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She's waiting for her prince to come ... but was he right beside her all the time?

Kristina Rose Maher wants to know why fairytales never happen for fat girls. Certain that diner cook Jeff, handsome and fit, will never want her as more than a friend, she stuffs down her attraction to him. But when she finds herself facing a life-altering weight loss surgery, she discovers she's willing to do whatever it takes to embrace life—and love—to the fullest.

Jeffrey Berkley can't bear the thought of losing the friend he's only just beginning to realize matters so much to him... no matter what size she is. But he is also terrified that helping her reach for her dreams will also mean finally reaching for his own—and letting down his family's legacy in the process.

Both Kristina Rose and Jeffrey must learn to love themselves before they can find a way to make a promise to each other. Will they finally be able to lay their heavy burdens at the Lord's feet, and trust him to bring the happily-ever-after they both crave?

Don't miss this sweet tale of faith, love, and gastric bypass--get your copy of *Love's Promise* today!

Love's Promise Details

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From Reader Review Love's Promise for online ebook

Jessica Mitchell says

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Love is fickle and it will hit you when you least expect it too. So come along for the ride in this sweet romantic story.

This is book 2 and can be read as a stand alone. All the characters do tie in together if you want to read in order.

A woman lost in thought of how to turn her life around and find the one thing to make her happy. A man who is tired of his life being dictated by his family, he just wants to be happy and enjoy life.

Kristina Rose has to have surgery to cure her diabetes and also making her slimmer in the process. But her therapist and doctor both told her that she must figure out what is causing her anxiety which is fueling her to eat and eat. But the question is what is missing in her life and causing her anxiety? Could it be just under her nose?

Jeffery is tired of the life his father is always trying to shove on him. Being a short order cook doesn't hurt him at all. He gets to work with friends and do something he likes..cooking and gets paid for it. When his friend Kristina needs a friendly shoulder to lean on, he is willing to be that friend through thick and thin. But he also realizes he really does like Kristina whether she is thick or thin. How will he be able to tell her?

Evelyn Nathalia says

Do you know the moment that you find a book that you've been looking for your whole life?

Melissa wrote the story beautifully and it has been an amazing journey with Jeffrey and Kristina. It gives me hope and love that something good is going to happen one day and that love sees inner beauty.

Jeff is a remarkable guy. Not only he cooks, but also thoughtful. He finally managed to face his fears and that helps him to be closer to his family and God. Sometimes the path that we chose is not only the path that our parents set for us but more on that what God will lead us to.

People often hide behind their mask when they are busy and helping many people. It's not saying that helping is bad but we hide too much.

Kristina finally learns to accept help from her friends and they all learn a lot from it.

Great story

Sassy Beta Reading & Review says

This is a new series for me (haven't read book 1 yet) but I will be going back to read that one as well. This is a sweet romance which was a change from what I normally read. It was a nice change to have something a bit more realistic. It's nice to see real life type situations brought out and handled beautifully. Seeing Kristina's struggles about her self esteem really hit home. It was nice to see people working together to give her support and prove to her that she is worth all the love she feared she didn't deserve.

Great story line, nice characters that I was able to fall into like with (wasn't able to become come emotionally attached to the characters to fall in love with them), good descriptions to detail. All in all a good read.

Would I recommend this book? Yes

Would I read more from this author? Yes

Debra says

Wow! LOVE'S PROMISE is a beautiful love story that comes true. Melissa Storm must knows firsthand how it feels to be overweight because she has written it perfectly and poignantly. This terrific read will have you laughing, crying and hoping that Kristina Rose and Jeffrey realize their friendship is the lasting foundation for their love. This is a great book, I highly recommend!

Mary Lou Hoffman says

LOVE'S PROMISE is the second in the First Street Church series. Each stands on their own, but with heavy involvement with the characters from the other stories. I strongly recommend reading them all and in the order of release.

So often, the world just seems to be so hard. These stories are always the perfect softening balm to my heart. This may be my favorite of the First Street Church romances that I have read so far, including those brought into this world from other authors.

The theme of learning to love yourself before you can truly love someone else is one that many struggle with in their own lives. It is beautifully and sensitively brought to life as Kristina Rose goes through gastric bypass surgery. Jeffrey, God bless him, is patient and kind. He's a sweetheart of a man and I was rooting for him the whole way through!

I am looking forward to returning to Sweet Grove, TX for another uplifting, warm, and fuzzy relationship.

Note: While I received this book as a gifted ARC, my opinions are my own and are given freely.

Title: LOVE'S PROMISE

Series: First Street Church #2

Category /Genre: Contemporary Romance

Recommended for: 18+ due to adult content

Grammar/editing: book received as an unedited ARC / errors excused

Received from: Melissa Storm (as an ARC gifted copy)

Donna says

Love's Promise is another wonderful book by Melissa Storm. She is a terrific author and you need to read all of her books.

Love's Promise is a sweet romance and so much more. It deals with the struggle to love one's self in spite of the flaws and imperfections. Of being true to who you are and not letting others expectations/opinions determine how you live your life. Of the importance of faith in yourself.

Kristina Rose and Jeffrey are wonderful characters. People who, if they are in your life, are a blessing. They are so deserving of a happy life and an HEA. I would love to see Mabel find romance in a future book. It was nice to catch up with the characters from Love's Prayer. While the characters from Book 1 are involved in Book 2, each book is a complete novel with no cliffhanger.

I highly recommend reading Love's Promise. And all of Melissa Storm's books. They are all fantastic.

Carrie K-Ski says

What a refreshing lovely story by Ms. Storm. She has a way of writing that makes you feel warm, fuzzy and content. Don't miss out on another fantastic read.

Denise Van plew says

Every once in awhile I want to switch gears and read a honest to goodness romance that is hard to come by more and more. Mostly too it is because life is becoming more complex so novels have become in so many to pick from that is another reason search will become real. I know that this author will deliver though that romance I need so when I can I hunt one of her novels down if available. This one also drew my attention because I know three people that have had this surgery, two of them it was serious business with the other one soon to be. Even though they had that surgery they were still wonderful people before and after just not always battling health issues now as much. This one centers around Kristina and Jeffrey with their story unfolding in this that you are right there for it from the beginning. Knowing the struggles can be real kept me glued too that soon I felt I knew these guys for real too. My emotions soon become wrapped up in them as they go thru it all. It also show it is the matters of the heart that are important just as God sees the heart that the outside is just a shell. This one filled me to the brim with what I craved and then some.

Penny Harmon says

Melissa Storm has done it again with the second book in the First Street Church Romances series.

Love's Promise focuses on Kristina, a woman who has lived with weight problems all her life and, due to this, suffers from low self-esteem. Then along comes Jeffrey, the cook where she works and their friendship slowly turns to something deeper and more meaningful.

Melissa Storm has such a way of story-telling that it just leaves you wanting more and more. Looking forward to reading the next book in the series! I just can't get enough.

HeidiLynns BookReviews says

First, I need to thank Melissa Storm for providing me with this book so I may bring you this review! Love's Promise by Melissa Storm is the second book in The First Street Church Romance series. This book is not a standalone and must be read in order. Reason being you will be lost in the storyline and the characters.

I am a huge Melissa Storm fan but none of her books have touched me more than Kristina Rose's story has. Even though this was Melissa's story about her own journey written through Kristina Rose it reminded me of mine. Even in the back of the book Melissa is so brave to not only share her journey but her before and after pictures. I commend her for sharing her story with the world. Nobody has ever written a novel quite like this before. This is why I love her writing so much. She writes from the heart and about subjects we as readers can all relate to. Even if you didn't have this surgery there were aspects of the story you could relate to! Jeffrey was one of my ultimate favorite characters in the book besides Kristina Rose of course. He was incredibly sweet, thoughtful, supportive, resourceful, patient, didn't judge a book by its cover but saw the beauty within, helpful, concerned, caring, and an amazing friend to Kristina. This character blew me away. Any girl would be so blessed to be with a man like him.

As for Kristina's Mom well she got on my nerves. I could understand her trigger for eating. Many times I wanted to go into the book and tell her Mom a few things! Especially when she brought up pizza and wings when she knew that was not on her diet nor would her pouch let her have it!

I am looking forward to the next book to see where Kristina Rose's journey takes her with the new chapter in her life. Knowing Melissa will keep it true to her experiences.

Carol and Gary Curtis says

Very sweet but not always interesting story. The plot was simple with twists along the way. I couldn't feel any emotion but I slogged through.

Ann-Maree Howarth says

A powerful story that many of us may relate too, loving yourself and your body as others see us. This is book two of the First Street Church Romances series where we get to spend some time with a group of friends finding their way in life and with God in the town of Sweet Grove. I received an ARC copy of this book to which I have voluntarily and honestly reviewed. I have enjoyed all the books I have read in this series so far.

Kristina Rose Maher has always battled with her weight and now a health issue is making her do what she has not been doing for years, putting herself first. Kristina Rose will need to take life slowly and depend on

the help of her friends to get through this change in her life that she hopes will give her the body she always dreamed of. She had always hidden behind her bubbly personality to hide her dress size. Jeffrey Berkley has always thought Kristina Rose was perfect as a friend and a co-worker. It is not until there is the possibility of her not being there every day that makes Jeffrey realise he may just feel something more. Jeffrey has also been hiding something from his family and possibly to himself. Can either one take to step out of friendship to something more and take the risk of losing the friendship totally? Can they both get the dream they both want?

Lesley Mackwell says

I enjoyed this book& was especially interested in the gastric bypass surgery angle.

The book didn't wow me as much as book 1 in the series, however the plot was easy to follow, the characters well drawn and both progressed at a good speed.

Whilst expecting a happy ending, and enjoying the Christian content the only slight twist was the reaction of Jeff's Dad when confronted about his son's decision. Everything was pleasant and fairly predictable.

The turmoil expected with each confrontation didn't happen, I would have expected at least one to have fully exploded and turned the relationship sour for a period!

I guess as a night time read I couldn't ask for better, nobody would get nightmares from reading it! A pleasant easy read with some good basic teaching on loving yourself and others. Taken as a whole each of the main characters developed in some aspect of this, so perhaps my score of 3 is a little low , but I'm unable to get the half star rating on this device!

I ll read the next book when I can't sleep& just want something to keep me pleasantly occupied without overstretching the brain cells. Highly recommended for preamp young teens.

Patricia Myers says

I loved this story more than the first one in this series. Kristina Rose has health issues and has to go through gastric bypass surgery. All her friends rally around her to support her. Her co-worker Jeffrey realizes that he has been in love with her all along. They both have family problems. Her mother isn't supportive of her and Jeff's father wants him to go to school to take over the families pharmacy. It is really interesting how they come together. It was a great story of finding faith and supporting one another. I like how at the end of Ms. Storm's book lead into the next one.

I received a Readers Copy of this book.

Barb says

Second in the First Street Church Romance series, this novel (like the previous one) is a quick, fun read. The Christian characters openly pray, attend church services and functions, and read the Bible, but the reader

won't feel like they're being beaten over the head with religious platitudes. In this story, Kristina undergoes gastric bypass surgery and her coworker Jeff struggles with his father's professional expectations for him as well as his feelings for Kristina. A meddling friend convinces him to keep his affection to himself (against his better judgment) while Kristina wonders if Jeff could ever fall for a girl with a weight problem.
