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Handsome young heir Adam Brody sees nothing but possibilities in the sprawling old building he's just purchased. With a little hard work, he will transform it into a hotel to meet the needs of those traveling by railroad. Aunt Caroline believes he's lost his mind, but she agrees to help him give it a try.

Left a widow with a small daughter, Elizabeth Caldwell must find work. When she sees an advertisement in the newspaper inquiring about cheerful young women to work in a hotel, she decides to apply. However, the hotel owner specifically requested single ladies, so she must hide her former marital status, and her child, if she wishes to get the job.

With cloudy pasts to overcome, both Adam and Elizabeth want to believe in a bright future. Will they find the strength they need in each other, or will their differences keep them apart?

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Jane says

Adam Brody came to Topeka, Kansas in 1875 after a year of personal losses and found a new dream of restoring an abandoned mansion into the Brody Hotel. With the help of his Aunt Caroline and four hired girls and a handyman he works hard beside his crew to make his dream come true.

Elizabeth Caldwell is the first young lady he hires and he finds her attractive; so do two wanted killers the bother her on the street and as she travels from her home to work. Adam works hard to help her but she has a big secret, she is a young widow with a baby, a little girl named Rose that her mother keeps for her while she works to support her family.

Between secrets, criminals attacking, a runaway horse, a house fire and an attempted kidnapping *A New Beginning* is an exciting tale of the old west full of sweet romance too.

Tracy Sylvester says

When Adam Brody suffers some mishaps in life he decides to start fresh with his inheritance with his faithful Aunt Caroline by his side. She is a stable support in his life after he lost his parents and his wife. Adam decides to buy an old mansion and turn it into a hotel with restaurant. He sees so much potential being near the railroad. It gives him hope for his future. Elizabeth Caldwell has lost her husband to violence and is left caring for her mother and infant daughter Rose. When circumstances bring them into the path of Adam and Caroline life changes for them all. This novel has intrigue, murder, romance, hardship and love. If you enjoy historical romance, this is the book for you.

carol ann miller says

Great

This was a fun great book. I enjoyed the story very much. It had fun, family, friendship and love. Now I need to decide about the next book.

Donna says

You have got to love Kansas

I really enjoyed this book! I enjoy historical and books about Kansas! This book fits for me! There is excitement and love and guns shooting too!

Cindy says

I fell in love with the Kansas Crossroads series only a few pages into the first book. The characters are surprisingly well-rounded considering how short the books are and I find them all genuinely likeable. I've recently read some fiction and non-fiction about the Harvey House and Harvey Girls, I was struck right away by the similarities to the fictional hotel and restaurant, The Brody Hotel. The author did confirm that she based them on the Harvey House and Girls and it added an interesting layer of realism for me as I read the books. I definitely recommend all of the books in this series.

Claire says

I spent a lovely afternoon listening to the gem of a book and it left me wanting the next book in the series.

I couldn't help but love Adam and Elizabeth, they're both kind and good people and their attraction to each other was so sweet. The characters are surprisingly well done considering the length of the book and the setting is beautifully described. I enjoyed the glimpse into life in another era and life on the railroad frontier.

The character voices and the delivery were well done and I enjoyed listening to this narrator.

I received a free copy of this book from the author and/or narrator and/or publisher and I voluntarily wrote this honest review.

Marsha Spohn says

Reviewed at Historically Romantic

I was quickly drawn into the dream behind A New Beginning. Where most people saw a run down dilapidated old mansion Adam saw a hotel that could offer meals and rooms to the masses of people who would be heading West... on the railroad right near by. With Adam's enthusiasm and his Aunt Caroline's more practical approach it was impossible to not get caught up in this dream of Adam's.

Elizabeth is also looking for a new start. A recent widow with a young baby, Elizabeth has the care of the two most precious people in her hands – her daughter and her frail mother. Jobs are hard to come by in this town, well, jobs that don't involve a saloon and that is not something Elizabeth is willing to do. An advertisement catches her eye. It really is a last chance gamble she's taking for the new hotel owner specifically is asking for single ladies to work his hotel as staff and waitresses. Yet desperate times call for a few misleading statements, and for her family Elizabeth will skim the truth in order to provide for them.

I enjoyed A New Beginning very much. We'll meet several of the people who will have their stories told within this series as Adam and Caroline staff the new hotel. Their introductions were natural to the story and made perfect sense along the way. Add in a few real life historical figures, some bad news outlaws, and a simmering romance and you have me hooked from the start. Adam and Elizabeth make a great founding couple for this series, and I'm looking forward to some binge reading to get caught up in their adventure with

the Brody Hotel, along with its residents.

I own a Kindle copy of this story.

Mary Ashley says

The is a sweet story about Adam and Elizabeth.

Sarah B White says

An enjoyable quick read

I found this book as a free preview to a series I have not read. I began reading and could not put it down. I look forward to more enjoyable reading as I continue the series.

stella says

If I could give more stars I would.I'm now starting NO 3.I love the characters.And hope to read the whole series.I will be filling this author

John Mosman says

A New Beginning is a well written story with well developed characters. A hotel by the rail line in Topeka back in frontier days is a great location. These are still frontier days with the railroads pushing people further west. This is a romance story during the time the hotel is getting ready to open. I enjoyed the story, but being honest, not sure if I will read any further in the series. We shall see.

Carri Kelsey says

Awesome

What an awesome first book to this series, a second chance at love when you jest expect it and do not think you deserve it, gruels awesome.

Sue Colburn says

Excellent writing!

I really enjoyed the plot - though it had me in suspense several times.
I love reading Carolyn Aarsen's books!

Sarah Southerland says

Clean & quick read. Not too much drama or development. Easy read.

gary c lehn says

Great story...

I enjoyed the authors story telling, the adventures of the characters in the stories of the men and women of the mail order brides program was amazing.
