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Smart, sexy and spirited, **Brooke Cates** is the type of woman every man dreams of. But Brooke has already found the man of her dreams ~ tall, dark and ruggedly handsome cowboy Logan. Once young and in love, they never imagined that a devastating betrayal would lead them down different paths. Now, when tragedy strikes, Brooke must return to her hometown of Angel Ridge, Montana. Once there, she is forced to deal with old hurts when Logan tries to make her remember the past she has chosen to forget.

Logan MacKenna can have any woman he wants, but his heart has been reserved for Brooke since they shared their very first kiss. Time and distance have done nothing to change that. When chance random encounters abound, it's as if fate is pushing them together, and Brooke decides that she doesn't want to fight the undeniable sexual attraction that exists between them. When it's played its course, she will simply go back to her life.

But Logan has no intention of letting her walk away from him a second time.

Will Brooke be able to put her fears aside and trust in Logan enough to give him back her heart? And if they succeed in rekindling their love, can their new relationship withstand the force of Brooke's longkept secret, one that could tear them apart for good this time?

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From Reader Review Second Chance at Love for online ebook

Debbie "Buried in Her TBR Pile" says

I wanted to add a comment as I never left a real review. I just read something by the author. She is updating this book to edit the "cheating". My low rating was not in regard to this but the overall story and writing in general. I do appreciate the notice about the significant editorial revisions that are upcoming. However, I don't want to replace this version with a newer one. I don't like it when authors replace editions - unless it is to clean up typos, grammar, formatting, etc. I will not be replacing this Kindle version with a newer version if offered. Just my opinion.

Books&Dreams says

I was given this book as an ARC for an honest review
I gave this book 5 stars.

This is Brooke and Logan's story.

Logan and Brooke have known each other their whole lives. They have done everything together. They were each others firsts in everything. They have been together since they were young, and go off together to Harvard. One night changes everything and erases all the trust that was in the relationship. And ruins life as they know it.

Brooke runs to California, and she stays away from home unless she absolutely has to go home to Montana. She gets a call one night from her father that he mother is ill and she decides to go home for 3 mths. Logan is there. Logan is just as amazing as he always was, but there is pain and there is betrayal can they get past that? Can they find their love again or can they just get past all that has been done and just be friends and heal?

So much goes on in this book, and you not only get Logan and Brooke's story but you get how everyone is feeling in this book, I loved that. Sometimes it was her sister talking, or his brother. Her Mom and I do believe even her dad. It seems that might make you a bit confused, but the Author does an amazing job of making the whole story flow together. This was a book I couldn't put down. I ate this up in one sitting. I got up to get a drink or go to the bathroom and I was right back at it.. Brooke And Logan are two hearts that have been hurt and shattered and it took them so long to get over the love they thought was suppose to last a life time. But that love is suppose to last a life time and they see each other and realize ..I might not be over this person. Both of them are open for the things that are happening between them, they might not be happy about the fact that there are things in their past that has hurt them, but they are willing to try and let it heal. It has been 8 years after all. This is a book about second chances and finding out when your suppose to be together there just isn't a choice. Come on their journey of love and healing and forgiving.

Thank you Tara for the beautiful book, it was a great read.. And I look forward to reading more from you!!

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Vanessa says

Review to come with my tour post on 12/18.

****FULL REVIEW****

“She looked into his eyes, searching for something, anything, that would make this better. But there was nothing. Nothing he could say or do would ever make this better. It would never change the fact that he’d slept with someone else.”

Brooke Cates has spent the last eight years avoiding her past, or more importantly, Logan MacKenna. After a bad break up and many months of trying to heal, Brooke finally found her solace in a small beach house, her career as a doctor, and California...far away from the heartache she left behind. Never did she imagine what it would take to bring her home again...and back into the arms of the one man she never thought she would have to see again.

“I do love you, Brooke. And you are the only woman I want. I’ve loved you since I could spell my own name. Practically my entire life. There’s nothing in this world I want more than to be with you. To marry you and make babies with you. To share all of those things we’ve dreamed of. We can still have that, Brooke.”

Too much time has passed, hearts were broken, secrets were kept, lives shattered and put back together. Can they really risk opening old wounds in order to start fresh again? When two people are meant to be together, somehow, someway, it will happen...even if neither one is willing.

“Logan MacKenna had been her first lover. He had also been the first boy, and then the first man, she had ever loved. And to this day, despite all the years that had passed, he was the only man she had ever loved. He had made it impossible for her to love, and to trust, another man. She despised him for that.”

Only time will tell...and a little push from the ones you love doesn’t hurt either.

“He thought about all the years they’d spent apart, and how being without her had left a horrible void in his heart. He hadn’t known how he would go on after losing her. She was his everything. And when she left, he was left with nothing, only an empty shell. He didn’t think he could handle her walking away from him a second time. He knew he couldn’t.”

First I have to say, kudos to Tara for a very well written and edited book! Even though Second Chance at Love is told completely in the third person (which is weird for me, because I find it harder to connect to any one character), it was very good.

The story that unfolds with the Cates & MacKenna families has awesome series written ALL over it! I very much enjoyed the little insights into her sub-characters’ lives, and how they all intertwined with Brooke and Logan. I found it to be a slow start but there is always one line that just pulls you in, piques the interest...I’m not telling you what mine is, but yes, I had one...okay, two.

Through it all, this is definitely a love story. One that started early, ended in heartache, only to be realized

later that it was truly meant to be. While some parts were predictable, there was definitely a little twist that I just had to know about. I look forward to more from Tara Paradise and absolutely hope that I hear more about the infamous MacKenna boys!

****4 Did You Say?? Stars****

Jo - *.★Reading Is My Bliss★.*** says**

Brooke & Logan have been friends since they were small children and as they grew into their teenage years they shared everything together, including their first kiss at 14 years old.

Logan proposed to Brooke when they were 21 years old on a surprise holiday to Paris. Brooke thought they would be together forever but after finding Logan in bed with the local skank after a booze filled night, Brooke ended it and left for medical school. Logan tried incessantly to get Brooke to talk to him, forgive him but she never did.

Eight years later, Brooke is a successful obstetrician and loves her job at the hospital. She receives a call that brings her back to her hometown for summer. Brooke and her sister Karissa are out one day and they run into the Mackenna brothers Chase, Seth & Logan. They have all developed into gorgeous men and the attraction and desire between Brooke and Logan is still very much there. Brooke is reluctant to reignite anything with Logan again and assumes he has moved on. He hasn't, in fact all of the McKenna brothers are still single, much to their mothers dismay.

Logan is determined not to let Brooke slip from his fingers again and he manages to win her heart over time and they have the most romantic & sexy summer together.

Brooke is hiding something from Logan though and he overhears something that completely floors him. Logan is heartbroken and shocked when Brooke eventually confesses it all to him.

He thought he knew her inside out and she was his future but now everything has changed. Can they get past this and still be together?

I really enjoyed this lovely romance story.

Shaunta says

Different

Hero didn't grovel enough. Heroine forgave too easy even after 8 years. Did she not have control over her hormones???? And the multiple pov made things a bit fuzzy at times. Other than that it was good. Would have liked to see more drama.

Nerissa says

I didn't like the style of writing. It was too far removed.

Monique Machuca-Austin says

****JUST BOOKED received an ARC for an honest review****

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU JUST MADE THE BIGGEST MISTAKE AND LET THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE WALK OUT WITHOUT A FIGHT...

Second Chance at Love is Brooke Cates and Logan MacKenna both growing up together in a small town named Angel Ridge, Montana. Their families were not only neighbors, but also close friends. Therefore, Brooke and her sister, Karissa and Logan and his brothers, Seth and Chase, all grew up together, but Brooke and Logan always had something very special.

"You kissing me in the bouncy house when we were six." - Logan

Brooke and Logan's friendship grew into young love experiencing many firsts in life, until her fairytale ended abruptly.

"She'd lost not only the love of her life, but her best friend, as well." - Brooke

Brooke and Logan were attending Harvard celebrating their senior year, when Logan made one mistake that took the love of his life away from him.

"I know about regrets...how they eat at you and leave you raw. Letting go of them is sometimes the hardest thing to do." - Logan

Eight years have now passed since that tragic night when two hearts were shattered into pieces. Brooke has since moved to California to attend medical school at UCLA and later becoming a physician in the department of Obstetrics after her residency. While at home one evening, she receives a call from her father that she needs to come home because her mother is ill. With the urgency of her family needs, she decides to go home for three months.

While coming back to Angel Ridge, she did not plan on her heart starting where it left off with Logan. Brooke tries to convince herself not to love Logan, but only to become friends. Although Logan is determined to have her fall in love with him all over again by the time she leaves, but he also senses she is hiding something from him too.

Will Logan be able to stay with Brooke once he uncovers her little secret? Will Brooke ever forgive Logan for his mistake eight years ago, so they could possibly move forward on a new path of a relationship?

"Someone wise once told me that you hold onto the really good things, because they only come around once in a lifetime, if you're lucky." - Logan

Author Tara Paradise's romance novel, *Second Chance at Love*, has done an AMAZING job writing an EMOTIONAL LOVE STORY capturing your HEART and SOUL immediately unable to put the book down. You will feel a roller coaster of emotions of LOVE, LOST, COMPASSION, BETRAYAL, DISTRUST, FORGIVENESS, and FRIENDSHIP.

I rate Tara Paradise's novel, *Second Chance at Love* – 4 WONDERFUL STARS!

D² says

2.5*

It was a bit confusing when the POV kept changing from character to character in every paragraph. Still, wouldn't mind reading Seth & Rissa's story :)

Desiree Gorman - A Love Affair With Books says

"*Second Chance at Love*" is the debut novel of Tara Paradise and the first book in what should be an excitingly sexy new series, "MacKenna Born & Bred."

This first book is the story of Logan and Brooke, two people who grew up together, loved each other and experienced all their firsts together, even going off to Harvard together. Basically it was a love destined to last and it didn't seem possible that anything could tear them apart.

To read the rest of my review, please visit the blog at [A Love Affair With Books](#).

Nicky says

3.5 stars

Teresa Gomez says

Review for *Second Chance At Love* by Tara Paradise
(Book provided by author for honest review.)

Second Chance At Love is Tara's first book in the MacKenna Born & Bred Trilogy. It's a really good start. The story was so well written that I absolutely fell in love with the characters.

Brooke has been gone from home for a really long time until she gets some tragic news and has to return home. Being away from home, Brooke has become a successful adult and doesn't want to relive the past she was trying to forget. Mostly she didn't want to relive the past with Logan, the relationship she doesn't want to

relieve. Logan has also moved on and has a pretty good life but he just can't seem to get over Brooke.

I really liked this book. I loved reading about all of the Mackenna men. I just sped right through the story. It just really captured me and I felt like I was there. Tara went back and forth in the chapters from present and past but the story line was really good that you couldn't even tell. It was like being in a memory of your own. There were also a couple of drama parts that I loved. A really great book and can't wait for more!

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preppea says

SECOND CHANCE AT LOVE introduces the world to the MacKenna brothers and their down-to-earth, gentlemanly ways. It's about giving the one who broke your heart a second chance, even if you can't bear the pain if they break it again.

Brooke fled Montana after her childhood love and fiancé, Logan, destroyed her heart. She's spent the last 8 years in California focusing on building a successful career as a doctor and maintaining a busy schedule with swimming and running in her free time. What she hasn't done is spent a lot of time back home, avoiding any chance of running into the man who shattered her heart. When her mom calls with alarming news, Brooke returns home for three months to support her family at a sensitive time. While she may be from a small town, she hopes it's not so small that she can't avoid Logan. Unfortunately, fate has something else in mind and run-ins with Logan are thrust at her from all directions. It's not long before Brooke has to decide if she can ignore the sexual chemistry they so clearly share or if she'll share her body but not her heart.

I love romances. I love reading about people as they fall in love. But I prefer if they don't admit how desperately they want love. Every character in SECOND CHANCE AT LOVE seemed to mention at one point or another how they had everything they wanted in life except that one thing. I find that especially off-putting in guys. Maybe I'm just a skeptic, but I've always thought love finds you when you're not looking rather than when you're begging for it. Another thing, I thought there was a little too much focus on working out and what Brooke ate - it got to the point where I felt like I was being reminded to work out if I wanted to have Brooke's body. I also found the limited omniscient point of view distracting especially since instead of just learning about Brooke and Logan's love for each other, we were involved in the love interests of all the other characters. I would prefer a few hints at what might be in store in future books but the majority of the story to remain focused on the main love interest. That being said, I actually thought Tara Paradise applied a really smooth transition from one voice to the other in a point of view I'm usually not a fan of.

Brooke and Logan brought tears to my eyes during their climactic reveal and I thought SECOND CHANCE AT LOVE offered a fresh approach to the cheating story. Even when I was guessing at certain things that had happened to Brooke after she and Logan broke up, the author was able to keep other parts a mystery, which I really enjoyed. I could understand the reasons why they'd stay apart even as I rooted for them to find a way to be together. Logan was truly a good guy and there was never a second I doubted his intentions, even when he was screwing up royally. SECOND CHANCE AT LOVE offers a love story with two genuine main characters who are good on their own but even better together.

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****Reviewed by preppea on I ♥ Bookie Nookie Reviews.**

Elle says

Second Chance at Love is the first book in Tara Paradise's MacKenna Born & Bred Series. This novel is the perfect blend of heart-warming romance and sexy drama.

Brooke Cates must return home to be with her family after an unexpected tragedy and ultimately must face the one skeleton in her closet, former flame Logan MacKenna. Although she's done her best to move on, Logan will always have a piece of her heart.

Brooke is the kind of female lead you want to be friends with. Despite her shipwreck of a relationship with Logan, she's managed to become a successful, well-rounded adult.

Like Brooke, Logan has grown into one sexy man who has everything, except for the girl he's been pining over since childhood. He's never gotten over Brooke and his past mistakes with her have haunted him all these years. Logan is all kinds of delicious, but I really enjoyed getting to know all of the MacKenna men. Each one is uniquely different and incredibly sexy. No matter what your book boyfriend preferences are, there's a MacKenna brother for you. I can't wait for more books in the series that delve deeper into each character that was introduced in Second Chance at Love.

Overall I really enjoyed the book. I read it in a matter of hours and only put it down when I absolutely had to (sometimes you must stop reading and pay attention to your family). Tara Paradise alternated between chapters in the past and present, and the story line was very easy to follow. The drama was moderate, but had a few unexpected moments of jaw dropping shock. Not every story needs to be a drama apocalypse, and I found this level of twists and turns to be more than satisfying.

If you're looking for a novel with a fair amount of drama and an abundance of swoon worthy romance, Second Chance at Love by Tara Paradise is the perfect choice.

Lu Bielefeld *read.laugh.love* says

Finally finished!

Just have to say that if the man keep the zipper of his pants closed none of this would have happened.

Monica Cullip says

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Tara Paradise

I was gifted this book in exchange for an honest review.

Brooke Cates is an Obstetrician living in California. Unexpectedly she needs to return home to Montana to be with her family as her mother finds out she has cancer. She takes a three month leave of absence to be with her family.

Brooke had run away from Montana eight years earlier after she had her heart broken by Logan MacKenna. The two of them had grown up together, lived next door to one another their whole lives, they had basically been in love since they were twelve years old. He was her first love, her first kiss, her first everything. When he betrayed her she did not even think she would get over it. It will be so hard to face him again.

Logan did something really stupid eight years ago and he has regretted it ever since. He loved Brooke with his whole heart and he has grieved over her since she left.

Of course with their parents still living next to one another they are bound to see each other. Sparks are bound to fly. Feelings long since buried are bound to come back up again. Right to the top, hard to ignore that type of once in a life time love.

It is hard to let herself feel for him again. They live so far away from one another now. Maybe they need to just be together for the summer to see what will happen.

This was a really sweet story. It was almost painful to see the two of them dance around how deeply they still felt for one another. I was alternating thinking that she should give him another chance and getting mad at him for screwing it up in the first place. Now they are adults, feelings are deeper. The romance between them was great as he tries to woo her gently, get to know her a little bit again. The sex scenes were much hotter the second time around. They were much more sensual and showed their deep love for one another. Just when we think that they might have a chance we are reminded that Brooke lives across the country and oh oh it seems that she has some regrets of her own and a secret to tell.

I love how the author allowed the secondary characters to come to life. This is the first book in a series and it will be great to get a chance to learn more about his brothers and of course her sister and her best friend.

There were some serious flirting going on there. A lot of tension that definitely needs to be addressed at a later date.

This story was a must read for romance readers. It was a great combination of romance and family love. I would rate it a 4/5 and look forward to reading more.
