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Boston, 1849. Denied her dream of attending medical school, Sarah Howard is desperate to leave Boston far behind. Determined to prove that she can make it on her own, she poses as a married woman and boards a schooner bound for San Francisco.

Stuck working in his family's merchant bank, Jamie Thompson eagerly accepts the challenge of setting up a branch in San Francisco. He's been restless for some time now, and barely escaped the clutches of the woman determined to marry him.

The attraction between Sarah and Jamie is instant and powerful, yet each has something to prove, if only to themselves. Will their single-minded determination derail a blossoming romance?

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## From Reader Review Restless Hearts for online ebook

### **Jana says**

Love this time period in history so was drawn to it. The author depicts the incredible journey by sailing ship from Boston to San Francisco during the gold rush period. It's a remarkable story of an adventurous young lady. Without giving the storyline away, it includes adventure, trauma, success as well as a sweet love story.

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### **Jojootje says**

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### **NC 1008 says**

The story started in an interesting way, but as they arrived to San Francisco the development seemed to rely too much in chance, in such a dangerous and wild land they got out pretty much as easily as if they were back in Boston.

Along the way, I didn't Sarah's need of independence anymore, it was exaggerated and became irritating at some point.

Also' I didn't get to enjoy much development in their relationship, which leads to saying that Jamie's selfish decisions to stay at the ranch was confusing.

And finally, the story too long. The length could have been interesting had there been more action, for example Lucy was practically ignored after they got to San Francisco, and Angus and Anna's relationship was a mystery. Not to mention that there was no words from her mother.

I think it's a good book, but it could have been better. That's why I give it 2 stars.

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### **Zora says**

Ludicrous anachronisms in speech and attitude. I finally deleted it when the protagonist walked into the room of a woman she had never met who is ill, and says, "Your daughter says you're pregnant." Seriously, in 1860? Older people wouldn't even say that word in 1960! There were problems before that of a similar type, but that was the last straw.

She can write a coherent sentence, though.

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## **Laurel says**

### **Excellent Gold Rush Romantic Historical Novel**

I honestly can say I have found very few satisfying reads lately. This author did a great job with her plot, characters, and realistic description of the time period, both good and bad. This is not a great piece of literature, but a solid, chaste, good read.

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## **C. Coleman says**

Romance isn't my usual genre, but I did find this an easy read and engaging story. It's well written and the characters well developed. Much was predictable, but I suspect that isn't an issue in romance novels.

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## **Julie Barrett says**

### **Restless Waters by Mona Ingram**

Book starts out with Sarah and it's May 1849 and she's on a ship heading to CA. She's leaving the Boston area because she knows she will never advance with her medical degree nor with a spouse. Disturbing events have caused her to make up her mind.

She meets many on her voyage and I enjoyed the trip along with the stops. She trusts others to help her once they arrive and some have unforeseen things happen.

Love how she is just so caring to everybody, especially when they need medical attention. She was brought up right with her father the doctor in the city she left behind.

Story also follows a man that is on his way out west to help the bank he works in but he knows he wants something different and he has opportunities to change his life as a relative has left him a lot of land.

Love how she is able to once again have her brother there with her and surprised at the ways they were able to make a living-priceless! Loved hearing about bowling-of all things out in the wilderness.

Sounds like a good series to be reading. So very detailed I can picture myself there with her.

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## **Rebecca says**

The story isn't bad but it is too easy and some of the middle feels missing. The women needs more challenges and set backs building their business, not just minor things from the added women. Also a few characters appear suddenly, which makes me suspect cut scenes.

It made little sense for her to go to bed with him so quickly, but at least it was discretely written.

Low 3 star. Needs more filling and complications to be a satisfying story line. Also confused she gave up medicine so easily and didn't do more about dirty hospital.

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## **Vikki Vaught says**

### **My Musings**

I enjoyed reading this book. The characters are engaging and the plot is interesting. I do think the ending is rushed. I read the excerpt and plan to read the next book in this series. Happy reading ?!

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## **Jeanette says**

I enjoyed reading this book.

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## **Rita says**

A sweet, but predictable story. Nice, easy read.

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## **Mary Stockwell says**

### **Good read**

This book is so good. I really felt like I was living in that time period the way that the author wrote the story. The boat trip, landing in a new land uncertain about her future Sarah was brought to life for me.

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## **Julie Downes says**

### **Great story**

I enjoyed the adventure and care in the characters hearts. Thank you. I am looking forward to the next in this series.

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## **Glenda Dykstra says**

### **Well written**

If there were any flaws, I didn't notice as I was caught up in the story. I like that there wasn't any explicit sex yet the thought was there as well as the love that developed. Winding all those lives together coherently is hard to do but the author did it and did it well

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**Juliana Rodrigues says**

A cute and lovely romance. The heroine had more strength than usual and the dilemma separating the couple wasn't that big, which was fitting, the interesting was to see who Sarah managed to help so many people while trying to find her way.

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