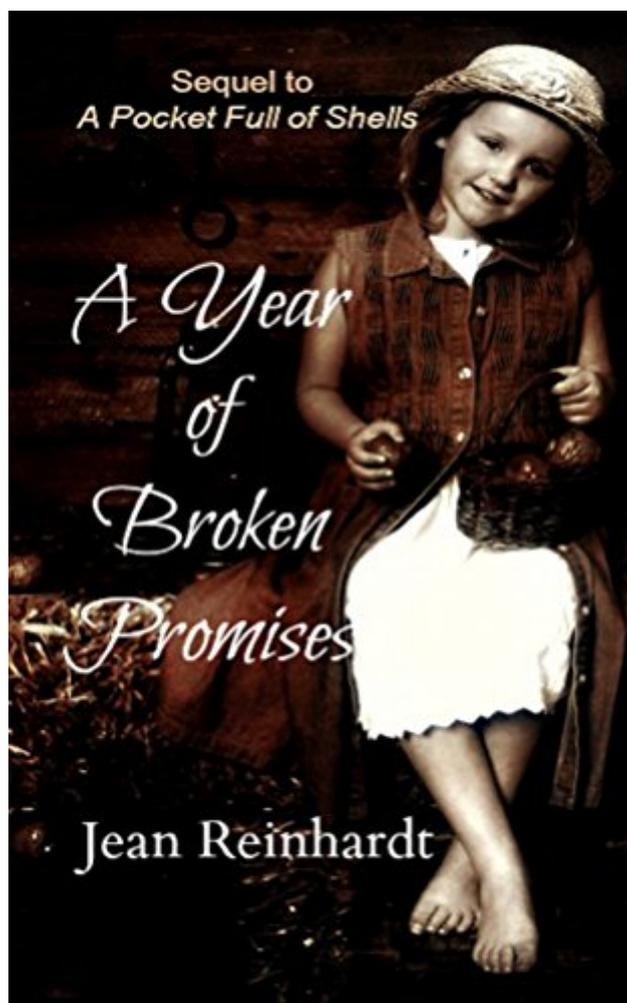


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Customer Reviews

The story is good. If you can disregard the typos, and a child's name randomly being changed from Brigid to Bridget in chapter 27 then back to Brigid in chapter 31, then you might enjoy it. These self-publishing authors need to not rush through so quickly. Read your book. Have someone else read it. I am very surprised that you wouldn't notice that you changed the spelling of a child's name. It seems that most people don't notice it. Don't know what to say about that, but I can't read a book that has these kinds of errors. Very distracting.

Broken Promises - Book 2 -James and Mary McGrother are the main characters in this series and this novel continues with their daily lives in Ireland, era 1800's. The couple were having babies and caring for family relatives. Although the 'Potato Plight' has passed, their family life was still hard, jobs was hard to find, food was scarce, there were more mouths to feed. Hardships were numerous, there were broken hearts, and promises were hard to keep. These are good stories although the families were working hard toward happiness and a simple life. Jean Reinhardt has the talent to make the novels flow smoothly to open our eyes to view life in another era. I enjoyed seeing love of families grow, seeing the children grow up. This is a very interesting novel, fast moving and easy to read. I also loved the short chapters.

This series of books are a nice read but fail to really draw in the reader about the complexities in Ireland at that time.. nice for showing a couple's commitment to stay despite weather related geographical problems and political problems. Throughout the books, commitment to family vs emigration to other countries is a constant battle. These books attempt to cover the ongoing conflict that families faced with famine, political unrest, family separation and relocation. Somehow it just didn't have the ease of reading that many other "historical time writings" do.

When I read the first of the trilogy, I thought perhaps this would be a good historical fiction to read as entertainment. Well I was wrong. The books are JUST OKAY. It gives a bit of history and a bit of story. Perhaps this would be a good read for a young reader as it is written simply. The twists and turns are predictable. So if u are looking for a book that gives adult reading quality and incorporates history that is profound, this book is not it. Sorry. Not tempted to read more, I tried but it failed

I enjoyed this book 2 following the saga of the families trying to survive the Irish Potato Famine. The strength and love of Mary & James for each other and their family helps them face many obstacles and injustices. Their courage and trust in each other and their faith helped them survive. I look for to reading book 3 in this saga to find out what happens next to t his family in their struggle to survive .

I enjoyed the series partly because my great great grandparents came to the USA from Ireland at the time the stories begin. Although the book is fiction I kept imagining more about their life and family in Ireland during this difficult period. I don't consider these great literature, but very enjoyable and easy to read.

This was a very interesting book. You get to know how the Irish families lived and survived during the difficult years of the great Potato Famine. The author wrote beautifully of the hard times the families had to conquer.

This was better than the first one of the four books. I was disappointed because I thought this was a historical saga and it's just a long love story. It's good for a light read. This and the first book could have been one because both were so short.

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