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Suddenly single after twenty-two years of marriage, the calm of Katherine Price's midlife has turned upside down. Seeking to find her true self, she took a chance on starting over. A year later, she is certain of this: she's in love with Philippe and adores his idyllic French homeland, where he wants her to live with him.

But all that feels like a fantasy far removed from Toronto, where she's helping her friend Molly, hospitalized after a life-threatening accident. Staying in her childhood home full of memories, Katherine wonders: Is she really ready to leave everything behind for an unknown life abroad? And if all her happiness lies with Philippe, will it last? Can she trust in love again?

Searching her heart, Katherine finds the pull of the familiar is stronger than she thought. An unexpected meeting with her ex, the first time since his cruel departure, and a stunning declaration of love from an old flame spur her introspection.

With sunlit backdrops and plot twists as breathtaking as the beaches of Antibes, author Patricia Sands brings her trilogy about second chances to a provocative and satisfying close that proves that a new life just might be possible—if you're willing to let your heart lead you home.

## I Promise You This Details

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### Amy says

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#### GIVEAWAY ON MY BLOG FOR THIS SERIES STARTING 5/24!

I Promise You This picks up immediately where things ended in the second book, which thank goodness as it ended on a gigantic cliffhanger and I was desperate to know what happened! Due to a tragedy, Kat finds herself back home in Canada and is surprised by the conflicting emotions she's experiencing upon her return home. She begins to question her decisions as of late and has many moments of doubt as she wonders if she's been hasty in deciding to make France her permanent home. Once again, the way that Sands infused the reality of life into Kat's story pleased me greatly as things were not all rainbows and roses for her, it was an accurate portrayal of what someone's real life could actually be.

Switching things up and having Philippe visit Canada was a nice change of pace as the first two books were primarily set in France. Seeing how he fit into Kat's life was interesting and seemed only fitting as usually she was the one struggling with a language barrier and a completely different culture. I don't want to say much about the plot, but as with book two there were some surprises and secrets that cropped up again.

Though this was an ideal way to end this trilogy I'm still really sad to say goodbye to this series and the lovely characters that I've grown to know and love. I'll especially miss reading all the gorgeous descriptions of the food Kat eats and the stunning locales she visits as Sands has a real knack for bringing the setting to life. If I didn't already have the urge to visit France I most certainly would have developed one now and can't wait until one day when I can experience it for myself!

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### Boyko Ovcharov says

Making the right choices in life!

In this third and allegedly final part in the series we can see the protagonist Katherine being faced with loads of daily life-changing choices and challenges, concerning her love, feelings, place of residence, possibly career etc.

It logically wraps up her journeys and endeavors through a wide mixture of cultures, countries, landscapes and human, interpersonal relationships.

The author's exploration of linguistic diversity of Canada, France and to a certain degree 'Australia' is quite remarkable as well.

The reintroduction of Nick as Kat's old flame was a fresh and intriguing idea. However, friendship in that case seemed like the only feasible option.

Moreover, Molly's extreme and unexpected circumstances were both very realistic and pivotal. Despite her hard times, she seemed to be like an 'angel' to everyone else involved in the story. By gravitating towards her hospital bed and trying to ease her situation, they somehow succeeded in putting their own lives in order.

The climax of the storyline was in a way the favorable development of Molly's love story, to which Katherine also contributed significantly.

Phrases, such as: 'once bitten, twice shy', 'trouble in paradise', 'what doesn't kill us, makes us stronger'

actually sounded so alive and were given some augmented, or even novel, unconventional meanings and contexts.

All in all, Patricia's main messages are clearly positive and invaluable regarding real love based on deep feelings, long awaited marriage(s) and reasonable life choices at any age.

Furthermore, I enjoyed the thrilling comparison between the 'rat race' and the harmonious enjoyment of life in Provence. In that case, the author encourages everyone of us to search for our own 'Provence' in our everyday hectic lives. Thus, that does not mean a form of 'escape'. It simply means 'growing up' and finding our true selves.

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### **Stacy says**

I received an ARC of this book from NetGalley in exchange for my unbiased opinion.

I Promise You This is the third book in the Love in Provence series. While the book does fill in details about major events that happened in the first two books, there are some minor characters from the first two books who show back up in this book without explanation, so I would recommend reading the series in order instead of reading this book as a stand-alone.

At the start of the book, Kat is heading back to her hometown of Toronto because her best friend, Molly, has been in a car accident and is in a coma. As Molly has no relatives, Kat is in charge of making medical decisions for Molly until she regains consciousness. Kat dearly misses her partner, Philippe, while they are separated, but being back home begins to raise questions about whether she is really ready to leave it behind and start a new life in France.

This book is definitely one to check out when you are looking for something saccharine-sweet. Nick and Philippe will make you wish that men like them existed in real life! I would love to see a spin-off book about Simone's story during World War II.

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### **BJ says**

This was book 3 of the Love in Provence series. I loved this entire series. In these stories, France is kind of another character. There are descriptions of places and history and food. The main character, Kat, falls in love with Phillippe, but also with the people, places, and food in France. I loved the descriptive writing. It made me want to visit all the places that Kat visited and it made me hungry for good food. Very enjoyable read.

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### **Liza Perrat says**

The third in Patricia Sands' France-based Love in Provence series, I Promise You This follows on from Book 2: Promises to Keep, where the heroine, Katherine, leaves behind painful memories of her failed marriage in Canada to go to France to begin a new life with her French love, Philippe.

I Promise You This begins where book 2 ends, with Katherine returning to Canada to help her friend Molly, after a serious accident.

But her hometown evokes memories of all that Katherine left behind, and after a meeting with her ex-husband and a declaration of love from an old flame, Katherine asks herself if she's truly ready to abandon all of this for an unknown new life in a foreign country, with Philippe. And if she does take the plunge, is this new love just a quirk of lust, or is it everlasting? After the disaster of her marriage, is she able to trust in love again?

Once back in France, amidst the stunning countryside of Provence, the smells of the flowers and trees, the succulent food and wine, we continue to follow Philippe and Katherine on their voyage of new love. Some plot twists involving other members of Philippe's family add to the surprise and suspense of the story.

The author's love of this part of France is evident through her breathtaking descriptions of the countryside, the villages, the gastronomic food and wine, which she deftly brings to life.

*I Promise You* This brings the *Love in Provence* trilogy to a satisfying close, leaving us with joy and the hope that a new life is possible, if we're game to take the risk.

Highly recommended to readers of contemporary romance, women's fiction and francophiles.

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### **Marla says**

I really enjoyed this trilogy. This is a great ending to a great series. This makes me want to go back to France and spend the summer or longer touring around. Great characters.

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### **Susan says**

This book follows the story set out in the two previous books, *The Promise of Provence* and *Promises to Keep*. At this point in the story Katherine has returned to Toronto from the South of France because her best friend Molly has been involved in an accident that left her seriously injured. Katherine is also grappling with her feelings about relocating to France to be with Philippe on a permanent basis. She is not in doubt about her feelings for Philippe but she's feeling unsettled about leaving friends, family and everything that feels like home behind.

As Molly's situation improves, Philippe comes to Toronto to be close to Katherine. With the support of those closest to her she decides she is willing to take a chance on love and make the move back to France. Once there, she realizes she wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

I was happy to be reunited with all the characters from the previous books in this one. They all have their own stories that unfold throughout this series and as a reader I felt like I was accompanying each of them on an life changing journey. In the second half of the book the sights and smells of France permeate the pages, which made it a joy to read. Frankly, it was so easy to get caught up in the characters, the setting and the story that I felt like I was on vacation. And the upbeat nature of the story made it a book that I didn't want to end.

Thanks to Netgalley for allowing me to read this book in exchange for an honest review.

### **Nancy says**

This is part of a lovely series about a Canadian woman finding a second chance at love with a Frenchman. This book tells the story of the start of their life together in France. It is well written and the characters are engaging. The book gives a realistic view of what it is like to move to another country and start a new life there with someone.

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### **Alicia says**

\*\*\*\* "I Promise You This" by Patricia Sands

The last book in the Love in Provence trilogy, Patricia Sands tells the story of Katherine and Phillippe as they begin their lives in Antibes. They are clearly a very in love and happy couple.

When Kat must return to Toronto, where she grew up and spent most of her adulthood, she begins to struggle with several issues. First, her best friend Molly has been in an accident and Kat is designated as her next of kin. The first week or so are an emotional roller coaster. Between spending the days at the hospital and all of the unknowns of Molly's condition and spending the evenings packing up the house she grew up in, Kat begins to question her move to France, her priorities and many other issues. The only one she doesn't waiver on is her love of Phillippe.

Once Molly's condition is clearer, Kat has more time on her hands, so to speak, and while packing also goes through multiple memories of her childhood, that if her parents, and still questions whether moving to France is running away, a decision made too quickly, and many issues of self-doubt and worry.

When she talks of France others notice that her eyes light up, her body posture changes, and she emits an aura of happiness. While she loves her hometown of Toronto, she seems to be the last one to know where her home and heart really lies: in France. And Phillippe is an amazing bonus in all of that.

A lot of the book was pointing out tourist spots in Toronto and France -- places she has visited or does visit. So a good portion of the book feels more like it is written as a tour guide. While many of these are interesting and their is great description but also expands on the characters actions and personality, others seemed to be added as extra and felt like it didn't really add to the book or the characters.

"I Promise You This," is a novel that reminded me of a coming of age book, but for someone in the middle of their life. It inspires hope, joy, love, friendship, family, and knowing oneself as inside and out as we grow and change within our life span.

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### **Karen Komarinski says**

This series has become very special to me and the third and final book in the Love in Provence could not have been better. I felt like I was reunited with old friends and family and was lucky enough to be

transported into this story set in the south of France. Katherine's world is rocked once again when she receives an urgent call from her cousin's Andrea and Terence; breaking the news that her best friend Molly has been in an accident and she is in a coma. Katherine immediately returns home to Toronto to make decisions concerning Molly's care. She tells Philippe to stay in France and come later once Molly improves. During this separation Kat is flooded with insecurities and doubts to where her home is; should she stay in Toronto or leave everything behind and start a new life in France with Philippe the man she loves. Lots of surprises pop up in the story and I don't want to ruin the joy of reading this story for others. You will have to find out for yourself where and how Kat's journey ends. I am sad that this is the last book in this series, but it makes way for new adventures for the characters that have become so dear to me. One of my Favorite quotes in I Promise you this comes from Molly; "It's a hell of a story Katski! I can't wait to see what happens next." Thank you Patricia for writing this wonderful story. Congratulations! I truly can not wait to read what comes next. If you have read the first two books in this series The Promise of Provence and Promises to Keep; you will not be disappointed with I Promise you this! If you have not read this series yet, put it on your TBR list, you will be for a real treat!

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### **Chauncey says**

Second chance romance and the South of France. I'm in! That's what I was thinking when I requested I Promise You This but I failed to notice it was the last in the Love In Provence series. Doesn't matter, I liked it all the same. I may have loved it if I'd read the previous titles but alas... This is a love letter. A love letter to Provence and a love letter to embracing the second half of your life and living it fully and with love.

I appreciate romances that feature women close to my own age. We're undervalued in the romance genre. We're just as passionate, viable and desirable as a twenty year old and far more interesting because we've got some life experience and have thankfully figured out who we are and what we want and most definitely what we don't. Katherine is just coming into owning all of that after a long marriage but she gets there too!

The themes of friendship, change, loyalty and taking risks are always in the background if not central to the plot. Life can be scary, love terrifying. We get to go along with Katherine as she puts her past behind her and learns to take a risk and embrace an unknown future. And she does it knowing that no matter how far away she goes the people and the place that she considers home will always be there for her. It's a lovely story. Like a weekend getaway. Light, well written and romantic on many levels.

3.5 stars rounded up to 4

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### **Andrea Stoeckel says**

[ I received this book free from the publisher through NetGalley. I thank them for their generosity. In exchange, I was simply asked to write an honest review, and post it. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255 "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising]

“Life is full of choices . . . don’t be afraid to make them . . . live it well.”

Katherine has returned to Toronto after her best friend Molly has a near death accident and has been placed in an induced coma to possibly help her heal. At the moment, that is questionable. Katherine is all Molly has now that Molly's brother is gone, and she knows she needs to be there. She finds Molly in ICU surrounded by caregivers and the ever-present Father DeCaprio as they all work towards a full recovery.

As much as she loves her life in Provence with Phillippe, she needs to make decisions about her former life in Toronto. Should she break all ties? Should she stay in Canada? What's next for this 57 year old woman? Who is her "family"?

Through a series of vignettes, we see how Kat defines her new life, saying goodbye to some and embracing others. As usual, Sands' love affair with both Toronto and Provence are quite obvious, and the love stories that twine throughout are compelling. You will find heartache, laughter and tears as this Provencal trilogy comes to a satisfying close, leaving a door slightly ajar that other stories may follow. One can only hope.

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### **Laura says**

I loved this book. I just wish I had read the first two in the series. What is there not to love? Great characters, tragedy, love, surprises along the way, and making tough decisions in the face of tragedy.

I enjoy books that have that element of “what would I do if I were in that situation?” Also, real situations that can happen to anyone but when you see it play out with others, it makes you think. Not to mention that having moved from one country to start a new life in a new country is a decision that cannot be taken lightly. Having immigrated myself from Venezuela to the USA, I know what it means to change your entire life. It redefines what you refer to as “home”. I have been to France several times and love to visit, however it has to be very different to actually live there. In this story, we get a glimpse of what that would be like and what those of us who have had the pleasure of visiting love most about France – especially Provence.

I would consider this book a light, sweet, but engaging love story that definitely has me looking forward to reading the first two in the series. Enjoy!

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### **Mave says**

4.5 stars

It's an extraordinary romance about the second chance in life and the difficulties and fears to pursue happiness. Breathtaking landscapes, great characters, brilliant dialogue and a strong plot: this book is a real treat.

Kat has left her beloved Toronto to start a new life in Provence with the man she loves. Her friend Molly has had a bad accident and she returns home to help her. Being back in her homeland brings good memories to mind and she is tormented by doubts. Has she made the right choice to go to live in Provence? The love she feels for Philippe will be so strong that it can overcome all adversity?

Kat is a generous woman, unselfish, a great friend but also fragile and insecure. She was really hurt in the past and is afraid to suffer again.

I love Provence and was delighted by the wonderful descriptions of Antibes that the author has done in this book, it really seemed to be there.

It's the third book in a series, can be read as stand alone but for a more engaging reading I recommend reading the series in order.

Highly recommended for those who love romantic stories and Provence

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### **Jacqueline says**

Katherine, who we have already witnessed being left by her rat of a husband and then losing her mother, now finds herself back in a cold, wintry Toronto, just when she thought her life would always be in the south of France with Philippe. Her best friend Molly needs her and it is a tough and emotional time for everyone. Patricia's books always have a traumatic sad part, before France can soothe and heal as only France knows how to and this book, the third in the series, is no exception. Being back in her Mother's house, away from Philippe and alone, but surrounded by memories of 'home', she questions her decision to start a new life in France. Philippe, however, is never far from her thoughts and as she opens up about her feelings she begins to understand the importance of love, family, friendship and what it means to feel at 'home'.

This book is very emotional with simmering passion, lots of surprises and tears, well for me at least. As with the other books in the series it is the colours and scents of Provence that stand out for me when reading it and really take you there. Patricia's obvious love for the area is present in every page. I can't not mention the flavours too, as you would expect from a novel with a character who is French and in the business of cheese, the food they eat plays an important role and is described to perfection.

It was lovely to be back in France with Katherine and to see how her life has changed so much in a short time, I've really enjoyed following her journey and I'm sure you will too. I would recommend starting with book one, *The Promise of Provence* and if you can, read all three together. This will save you from having to trawl through your memory to place characters and events from previous books who reappear here.

If you are looking for a virtual holiday in Provence, this series of books will give you the perfect escape along with a warm, feel-good feeling too.

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