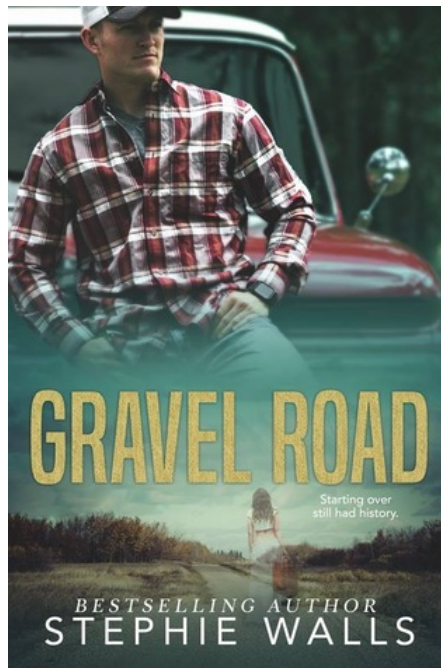




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I fell in love with Austin before I even knew what the word meant.

Miranda was the only girl who ever had a chance at owning my heart.

Defined by the land we grew up on—ranches, pastures, lakes—Mason Belle, Texas, wrote our story. And then it tore out the pages.

Six years later, Miranda had managed to slip away again. But this time, I refused to let her run.

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From Reader Review Gravel Road for online ebook

Zilpha Owens says

Contentious. That's how I would describe the first pages of Gravel Road. It tightens your chest and prepares you for battle. It's not exactly how you would think a romance should start, but it's exactly the set-up you need to begin this story of childhood sweethearts and second chances. A devastating moment has changed the course of lives in an unexpected way. Through dual perspectives and floating through past and present, Austin Burin and Miranda Adams have a soul deep connection. Bit by bit, layer by layer, the emotional pain and loss they both suffered and the unresolved issues that have plagued them not only tear them apart, it tore me apart too. Their hurt was my hurt. But the coming together, the love that is still there, outshines all the bad and had me turning the pages as quickly as I could. Woven into their journey is also the importance, support and love of family and friends and with that comes acceptance and forgiveness. I love getting wrapped up in a story, turning the pages, following the characters and their journey. I love reading a simply beautiful love story that comes across easily through the pages. It's exactly what I got with Gravel Road.

Paula Phillips says

Growing up Miranda aka Randi and Austin were inseparable, everyone thought that if one pair would make it through the thick and the thin and end up married - it would be those two. Life, however, can throw curveballs that we never expect as after a tragedy - Miranda ended up running to the city where she has lived ever since. Six years later, fire and tragic circumstances rip through the small town of Mason Belle, Texas and Miranda finds herself reluctantly heading back home. It's back home, that she gets quite a frosty welcome as nobody bothered to ask the reason she left and the rest of the town especially Austin- saw her as abandoning those she supposedly loved. Austin hasn't stopped loving Randi , but she stomped on his heart hard and he can't quite forgive her just yet. Miranda is not the same fiery girl she was six years ago and seems to have lost her way. Can being home help Miranda find her spark again and reconnect her with her loved ones and possibly a second chance at romance before it's too late ? I have to admit though that Miranda's nephew stole the show in this book.

Find out in this second chance romance tale "Gravel Road" by Stephie Walls.

Angela James says

Wow. I don't know what to say about this book other than it was freaking amazing and should be added to the top of your must read immediately list. Austin and Randi's story isn't easy or simple... one teenage mistake in a bid of rebellion and freedom cost Randi everything for six long years. Austin lost the only thing that mattered to him and he's been left with unanswered questions ever since the day she walked away. Tragedy has her racing back home. Life is never as simple or as black and white as it seems. This book has a way of drawing you in until you feel and hear the crunch of the gravel road under foot and can see those horses and cattle. You can smell the anticipation in the air and you hold your breath in suspense. I adored this book. Stephie Walls is a master at crafting a story that will consume you and have you more invested in fictional characters lives than that of your children...please stock up on pb&j and cereal so they don't starve while you get lost in Austin and Randi...lol One of my favorite books all year and obviously it comes highly recommended by me.

Steph's Romance Book Talk says

Sometimes you come across a book that seems to take you forever to read. Sometimes it is because the book is bad and you just push through to get through it. However, there are books like this one that take you on an emotional roller coaster ride that it will just take you time to process what you are experiencing. Austin and Miranda's story is one of those journeys, an everlasting love story that began at the age of ten only to have tragic events tear them apart for six years. Miscommunications, lies, betrayal, and guilt can make people do crazy things. I cried, laughed, swooned, and felt throughout this entire story. I knew even in those moments of frustration in not knowing that Stephie Walls would not disappoint me in giving me just what I needed.

This specific video review will be included in the October 2018 wrap-up.

For other video book reviews check out my YouTube Channel: Steph's Rom Book Talk.

Leddy Harper says

Gravel Road was by far the worst book Stephie Walls has ever written. I should sue her ass for damages... Gravel Road left me with dramatically increased impatience because I couldn't read fast enough, uncontrollable anger over insufficient battery life on my reading devices, obsessive compulsive disorder that led me to think about nothing else from the time I started until this very day, and insomnia because I couldn't put it down until I finished. This book ruined me. Worst book I ever read! Everyone should read it just so I'm not alone in my misery!

Amazeballs Book Addicts says

Wow this one was a good read. It's the first book I read by Stephie Walls. The prologue sucked me in. The prologue was a jaw dropping one that had me completely hooked. As a teenager Miranda was wild and full of spirit. Austin and her were it, everyone thought they would be together forever. Something happens and she leaves. Six year later she is back in town. Her path can't help but cross with Austin when she is back in town. The only people who know really why she left is her and her Dad but other people have made there opinions about her and aren't all that welcoming to her. Austin is a great guy. He comes off as a little mean to Miranda when she comes back but he still has a soft spot for her. There's a lot of surprises in this one. It's a heart string puller that has all the feelings.

Kristie Leigh says

Gravel Road has it all...small town feel, second chances, redemption, sexy man on a horse named Nugget, and family secrets. One of my favorite things about Stephie's books is how lost in the story I get. I could literally feel Randi's pain through the pages, and Austin's love for her was as real to me as the air I breathe. I laughed throughout the entire book, but I also gasped, clutched my chest, teared up, cheered for the characters, and swooned over and over again. One of my favorite reads of 2018.

Kim Carter says

ARC kindly provided for honest review. When I read a Stephie Walls book, I know for sure that I am going some place I have never been before. Gravel Road was very good, I enjoyed this story of high school sweethearts and their second chance at romance...what I didn't expect was the storyline that tore them apart in the first place. In the beginning, I will admit I was angry with Miranda (Randi) for up and leaving her small Texas town, but patience grasshopper, you will get the full story and you will understand....and that I did. The story is told in dual POV with some past and present - but that doesn't bother me one bit, I was able to feel the real connection between Austin and Randi. It's also a story of forgiveness which happened to put a lump in my throat and draw a tear from my eye. I encourage fans of second chance romance to take a chance on Gravel Road.

Nova Brantley says

I'm left speechless ? a second chance where both people but mostly the guy stays celibate like for 6 years straight not a mention of a woman at all. ?

Anne OK says

I love a good solid second chance romance book. And I anticipated one here with all the great reviews and a blurb that grabbed me quickly. But somehow this one -- even with all its potential -- fell below the expectations I had set for it.

Too much just didn't click with me. A six-year absence because a young girl made a bad decision that resulted in a tragic accident that really should not have been blamed on her! Too much bad juju resulted, and I completely could not forgive her dear old dad. What a jerkwad!! I adored Austin from the start, although he lost some of his draw by being kind of a jerk himself -- but he regained my adoration and I did finally reckon with his reasoning. And Miranda, even though a bit of a brat, melted my heart. I honestly wanted to wrap my arms around her and offer all the hugs she'd missed. Favorite character: Eason! And I agree with the cowboys, EasTon would have been a bit better. But you can't blame Eason for the name attached to an otherwise really cool guy -- and a perfect best friend.

Okay, so I didn't hate it -- but it was far from a head-over-heels read for me. Nice ending -- although the entire book just didn't seem connected or completed to satisfaction.

Stefanie says

This second chance love story was just amazing. I loved the story line and all of the characters. This book gave me all the feels and had me hooked from the very beginning. It has to be the best book that I have read by Stephie Walls so far. I didn't want this book to ever end.

Dilek VT says

As far as I understood from the reviews, there is a frustrating separation of 6 years, all because the heroine causes an accident unintentionally.

Mg ♥ The Bookishmedialite says

"Sometimes we have to endure the worst pain of our lives to find the greatest happiness."

Do you remember that time when I read my first Stephie Walls book and told you that as cliché as it sounds, it wouldn't be my last? Well, guess what? It was true because I just finished re-reading my second book by her, and I freaking adored it. *I'm a Stephie Walls fan for life now.*

One bad decision, one mistake, and everything changed for Austin and Miranda. From the very beginning, the emotions ran high and held me there the farther I got into the story. And then, when everything was said and done, I was a total mess—a mess of tears that didn't ask for permission but trailed down my cheeks anyway. But all the ache was so worth it that I found myself longing for a love like theirs.

To hate Miranda was not an easy task. Stephie Walls made difficult for me not to hate her with all the broken hearts she left behind. But as much as I wanted to keep Austin for myself, I knew he belonged to Miranda because a love like theirs is the kind of love that's hard to find.

Gravel Road had it all—beautiful prose, unforgettable characters, and emotions that remind me why I read, **to feel.**

If you want flawless writing, if you want a book that will make you believe in love, forgiveness, second chances and happy endings, read this book. I stayed up past my bedtime just to see them get their happily ever after.

Definitely one of my favorite reads of 2018! Hope the author decides to write Sarah & Charlie's story because I need MORE!

You can find me here: [INSTAGRAM](#)

Dri ☆ says

★ 3 STARS ★

“Sometimes we have to endure the worst pain of our lives to find the greatest happiness.”

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Melanie A. says

5/5+ STARS!!

Nostalgia started with a smile and ended in heartache.

WOW! WOW! WOW! Where has Stephie Walls been all my reading life?! I'm so impressed.

I hope I can do her work justice with this review.

GENRE: second chance contemporary romance

"Sweetheart, there is nothing in the world that will ever hurt you as long as I'm alive."

Austin and Miranda have ALWAYS loved each other; they were rarely seen apart growing up and became high-school sweethearts. Their devotion to each other was so obvious that not one person in their small rural hometown would have doubted they'd marry, have children and grow old together.

Austin carried the key to the vault that housed all my secrets.

But the summer after high school sees tragedy strike Miranda's family. From one day to the next, Miranda disappears, leaving her family when they seemingly need her the most. No one is more devastated than Austin who's left behind without a word of explanation. Slowly, as the years pass, he turns against the memory of Miranda along with the rest of the town.

Six years pass before they set eyes on each other again . . .

Good grief, just writing a quick synopsis of this book has me crying. And not just a little sniffing, but big, fat rolling tears. Not because the book itself was a sobfest, but because Miranda and Austin's journey was just so heartfelt.

That was probably the best part . . . the way the author's writing rolled so much emotion into every scene. Rage, joy, grief, relief, indignation . . . I felt them all right along with the characters. And of course, laced throughout the narrative was the heartbreak, sharp and poignant.

It was clear she no longer belonged in Texas, and I would never belong anywhere else.

That Austin and Miranda should be with each other was clear, but what wasn't was why Miranda left. I loved how the author doled out bits and pieces of information and used the alternating points of view to shield the reader from spoiling the impact of revelations as they came. The story was structured so masterfully and it kept me glued to the pages.

If you decide to pick this one up, don't expect any sensationalism or cheap gimmicks. As I was reading, I was struck by how the characters' reactions and motivations came across as genuine, probably because there was this amazing sense of time and place in the story. The backdrop of Mason Belle, Texas, population: 1809 with its expansive cattle ranches, oppressive heat, and tradition of community only served to validate the events.

He'd move heaven and earth to please me, unless it meant crossing my father.

I truly loved everything about this story; Miranda was strong, Austin was swoon-worthy, the writing was solid, and there wasn't a dull moment. I devoured it.

If I had to complain about something it would be that, for me, all that suffering needed a bit more 'reckoning' in the end. But, again, I respect that the author stayed true to the time and place in which the story took place.

Definitely one of my favorites of the year! READ THIS BOOK! <3
