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Acting Sheriff Ben Logan hasn't heard from Leigh Somerall in a very long time, but it doesn't mean he can get her--or their whirlwind romance of ten years ago--out of his head. When she calls out of the blue, it is with a strange request to protect her brother, Tony. When Tony dies just days later, Ben is charged with a different task--protecting Leigh and her nine-year-old son, TJ, from the killers. But how can Ben keep an eye on Leigh if she's doing everything in her power to avoid him? And could the secret that Leigh is keeping change Ben's life forever?

Suspense, intrigue, and a touch of romance make A Promise to Protect perfect for readers who like their stories with a hearty dose of mystery.

## **A Promise to Protect Details**

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## Dana Kamstra says

As any good suspense novel should, this book kept me on the edge of my seat. The stakes were high in so many ways for the characters in this book.

Sheriff Ben Logan is tossed into a whirlwind of a mystery in this story, and Leigh Somerall is struggling to keep ahead of her past with Ben.

Bradley writes with a certain amount of intensity that really takes a hold of the reader's heart and doesn't quite let it go until the last page has been read. More than once I feared for the main characters and secondary characters. I was also just as puzzled as to who was behind the mysteries that take place in this novel.

If you enjoy a nail-biter that will definitely have you struggling to put the book down, I would highly recommend Patricia Bradley. She's an author that has quickly made it to my favorites list and I'll be watching for more books written by her.

This book is the second in the series, but can be read as a standalone novel. There is a brief reference to the previous book that may contain a bit of a spoiler, but the books really could be read out of order.

**\*\*I received a free copy of this book from Revell in exchange for my honest review\*\***

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## Shannah Mauney says

This is the first book I have read by Patricia Bradley, and it won't be my last. I absolutely loved this exciting, fast-paced story. I was hooked from the very first page and remained so until the very end. With a few surprises up her sleeve, Patricia Bradley will have you saying "WHOA, I didn't see that coming!"

View my full review: <http://faithlovebooks.blogspot.com/20...>

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## Janka H. says

Dr. Leigh Somerall returned to the Logan Point just 6 weeks ago. She was not willing to go back to the places of both unpleasant memories and a possible threat to her future life. And now her brother Tony is dead. He is dead because he was trying to get some information to police. And police is - Ben Logan, her past love and now the sheriff.

Ben was never able to forget Leah, even if he never understood the reason why she had broken up with him. Now she is back and he is very much willing to keep his promise given to the dying Tony - to protect his sister.

But the enemy seems to be everywhere and his reasoning is unclear. Who is the target? Leah? Ben? Or both?

This is one of the finest Christian mystery I have ever read. To be honest - I prefer the quality of the

literature before the "message", as I am of opinion that a quality literature always has the message. But so often the Christian fiction is too much about the message and too low on writing, so some books are more or less homilies. THIS IS NOT THE CASE. The book has a nice drive, an interesting mystery and a winning psychological reasons to backing the character's behaviours, which is always a good point in my book. I like how Leigh is strong-headed, because I understand where she comes from. The reasons for hers and Ben's break up just ring true, and the impact of it is believable. I love how almost everybody here needs forgiveness - to give it, to receive it or both.

Fast-paced read with interesting actions and believable characters - I can just recommend this novel. This is my first book by Patricia Bradley, but definitely not the last one!

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### **Kristen says**

Such a good book! I had not read the first one in the series but I don't think it hindered in my understanding of this book at all. It was a little slow going for me in the beginning but once it got going I was hooked. Highly recommended for those who love a good Christian suspense.

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### **inbedwithbooks says**

Rating: 2 stars

While the plot of this book was interesting and the pace moved along consistently, there were a number of things I didn't really like about the actual story.

I felt that Tom was unnecessarily treated poorly by his family and by Leigh, as if he couldn't hear or understand what they were saying about him right in front of him. He was regarded with a lack of patience, treated as if he wasn't important, and the simple solutions that would have made it easier to communicate with him were entirely overlooked, with the exception of those implemented by the little boy. Leigh was straight up rude to him throughout the story, which made it hard to like her character. This was never really resolved by the end of the story.

I also didn't like how Leigh used such illogical "reasons" to justify keeping her secret. She knew Ben and his family were good, kind people and had no reason to base her poor decisions on their character, yet she still tried to do so. Her lack of integrity combined with her faulty reasoning for keeping her secret were frustrating. In the end, she never did do the right thing herself. She just wasn't a very likeable character at all. She lacked good judgment too (disregarding police advice multiple times without reason, even when doing so put her son in danger, etc.).

The end of the book wrapped up quickly with a tidy bow and Leigh finally made one good decision at the end of the book.

Overall, the book was just okay. It's hard to connect with a character or feel invested in her when she makes poor decisions, is disrespectful to elders and public service officers, and doesn't reflect much sense of integrity.

This one was a bit disappointing for me.

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### **Jessica Patch says**

I loved Patricia Bradley's debut novel, so I was excited to get my hands on her second in the Logan Point series. Bradley did not disappoint. Action and suspense start on page one and continue throughout the rest of the novel. With surprise twists, a deep-layered plot, strong faith elements, and heart-pounding romance, I didn't want the book to end. Can't wait for her next novel to hit the shelves!

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### **Joanie Bruce says**

What can I say about this book, except that you will LOVE it! It's packed to the brim with suspense, loyalty, and faith in God. I loved the characters, the plot, and the suspense.

Over all I give it 5+ stars and recommend it to anyone loving mystery and suspense. Great job, Ms. Bradley.

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### **Britney says**

A Promise to Protect is Book 2 in Patricia Bradley's Logan Point series. Having not read the first book in the series, I easily enjoyed this book as a stand-alone novel. I do plan to read the first book, Shadows of the Past, and look forward to continuing the series.

I love it when a storyline keeps me guessing, and this one did just that. I enjoyed the intrigue, as the action began on the first page and the suspense escalated as the story progressed. I also enjoyed the rekindled relationship between the main characters, Ben Logan and Leigh Somerall, as they overcame secrets and complications from their past. The theme of forgiveness is woven throughout and adds a wonderful layer to the compelling storyline.

A Promise to Protect is a great read for fans of romantic suspense! I enjoyed this book and look forward to my next visit to Logan Point.

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### **Brooke (i blog 4 books) says**

3.5 stars

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## **Staci says**

Well done suspense novel with a story of romance and forgiveness.

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## **Lonnie says**

Bradley's getting better. Good writing, good storyline. But, again, I felt there were some loose ends that needed to be tied up that weren't.

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## **Ibjoy1953 Hannabass says**

Sometimes situations get so mixed up that its difficult to figure out who's who or what's been done! And this story is just like that. Ben is determined to find out the story behind his dad's death, and was glad Tony has information that may help him. But now Tony has been shot dying and has ask Ben to take care of his wife Leigh, which will be no easy task either. It is difficult for Ben to protect Leigh because they are both headstrong and butt heads. Not to mention the secrets she is keeping from him. And what about his secrets? And then there is the attraction to each other!

I love books like this because I keep trying to figure out what is going on, and there are so many twists and turns that I can't. By the time I think I have it figured out, something else happens! The characters are really believable and realistic and your interested is sure kept throughout this book because you don't want to put it down! If you are looking for a fast pace, thriller for a little excitement and entertainment, this book would be for you! I encourage you to check it out.

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## **Carol says**

Dr Leigh Somerall returns to Logan Point with her son. Ten years ago she had been chased away by the former Sheriff Tom Logan because his son was dating her. Tom Logan told her to keep secret why she stopped dating his son or else he would jail her brother for his offense.

Now Leigh is back to finish her obligation to work in the hospital there to pay back her medical school loans. Her son and Leigh are staying with her brother, Tony Jackson.

But something is not going right with her brother. The only person she can turn to now is Acting Sheriff Ben Logan who was her former flame. She contacts him to help Tony.

Tony requests Ben to meet him. Tony claims to have information about the truth behind Ben's father's shooting.

Before they can meet, Ben finds Tony shot. With his dying breath Tony put Ben into a position to vow to protect his sister.

Now the action begins.....

The characters are vivid, well developed and interesting. The story is fast paced with plenty of intrigue, suspense and mystery.

The tension was thick and well-sustained with quite a tangled web of clues and secrets revealed and lies being uncovered.

The book covers deceit, betrayal, viciousness, greed, hatred but is also filled with faith, friendship, trust, forgiveness and love.

A Promise to Protect is the second book in the Logan Point series. It can be read as a stand alone with the reader able to follow along without difficulty.

Thank you to book fun.org for this Book. My opinion is my own.

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## **Rachel Brand says**

First review written post-baby! This one is a 4.5\*. Definitely off to a good start :)

Leigh Somerall never intended to return to Logan's Point. As a teenager, she was branded a rebel and never sat on good terms with the town's sheriff, and as a college student she left town abruptly, breaking the heart of the sheriff's son. Now a doctor and a single mother, she finds herself back in Logan's Point to spend time with her brother and fulfil a work commitment that will pay off the last of her student loans. Her initial plans to avoid Ben Logan, the boy she once fell in love with, evaporate when her brother is murdered and Ben is heading up the investigation.

Ben Logan has been acting as sheriff ever since his father's stroke, which occurred after an attempt on his life. Ben had hoped that Leigh's brother might hold the key to the reason why someone would want to kill Logan's Point's sheriff, but the man turns up dead before he can gain any insight. Ben is determined to protect Leigh and her son from any further harm, even if his old sweetheart consistently resists his help. The more time they spend together, the more Ben wonders if Leigh has a deeper motive from wanting to stay away from him—one that's linked to the reason why she left town so abruptly all those years ago.

Before either of them can examine their past relationship and open up to each other, they have to figure out who killed Leigh's brother, and if he intends to harm another member of her family—and why.

Prior to this year, I wouldn't have considered myself a fan of romantic suspense novels. Patricia Bradley's debut novel, *Shadows of the Past*, changed that for me, and I was eager to read the second book in her Logan's Point series. Although it took me a while to remember who all of the secondary characters were and how they linked back to the first instalment, I won't deny that *A Promise for Protect* got off to an intriguing start. This is one of those mysteries that sucks you in and makes you ask a dozen questions. Why is Leigh's brother dead? What does he know about Ben's father? How are these two men even connected?

Leigh isn't the easiest character to warm up to, simply because she keeps herself closed off from everyone. But once you get to know her and understand her past experiences, the reason for her behaviour becomes apparent. Still, even if I understood Leigh's actions, I think I related to Ben a lot more. It's not often that I find the hero of a romance novel more appealing than the heroine, so Patricia Bradley obviously writes great

heroes! In spite of—or rather, because of—all their flaws, Ben and Leigh were definitely realistic protagonists. They aren't perfect, and even if they do have history, it takes a while before they can trust each other.

I'm definitely a sucker for reunion romances, especially when they have children involved. Leigh's son, TJ, was a sweet and endearing character, and the way that Ben interacted with him made him all the more a loveable hero. The truth about TJ is revealed to the reader very early in the novel, but it felt like it took forever for Ben to finally learn about him. Given how long it took for the secret to be revealed, I expected Ben's reaction to be a bit more dramatic. The climax of this part of the story felt a bit flat for me, maybe just because it was so drawn out. I was relieved when it finally occurred, but Ben seemed to recover relatively quickly.

In spite of how much page-time Leigh's secret takes up, the real mystery actually has nothing to do with TJ. After having read several romantic suspense novels this year, I'm starting to realise that I prefer the novels that focus on characters in the police force (or similar occupations) and show how they investigate mysteries. I really enjoyed seeing how the mystery unfolded and evolved from one murder to something much more in-depth. I don't want to spoil anything for potential readers, but I definitely didn't guess some of the twists that this novel took.

Talking of guessing, I kept hopping back and forth on who the villain of the story was. We get some insights into his point-of-view throughout the novel, but even those are vague enough to keep the reader in the dark. I've read a few novels recently where the villain's perspective either didn't add much to the story or felt cheesy, but its inclusion worked very well in *A Promise to Protect*. I had my suspicions about a few characters who looked like they might have motives, but even right before the villain was revealed, I was still dithering between two options. I recall struggling to solve the mystery in *Shadows of the Past*, so Patricia Bradley definitely has a knack for creating mysteries that are tough to get to the bottom of.

Aside from getting a little tired of Leigh not telling the truth about her son, my only other complaint about *A Promise to Protect* pertains to the spiritual aspect of the story. While I thought that message was an important one, the way in which it was presented felt a little forced. Leigh had a friend who had supported her and TJ and become almost a grandmother figure, and while I liked her character initially, it sometimes felt like she only appeared on the scene to present some wisdom to Leigh in her time of need. This situation occurred multiple times, and it felt a bit preachy after a while. She seemed more like a vehicle through which a message was presented than a three-dimensional character. This was only a minor annoyance, and I'm sure it won't bother all readers.

*A Promise to Protect* proves once again that Patricia Bradley has a knack for writing intriguing, complex mysteries that are difficult to solve. Fans of her first novel won't be disappointed, and hopefully this book will endear some new readers to her as well.

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## **Karen says**

I received an ARC of this book in exchange for my honest review.

Oh. My. Word. This book is amazing.



This story revolves around the two main characters, Leigh and Ben. The two were an item one summer about ten years ago, but Leigh left town and Ben moved on with his life (sorta). Leigh has returned to Logan Point with her son for, what she hopes, is a temporary job.

Almost as soon as Leigh returns to town, bad things begin to happen. First her brother is murdered, and then a long list of crimes begin to stack up around town. Ben just happens to be the sheriff and has promised Leigh's brother that he will protect her.

This book has so many twists and turns, you just can't make yourself put it down. Just when you think you have figured out who is committing all the crimes, something else comes up and changes everything.

The same is true with Ben and Leigh's relationship. There is a deep history there that begins to reveal itself as this story unfolds. There is hurt and confusion, but also an attraction that the reader can't help but notice.

It's hard to talk about this book without including spoilers, but the story will hook you in the first chapter and keep you wanting more until the very last sentence.

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