes. Yet there were certain scenes in this brief story that seriously stole my breath in an audible gasp. The beauty in those scenes cannot be described, only felt and experienced.

At times, this book felt rushed or shortchanged. To me, it didn't seem there was much of a "courtship" or time when the characters got to know each other in a romantic way before their first kiss. This was my biggest hangup about this book. With only one or two additional and tiny scenes of the characters working together or sharing lunch as they went over files or something, I would have felt more prepared for that kiss. Maybe then I would have better grasped the romanticness of that moment. And maybe a reread will give me new perspective to enjoy the romance from the beginning. Perhaps there's something in there that I missed the first time around.

However, after that kiss is when the depth really got me. The faith thread, the family drama, the romance, the plot twists... all of it combined to create this memorable story that I want to reread a hundred times right now. Too bad I don't have time for that.

I was not compensated for my honest review.

Megan Lewis says

Short. Simple. Nothing unexpected.

Honestly, most books of this genre could be this short because it cut all the in between fluff and had the essentials.

Cara Putman says

Sweet novella

The fun characters the author is so adept at creating. The sweet romance I love, and a hint of humor equals a great, quick read.

Aerykah says

Very good! :)

Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says

I loved the dynamics between Jacob and Mollie. The characters really come to life and even though the story is novella-length, it felt complete. So fun to see the boy from Full Steam Ahead all grown up!

Amber Stokes says

Karen Witemeyer writes so cleverly and crafts such fun and likable characters that reading any of her stories is bound to be an enjoyable experience. Though just a short and sweet novella, *Love on the Mend* is trademark Witemeyer and includes some great bonding scenes and a satisfying conclusion. While perhaps not my favorite of her books, it was still fun to spend an evening catching up with Jacob from *Full Steam Ahead* and watching him get completely bowled over by the indomitable Mollie Tate. ;)

Ellen says

I'll start this review as I do so many novellas... if only it were longer! Yes, I know that's part and parcel for the format, but it's also my way of saying I wish it could have gone on just a bit more. Having just read Full Steam Ahead, it was fun to peek back into that world even if only for a short time. In *Love on the Mend*, little Jacob is all grown. He's left the sheltering cocoon of the Thornton household and served as a doctor during the horrors of the Civil War. Weary in spirit, he returns to his childhood home hoping to bury the demons of the past. Instead, he's brought face to face with one of them. His uncle Curtis is still alive, but miraculously changed. Jacob must struggle to live out forgiveness, but he doesn't do it alone. Charming Mollie, with her own checkered past, must do a little doctoring herself, on Jacob's wounded heart.
