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The Trouble with Patience Details

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Jerry says

A good historical romance...but I've read better.

Dawn says

Summary (From Amazon)

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My Thoughts:

I've read several of Maggie Brendan's books in the past and have found them to be quick reads. This was no exception. It was a fast read.

There were times when I thought that it lacked depth, but still it was good.

I really enjoyed the interactions between Patience and her friend Emily. I thought those two were quite a pair. I also enjoyed Jedediah too. His attempts at romancing Patience were rather funny at times. But in the end, they worked out their differences.

This is a book that those who enjoy fluffy, no-thought novels. I'm looking forward to the next in the series.

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Recommended to fans of historical romance, Christian fiction, Mary Connealy, Karen Witemeyer

Rating - 4 stars

Sydney says

Maggie Brendan kicks off her Virtues and Vices of the Old West series in book one The Trouble with Patience. This is a sweet historical romance western that readers will thoroughly enjoy. It is light, fun, and easy read that is filled with a little bit of drama, but is mostly a delightful romance. Brendan's story takes place in a small gold-rush boom town and has cowboys and cattle thieves that bring some action into the story. This is a pleasant story that readers will want to pick up.

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Sandra says

The Trouble with Patience, set in a Montana mining town, is the first book in Maggie Brendan's new series, Virtues and Vices of the Old West.

Patience Cavanaugh is a twenty-five-year old single woman trying to make a go of a boardinghouse she inherited from her grandmother. Due to her mother's lack of uplifting comments and warmth, Patience struggles with low self-esteem. She doesn't consider herself pretty enough or thin enough to capture the interest of a man ... but she does.

U. S. Marshal Jedediah Jones is a former member of a group of vigilantes who dealt with "road agents" before the law was formally established in Montana Territory. They hung their share of men, something Jed regrets. While he wants a wife and family, as far as he's concerned, he's too old and unattractive for Patience to take a second look ... but she does.

I've read a couple novels by this author in the past and found them satisfying. I'll be honest, though, this wasn't a favorite, because, for me, nothing earth-shattering happened in the first half of the book.

I liked Patience and her struggle to accept the way God made her. I liked Jed's simplicity and his endeavor to forget the past. I liked the sweet love story and the subtle humor. What I would have preferred was to have experienced something more compelling in the first 140 pages. I'm giving it four stars, because after that, it takes off and becomes an enjoyable, relaxing, and interesting read.

If you're looking for a sweet romance for those snowbound days, check out The Trouble with Patience, but be patient through the first half, because I think you'll find pleasure in the second.

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T.L. Haddix says

DNF at 3%

Only a few pages in, and I can't do it. The heroine shows up in a frontier town with (apparently) no expectation of what in the world to do with herself, decides to become a business owner without any experience (or so it appears and we're told), interferes with the sheriff when he's in the process of stopping a man from stealing a saddle off a horse. "There's no cause to hang a man for stealing."

There is - especially when he's stealing what could well be the only saddle a person has for the only form of transportation they have in a rugged frontier. A saddle that could contain all their worldly possessions. Back then, stealing a man's saddle could be akin to leaving him hanging off a ledge draped over a fifty foot cliff with no rope on which to climb back up to safety.

Sorry, but I can't do the TSTL heroine. The do-gooder. It might be a good book, but for the sake of my teeth and my tongue, I'll have to take a pass. Else I might grind said teeth down to nubs and bite tongue in half before I finish the first chapter. I need to be able to believe the heroine can survive in this world she's been set in, and I doubt this one knows how to light a stove.

Not For Me.

Victor Gentile says

Maggie Brendan in her new book "The Trouble with Patience" Book One in the Virtues and Vices of the Old West series published by Revell Books takes us into the life of Patience Cavanaugh in 1866.

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What does it take to run a boarding house? Well... When the boarding house is run down it takes hard work, lots of repairs, cleaning and paint. And Patience is just one woman she is going to need a lot of help. She works out an arrangement with Jedediah, the marshal, and things are working out when Cody comes to town and also starts to help Patience. Now Jedediah begins to see Cody as something of a threat. In addition there is cattle rustling and a murder to deal with. Ms. Brendan has done it again. She has provided a wonderful, sweet story with power and depth that will keep you flipping pages. I think that "The Trouble with Patience" is a winner and may be Maggie Brendan's best story to date. I liked it a lot and am so looking forward to the next book by this highly talented author.

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Alisha L. says

"*The Trouble with Patience*" was a story I liked, but there wasn't anything very special or unique about it.

The first part of the book was a bit slow and had somewhat of a love triangle with Jedediah becoming jealous over a newcomer in town when the newcomer starts paying attention to Patience. The second part of the book involved a mystery about who had been rustling cattle and who murdered a rancher.

The story did have a strong theme of forgiveness which I liked. I also liked Patience's faith. It was a nice story with some mystery, but overall, for me it was just okay. A good book if you're looking for a lighthearted read and you like reading western romances.

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Haley S says

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The title of this novel and of the series practically explains it all. Guy (Jedediah) meets girl (Patience). Guy isn't sure if girl likes him, but he likes her. A few sparks from the past bring in some drama. The whole novel is set in the old west (the title of the series—Virtues and Vices of the Old West). I will not say if Jedediah ever ends up with Patience. But you most likely can guess what happens.

To be honest, I wasn't impressed with this novel. I usually love fast paced books, but I think this book was a little too fast paced for my liking. At the end of the novel, some of the characters were left holding on for their life, hanging off a cliff. Well, that might not be totally true, but they were left hanging in a way that I didn't know what happened to them.

When I read the back cover for the next book in the series, A Sweet Misfortune, I realized that A Sweet Misfortune wouldn't be about the other characters in The Trouble with Patience. (And I wanted to read Emily's story!). I was kind of disappointed in that.

But, I am sorry to say that this book's rating isn't quite high. I would give it 2 stars.

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Author: Maggie Brendan

Author's Website: <http://maggiebrendan.blogspot.com/>

This review was written with my own opinions and words.

Reet Champion says

Patience Cavanaugh with big ideas and sparkling dreams has set down in the Wild West with the idea of reviving a family boardinghouse. She's got quite a bit ahead of her to make it operational but she is not deterred. With her perseverance and ability to make friends (and annoy the local sheriff) it looks as if those dreams will be realized before long. Despite the friction between Patience and Sheriff Jedediah Jones there are some underlying feelings that even surprise them. But their differences seem to exceed their feelings.

Yet another cliché title to add to the list of books I wished I had just given up on after the first ten pages. Yikes. If I was expecting anything untoward from Maggie Brendan it was something else. Instead I got pure annoyance. On top of everything else the story didn't quite engage me as some of Brendan's books have.

(Okay, guys, rant coming on. You have been warned.) What kept the story going, though was what really annoyed me. Patience and Jedediah early on seemed to be forever at the other's respective throat. Mainly because Patience felt Jedidah (and he was) was degrading her because she was a female and Jedediah was at the receiving end of a fiery temper and sharp tongue he retaliated or even beforehand said something smart. This is a running theme in so many novels that I pick up anymore that it has gotten to be quite old. I'd love to see a fresh take on the conflict thing and as far as equality goes (though I personally feel that as far as I got in the book that the author used the conflict for humor rather than to approach that subject) that it shouldn't be over trivial matters that demean the issue. There wasn't a balance. Perhaps towards the end things changed and the characters began to act in a rational manner instead of trying to find the insult in everything the other said, but I didn't wait to see if it happened. To my shame I didn't see the book through (isn't that a horrible un-bibliophilic thing to do?!). But rant over. I'm sure there were good lessons in there somewhere as there usually are with a Brendan book.

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Lindsey (Books for Christian Girls) says

About this book:

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Series: Book #1 in the "Virtues and Vices of the Old West" series.

so many times, not to mention the characterization felt completely dependent on the reader having read the back-cover copy. Just couldn't connect with or get into this one.

Nicki Olsen says

Summary

Patience Cavanaugh, new in town, is going to do it...open her late grandmother's old, broken down boarding house. When the stubborn, arrogant, sheriff Jedediah Jones publicly humiliates her in the center of town, Patience is even more irritated with him. As the need to work together becomes evident, Patience begins to exercise her name...and finds herself beginning to actually like the marshal. Then Cody starts coming around and Jed seems way too overprotective. When unexpected situations evolve into a crime-solving situation, Jed and Patience's two-stepping becomes more. Will they fix the situation? Can things work between them?

Jedediah Jones can't believe the gall of the strong willed newcomer, Patience Cavanaugh questioning his authority in the middle of a law situation. When she storms into his office demanding an apology and choking down his mud thick coffee, Jed unknowingly falls just a little bit in love with her. Except she's not his type which is why it makes no sense that he's jealous to find another man helping Patience paint her boarding house. When the unlikely two end up having to work together to solve crimes, Jed can't help but admire her spunk and tenderheartedness. Yet, his past keeps him from exploring a relationship with the lovely lady...doesn't it? With the danger steadily increasing, will they even make it out?

I loved

I loved Patience from the very start of this book. The tenderheartedness and spunk mix that she showed to Jed from the beginning really had me. The story wasn't anything special but it was really sweet just the same and had a surprising amount of mystery for a western...very cool!! The town was a really sweet little western town that as another reviewer said "reminded me of mayberry".

Not my favorite

The only thing I didn't like about it is the speed of the story. I felt it was a little slower than I would like but it was still good. It also was not a very unique story but still very cute.

My Rating

I give The Trouble with Patience...

4 stars!!

My overall thoughts

The Trouble with Patience by Maggie Brendan is a sweet western/mystery that I really enjoyed. The

characters were friendly, I loved the banter between the main protagonists, and the town was so charming!

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Abbi says

So I thought I had written this review weeks ago but apparently I just wrote it in my head and forgot to write it down. And now I'm trying to piece together my thoughts three weeks and nine books later, so my humblest apologies if this isn't the greatest review.

When I first heard about this book it sounded like it would be an interesting read but sadly I found myself not enjoying it very much. It was a quick light read, which is nice on occasion but I didn't really connect to any of the characters or the story-line, and the ending dragged on a bit too long for my liking. I will say that all of the talk of biscuits and cinnamon rolls (two of my favorite things to bake) had me itching to get into the kitchen and set my mouth watering.

In short if you are looking for a fluffy western book than this might be exactly what you want, it just wasn't my cup of tea.

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Katie Marie says

I am happy to say that this book was very good. This was probably one of my favorite reads from Maggie Brendan since "Deeply Devoted". Mostly because it kept my rapt attention with the mystery involved. My first impression of Patience would be that she came across kind of self-righteous. I didn't care for that but she did get better as the story continues. Also, the way she dealt with things most of the time wasn't the best way in the world, she rushed into situations without completely thinking it over. Which is how she met Jedediah Jones, so I guess her rushing into things wasn't completely bad. My first thoughts on Jed would be that he had a rather brash way in dealing with folks, which wasn't bad when he was dealing with hardened criminals, not so much when he was dealing with a woman. One main thing I would have really liked to see more of in this book was personal character development, Patience had self-worth issues which was what made her real to me since I think all women deal with such things at one time in life, but you really didn't get to see an inside look at her finding her worth in Jesus. The same thing with Jedediah, he had major regrets from things he'd done in his past, at the beginning of the book he seemed to not want anything to do with God and then you very briefly see him softening about going to church and then he has changed at the end. Their romance was a little bit like that as well. Except there was more romance than personal growth that I could see personally. But, even though that is one thing I would have liked to see more of, this is still worth the read in my opinion. When you read the back of this book you really don't expect much of a mystery but trust me when I say that there is! It just takes a bit before you get into that part of the book. Though I must warn anyone who is sensitive to a little violence because as the back of the book explains he is a lawman, commonly described as a "hanging lawman" therefore there are some incidents that may be slightly brutal to some people. I also remember laughing a couple of times while reading it. I had a little trouble writing this review since I wasn't able to do it immediately after finishing the book. But, all in all I give this book 3.5 stars and recommend it to anyone to likes a suspense/historical mystery. I received this book from Revell

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Aerykah says

I don't know what it was about this book... I really wanted to like it, but the only word I could think to describe it was "silly". The story line seemed good, but I just wasn't enjoying the telling of it. About half-way through, I started speed-reading (which I hate to do!), just so I could get to the end and move on.
